

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE FORT ANN TOWN HALL**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Samuel J. Hall  
Councilwoman Gretchen Stark  
Councilwoman Deborah Witherell  
Councilman Michael Sexton

**ABSENT:** Councilman Dennis Fletcher  
Jeffrey Meyer, Attorney for the Town

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Barbara Winchell, Town Clerk, Paul Winchell, Highway Superintendent, George F. Smith

The following notice was on the town's website and posted on the Town Hall front door: DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS RELATED TO COVID-19 AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 202.1, THE PUBLIC WILL BE ABLE TO LISTEN TO THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING LIVE VIA TELECONFERENCE AND PROVIDE COMMENTS WHERE APPLICABLE. THE PUBLIC CAN ACCESS THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE AND PROVIDE COMMENTS WHERE APPLICABLE. THE PUBLIC CAN ACCESS THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE BY DIALING: 646-876-9923 MEETING ID: 867 4215 4992 QUESTIONS ABOUT ACCESSING THE TELECONFERENCE SHOULD BE EMAILED TO JEFFREY R. MEYER, ESQ. AT [jmeyer@meyerfuller.com](mailto:jmeyer@meyerfuller.com)

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of silence was held for the following people who used to be Fort Ann residents Lisa Graves and John Reynolds.

Motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to approve tonight's agenda.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilman Sexton to accept the Regular Town Board Minutes of May 27, 2020.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to pay the bills as warranted and audited.

Motion was carried unanimously.

**6:08 p.m. Public Comment opened.**

**6:09 p.m. Public Comment closed without comment.**

**Supervisor’s Report:** Supervisor Hall stated that he became aware of an issue on Dawson Way, which is a private road, and has asked Enforcement Officer to look into the four (4) speed bumps.

Supervisor Hall stated that church services will begin behind St. Ann’s Catholic Church June 14, 2020 with 25% of regular parishioners.

Supervisor Hall stated word came down today from the Governor’s Office that local graduations can take place outdoors with a maximum of 150 people which includes students, families, faculty and staff.

Supervisor Hall asked Councilwoman Stark to speak about the Pilot Knob/Fort Ann beach.

Councilwoman Stark stated that she has received the permit from NYS DOH to open the Pilot Knob/Fort Ann Beach June 20, 2020 but that will all depend on lifeguard coverage.

Councilwoman Stark announced that she received a thank you from Big Brother Big Sisters for the donation to their organization from the annual Ice Fishing Derby.

**Town Clerk’s Report** was given for May 2020.

**Highway Superintendent Report:** The Highway Superintendent said the Highway Department has been weed wacking by the dam and the annual inspection took place; started mowing roadsides in the Hadlock area and that will be going on for a while. They’ve been doing work at Morgan’s Lane like grading to get ready for blacktopping with CHIPS money. He stated NYS did boorings and suggestions with regards to Farley Road but they need permission from the landowner’s to do the work and advice on what materials to use from the state.

**Enforcement Officer Report** not present paper report was given for May 2020.

**Historian:** not present

**4.0 New Business:** None

**RESOLUTION #63-2020**

**TO MODIFY THE 2020 BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE CONTINGENCY FUND TO PAY THE TOWN HEALTH OFFICER 2020 SALARY**

On motion of Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilman Sexton to accept resolution entitled “Resolution to Modify the 2020 Budget by Transferring Funds from the Contingency Fund to Pay the Town Health Officer 2020 Salary.”

ADOPTED	AYES 4	Sexton, Stark, Witherell, Hall
	ABSENT 1	Fletcher

**RESOLVED,** the 2020 budget shall be amended by appropriating funds \$1,200.00 from Contingency Fund to Public Health Officer – Personal Services.

Supervisor Hall stated while working on the 2020 budget the town board had the understanding that they didn’t need to budget for a Town Health Officer but has now discovered the town does have to budget for that position.

**RESOLUTION #64-2020**

**TO HIRE SUMMER RECREATION EMPLOYEES**

On motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled “Resolution to Hire Summer Recreation Employees.”

ADOPTED        AYES 4        Sexton, Stark, Witherell, Hall  
                     ABSENT 1       Fletcher

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor and/or Clerk to the Supervisor to complete any forms and take any action necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

Supervisor Hall stated this is another resolution to prepare for the summer recreation program like we did at the May 27, 2020 town board meeting so the program can start on time according to Governor Cuomo’s orders.

**RESOLUTION #65-2020**

**SUPPORTING THE CHANGE OF NAME FOR HALFWAY CREEK**

On motion of Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled “Resolution Supporting the change of name for Halfway Creek.”

ADOPTED        AYES 4        Sexton, Stark, Witherell, Hall  
                     ABSENT 1       Fletcher

**RESOLVED**, that the Fort Ann Town Board hereby recommends that the United States Board on Geographic Names approve the proposed name of HALFWAY BROOK. The Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to notify the United States Board of Geographic Names of the United States Geological Survey and Washington County that the Town of Fort Ann approves and supports the proposal.

Supervisor Hall stated this will now be forwarded to the Washington County BOS for the June 19, 2020 meeting. The Warren County BOS and the Town of Kingsbury also support this.

6:20 p.m. **Open Public Discussion**

6:21 p.m. **Closed with no Public Discussion**

6:22 p.m. motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to adjourn.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Total Abstracts:        General:                \$1,777.67  
                                 Highway:                \$5,723.03

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: June 15, 2020

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Barbara J. Winchell, Town Clerk  
Town of Fort Ann, New York