

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE FORT ANN TOWN HALL

PRESENT: Supervisor Samuel J. Hall
Councilman Dennis Fletcher
Councilwoman Gretchen Stark
Councilman Michael Sexton

ABSENT: Councilwoman Deborah Witherell
Mark Miller, P/T Enforcement Officer
Christine Milligan, Town Historian

OTHERS PRESENT: Barbara Winchell, Town Clerk, Paul Winchell, Highway Superintendent, Jeffrey Meyer, Attorney for the Town, George F. Smith, Chad Wilson, Michelle Vara, John Monte, Shawndya Monte

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of silence was held for the following Fort Ann residents Joyce Barker and Barbara Hall.

Motion was introduced by Councilman Fletcher, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to approve tonight's agenda.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept the Regular Town Board Minutes of July 13, 2020.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Hall read the June 2020 monthly financial statements.

Receipts for the month of June

General Fund \$ 5,593.21

Disbursements

General Fund \$ 33,829.99

Highway \$130,152.48

Checking Account Balances

General Fund \$ 49,436.87

Highway Fund \$ 42,844.36

Youth Commission \$ 1,164.31

Hadlock Dam Project \$ 240.09

Hadlock Park District Fund \$ 11,114.79

Consolidated Health District \$ 370.48

Trust & Agency Fund \$ 1,136.40

Medical Reimbursement Fund \$ 3,482.61

Savings Accounts

General Fund	\$313,104.51
Highway Fund	\$921,969.47
Hadlock Park District	\$190,622.28
LOSAP	\$ 14,404.07

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

6:04 p.m. Public Comment opened.

6:05 p.m. Public Comment closed without comment.

Supervisor’s Report:

Supervisor Hall stated that the project to repair basement at the Old Stone House Library is to start the first week of September.

Supervisor Hall received a request from the Fort Ann Historical Society regarding cleanliness at the Canal Park and the pocket park. Mayor Langlois stated the Village would take care of the paint peeling off the tables and the garbage at the pocket park. Supervisor Hall stated he would contact Mike Gray, Director of Washington County Alternative Sentencing, about cleaning the gazebo at the Canal Park.

Supervisor Hall stated that there will be a TV program filmed here in the Town of Fort Ann. The request originally came into Town Justice Clark but then he referred it to Supervisor Hall. It is the Real Housewives of New Jersey. The cast of seven (7) and crew of thirty-five (35) will arrive August 12, 2020. The cast will be staying at a short term rental on Dawson Way owned by Northern Living. Some crew have to stay in Queensbury or Lake George area August 14 and August 15, 2020. The cast and crew will depart the area August 16, 2020. The Town of Fort Ann did not require a permit. The Adirondack Park Agency did not require a permit for filming either. The West Fort Ann Fire Company will be contacted to perhaps provide some parking.

Supervisor Hall stated that the Harvester went into the water today. The Highway Superintendent stated a hydraulic pump went today in the Harvester but should only be about \$300.00 to replace it and get it running again.

Councilwoman Stark stated the Pilot Knob/Fort Ann Beach has been very busy. There has been very good attendance unfortunately it was after 6:00 p.m. There were swim lessons Tuesday’s and Thursday’s. Parents have to bring the children. The last day for swim lessons is August 11, 2020 and August 13, 2020 will be a free swim. Supervisor Hall stated that Councilwoman Stark has done a great job with all the extra responsibility this year being a real challenge with COVID-19. Councilwoman Stark stated a log has been kept with names/addresses/phone numbers of who visited the beach.

Councilman Fletcher stated that nothing can get done at East Westfield Cemetery until all parties can meet and agree. Attorney for the Town distributed what he had regarding East Westfield Cemetery.

Supervisor Hall would like to see the town board members get together during the day with American Legion as well as Deb Camarota.

Councilman Fletcher reported that the lighting in Comstock is working from the corner of Route 4 to truck entrance of Great Meadow Correctional Facility but past that are not working. Councilman Fletcher hopes that someone will continue to follow up with Senator Little's Office on this.

Councilman Fletcher read his resignation letter stating that as of August 10, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. he will be resigning his position as Town Councilman as well as Deputy Town Supervisor as he is relocating out of state. He said it has been an honor to serve the people of Fort Ann and this will always be his home. He and his family have lived here in Fort Ann for over forty (40) years.

Town Clerk's Report was given for July 2020. The Town Clerk reported that hunting license sales started today's date. The conversion of the hunting/fishing system took place July 27th and she had been waiting since June 29th but it was for all of New York State so we had to be patient.

Highway Superintendent Report: The Highway Superintendent said they plan on reopening Mattison Road with an eight (8) ton weight restriction posted. They've been ditching, grading and second time mowing.

Enforcement Officer Report was not present but Supervisor Hall read the distributed report for July 2020. Supervisor Hall would still like to see more information like where the demolitions are taking place.

Historian: Not present

4.0 New Business: John Monte, Kelsey Pond, Fort Ann introduced himself and stated he was looking for direction/guidance at how to bring back Kelsey Pond. He was impressed with how the town handled Battle Hill. He moved here seven (7) years ago. Works at Northern Equipment, Rte 149, Fort Ann. Supervisor Hall thanked him for the work he has performed over the years on the Harvester. Supervisor Hall suggested he contact DEC about regulations as well as the Army Corp of Engineers. It was also suggested he could contact Washington County Soil and Water Department.

RESOLUTION #68-2020

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF GEORGE F. SMITH FROM THE TOWN OF FORT ANN PLANNING BOARD

On motion of Councilman Fletcher, seconded by Councilman Sexton to accept resolution entitled "Resolution Resignation of George F. Smith from the Town of Fort Ann Planning Board."

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

RESOLVED, that the Fort Ann Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise the vacancy to the Town of Fort Ann Planning Board in the Post Star and seek qualified applicants seeking appointment as a member of the Planning Board.

RESOLUTION #69-2020

APPOINTING TOWN BOARD MEMBER TO FILL VACANCY

On motion of Councilwoman Stark, seconded by Councilman Sexton to accept resolution entitled "Resolution Appointing Town Board Member to fill Vacancy."

ADOPTED	AYES 3	Sexton, Stark, Hall
	ABSENT 1	Witherell
	ABSTAIN 1	Fletcher

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann does hereby appoint George F. Smith to fill the exiting Town Board vacancy, which shall be effective from August 11, 2020, until December 31, 2021.

RESOLUTION #70-2020

EXEMPTION OF MATTERS OF LOCAL CONCERN FROM COUNTY PLANNING AGENCY REVIEW AGREEMENT

On motion of Councilman Fletcher, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled "Exemption of Matters of Local Concern from County Planning Agency Review Agreement."

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

RESOLVED, that the attached agreement entitled "Exemption of Matters of Local Concern from County Planning Agency Review Agreement" shall exempt actions of local concern under this agreement from the referral requirements of GML 239 shall exist between the County Planning agency and the Town of Fort Ann Town Board.

RESOLUTION #71-2020

ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF COUNCILMAN FLETCHER EFFECTIVE 8/10/2020 @ 11:59 P.M.

On motion of Councilwoman Stark, seconded by Councilman Sexton to accept resolution entitled "Resolution Accepting Resignation of Councilman Fletcher Effective 8/10/2020 @ 11:59 p.m."

ADOPTED	AYES 3	Sexton, Stark, Hall
	ABSTAIN 1	Fletcher
	ABSENT 1	Witherell

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann affirms the resignation of Dennis Fletcher as Councilman for the Town of Fort Ann effective August 10, 2020 at 11:59 p. m.

Supervisor Hall thanked Councilman Fletcher on behalf of the board in wishing him and his family well in the south and thanked him for his service to the Town of Fort Ann.

Councilwoman Stark thanked Denny for all he's done for the community.

The Town Clerk asked if she could mention that the Washington County Department of Public Health will be having a rabies clinic at the Fort Ann Highway Garage by appointment only September 12, 2020 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Washington County Department of Public Health held one in August in Greenwich by appointment only and it went very well.

Supervisor Hall welcomed George F. Smith to the Fort Ann Town Board and thanked him for serving on the Town of Fort Ann Planning Board. Supervisor Hall asked Mr. Smith to come to the Town Hall tomorrow morning so the Town Clerk can administer his Oath of Office.

6:57 p.m. motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Fletcher to adjourn.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Total Abstracts:	General:	\$ 7,186.73
	Highway:	\$42,381.08
	Hadlock Park District:	\$ 1,705.18

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dated: August 19, 2020