

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON MONDAY, August 12, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE FORT ANN TOWN HALL

PRESENT: Supervisor Samuel J. Hall
Councilman George F. Smith
Councilman Michael Sexton
Councilwoman Gretchen Stark

ABSENT: Councilwoman Deborah Witherell
Christine Milligan-Town Historian
Jeff Meyers-Town Attorney
Mark Miller-Enforcement Officer
Paul Winchell- Highway Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT: Miranda Herringshaw-Town Clerk, Lyle Washburn, Penny Gould, Ronny Mattison, Barb Burch, Duane Burch Sr., Duane Burch Jr., Don Bedeaux

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 resident Denise Rudenko, Jack Butler, Stanley Nichols.

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by Councilwoman Stark seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to accept the Town Board Minutes of July 8, 2024.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Hall read the June 2024 monthly financial statement.

Receipts for the month of June

Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$ 49,103.54
Highway Fund	\$ 47,942.77
Youth Commission	\$ 6,077.06
Hadlock Dam Project	\$ 240.09
Hadlock Park District Fund	\$ 10,216.05
Consolidated Health District	\$ 370.48
Trust & Agency Fund	\$ 4,117.57
Medical Reimbursement Fund	\$ 5,987.03

Savings Accounts

NYCLASS-General Fund	\$ 1,085,607.41
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NYCLASS-Highway Fund \$ 921,489.44
NYCLASS-Hadlock Park District \$ 167,652.94
NYCLASS-Hadlock Reserve Fund \$ 51,037.34

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

6:03 p.m. Public Comment opened.

6:04 p.m. Public Comment closed without comment.

Supervisor Report:

Supervisor Hall stated he had been working on the closure of Great Meadow Correctional Facility, on Wednesday, he along with a few other Town Supervisors were meeting with the Department of Corrections in hopes to pleas their case, on how detrimental this closure will be to our area.

Supervisor Hall stated that he had been working with Code Enforcer, Mark Miller on an issue in Echo Bay /Pilot knob area. The owner of the property has cleared trees, filled in wetlands, changed the grade in which the water runs, etc. Supervisor Hall stated the and talked to both the APA and Lake George Park Commission and both parties are now involved in this ongoing issue.

**Supervisor Hall read a letter that the Towns' attorney drafted in reference to the closing of Great Meadow Correctional Facility. A copy of the letter will be attached to these minutes in its entirety.

Town Board Members Report:

Councilwoman Stark stated that the community connections papers will be available at Town Hall. The beach has been very busy and will be set to close on Labor Day and thanked the Highway Department for the new beach sign.

Councilman Sexton stated that the August 20,2024 is when Great Meadow Correctional will begin transferring correctional officers out, most local C/O's will stay at GMCF until November 6,2024.

Councilman Smith- Harvester has been out on the pond has only harvested 14,500 pounds of weeds so far this year. He said the weeds are there, but they are down farther than the harvester can reach.

Councilwoman Witherell stated she has received several complaints about a house on Clay Hill Road, that appears to be operating as a short-term rental. The Town has reached out to the owner and the owner has stated that this is not a short-term rental. Supervisor Hall stated that he will again reach out to the owner.

Town Clerk's Report was given for July 2024.

Highway Superintendent Report: Not present.

Enforcement Officer Report: Paper report given to Town Board Member's for July 2024.

Historian: Not present.

Dog Control Officer: Not present, paper report was given.

4.0 Old Business:

5.0 New Business

Robert Rolleston came before the Town Planning Board, in hopes of getting approval to keep his travel trailer on his property on Dewey’s Bridge Road, the Planning Board made no decisions and told Mr. Rolleston he would need to come before the Town Board.

Upon review and discussion by the Town Board, the Town Board denied Mr. Rolleston request at this time due to the Local Law stating no travel trailers.

On motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to deny Robert Rolleston request to place travel trailer.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Smith, Sexton, Stark, Witherell, Hall

Councilman Smith stated that the trailer law is outdated and needs to be looked into and revised accordingly.

Councilwoman Witherell stated that there is no reason to have these laws is they are not going to be enforced and/or granted permission around the laws.

On motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to look into outdated travel trailer local laws.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Smith, Sexton, Stark, Witherell, Hall

RESOLUTION #67-2024

RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE 2023 BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING MONIES RECEIVED FROM THE NYS CANAL SYSTEM TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE & EVENTS GRANT PROGRAM TO COVER THE EXPENDITURES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CHAMPLAIN CANALWAY TRAIL (CCT) FAMILY BICYCLE CELEBRATION

On Motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith accept resolution entitled “Resolution to modify the 2024 budget by appropriating monies received from the NYS canal system tourism infrastructure & events grant program to cover the expenditures associated with the Champlain Canal Way Trail (CCT) Family Bicycle Celebration”

ADOPTED AYES 5 Smith, Sexton, Stark, Witherell, Hall

RESOLVED, the 2024 budget shall be amended by appropriating funds to the account as indicated above.

RESOLUTION #68-2024

RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE 2024 BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING FUNDS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS TO COVER UNANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES DURING THE 2024 FISCAL YEAR

On Motion of Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilwoman Stark accept resolution entitled “Resolution to modify the 2024 budget by transferring funds between appropriations to cover unanticipated expenditures during the 2024 fiscal year”

ADOPTED AYES 5 Smith, Sexton, Stark, Witherell, Hall

RESOLVED, the 2024 budget shall be amended by appropriating funds to the account as indicated above.

6:56 p.m. Open Public Discussion

Barb Burch asked Supervisor Hall where the Town was at with having Hadlock Dam surveyed?

Supervisor Hall stated that he had dropped off maps to the surveyor’s office and that the survey should be completed in the coming weeks.

Penny Gould stated that the weed survey does need to be completed yearly.

Lyle Washburn stated that the solar energy work will create temporary jobs in our area, he urges the Solar Moratorium Workshop to take that into consideration when making decisions on the rules, regulations and local laws.

7:03 p.m. Closed Public Discussion

7:04 p.m. Motion was introduced by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sexton to adjourn.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Total Abstracts for June:	General:	\$ 15,706.97
	Highway:	\$ 258,121.95
	Hadlock:	\$ 775.73

Respectfully submitted,

Miranda Herringshaw, Town Clerk
Town of Fort Ann, New York

Dated: August 19, 2024