

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON MONDAY, September 11, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE FORT ANN TOWN HALL**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Samuel J. Hall  
Councilman George F. Smith  
Councilwoman Gretchen Stark  
Councilman Michael Sexton  
Christine Milligan-Town Historian

**ABSENT:** Councilwoman Deborah Witherell

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Miranda Herringshaw-Town Clerk, Jeff Meyers-Town Attorney, Paul Winchell-Highway Superintendent, Mark Miller-Enforcement Officer, Katelyn Moskos, Josephine Devecchi, Lyle Washburn, Duane & Barb Burch Sr., Duane Burch Jr., Mary Davis

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

Moment of silence was held for Fort Ann residents that have passed this month Rycky Stark, Mary Chaplin, Ken Steele, Duane Cartier.

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by, Councilman Smith seconded by Councilman Sexton to accept the Regular Town Board Minutes of August 14, 2023.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Hall read the July 2023 monthly financial statement.

**Receipts for the month of July**

**Checking Account Balances**

General Fund	\$ 51,152.87
Highway Fund	\$ 30,954.88
Youth Commission	\$ 12,488.63
Hadlock Dam Project	\$ 240.09
Hadlock Park District Fund	\$ 11,757.35
Consolidated Health District	\$ 370.48
Trust & Agency Fund	\$ 3,297.61

Medical Reimbursement Fund \$ 4,993.09

**Savings Accounts**

NYCLASS-General Fund	\$ 1,133,096.46
NYCLASS-Highway Fund	\$ 707,463.76

NYCLASS-Hadlock Park District \$ 182,167.11

Motion was introduced by Councilwoman Stark, 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's Report:**

Supervisor Hall stated he has begun working on the budget for the 2024 year with budget officer, Helen Denno, along with the day-to-day operations. He also stated that there was some vandalism done to the Ouderkirk park- and that is being dealt with.

Councilman Sexton- no news to report.

Councilman Smith- no news to report.

Councilwoman Stark stated the beach and the lifeguards were a huge success this summer, a big thank you to the Highway Department for helping with the beach. She also stated that she had a lot of good informational sheets from Washington County's Office of the Aging and that they would be left at Town Hall for anyone who may be interested in events happening in the community, along with a contact of Kate Barkley who can help with enrollment or just general questions pertaining to Medicare/Medicaid, etc.

A special thank you to Joe Monahan and Charlie Godfrey for installing park benches, bike racks, and bike "fix it" stations throughout the bike trail that were donated by Glens Falls Hospital.

**Town Clerk's Report** was given for August 2023.

Town Clerk provided Supervisor Hall and Town Board members with copies of Service Award Program Executive Summary (LOSAP) for fiscal year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 for West Fort Ann and Pilot Knob Volunteer Firefighter Companies.

**Highway Superintendent Report:** Paul Winchell stated that they Highway Department has been busy and almost all blacktopping for this season is complete.

**Enforcement Officer Report** Paper report given to Town Board Member's for August 2023.

**Historian:** Not present.

**Dog Control Officer:** Not present, paper report was given to Town Board Member's for August 2023.

**4.0 Old Business:**

Supervisor Hall stated that he had received paperwork regarding the updated Bike Trail Signage along with bike racks and kiosk in Fort Ann for the Fort Ann/Empire State Trail Connection.

### **5.0 New Business:**

Motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton to move 2003 International Dump Truck (Vin#1HTWDADR03J063856) to surplus, seconded by Councilman Smith.

Motion was carried unanimously

Motion was introduced by Councilman Smith to move 2006 Komatsu Bull-Dozer to surplus, seconded by Councilwoman Stark.

Motion was carried unanimously.

**Resolution:** None

### **6:29 p.m. Open Public Discussion**

Lyle Washburn asked how the progress on the new Highway Garage was coming along?

Supervisor Hall stated that it is going well and that the county has been making progress on redrawing boundary lines for the deeds and getting the loan for the shared facility.

Lyle asked if there would be a clerk of the works to oversee this project, Supervisor Hall stated yes there will be a clerk of the works to oversee the project.

Jo Jo DeVecchi stated that the conditions for Boo Town still have not been met and wants to know that someone will be following up and not allowing Boo Town to open for the season if all requirements are not met.

Code enforcer Mark Miller did not have much to add other than Mary Ryther has been working on getting conditions met and that the travel trailer has not been removed yet due to how wet the ground has been and once it dries up some the travel trailer will be taken out by Brain Stark.

Barb Burch asked why a gate had been removed that was up at the Hadlock Dam?

Supervisor Hall and Attorney Meyers stated that the property had been purchased by a new owner and that the property has never been the Town's that the previous owner had given the Town permission to use that property as a right of way to the dam, and that when the property sold that agreement would no longer be valid; however, the new owner stated the Town could continue to use this as a right away if needed.

Don Bedeaux asked Highway Superintendent Paul Winchell if he could take a look at placing a sign on one of the corners on Copeland Pond Road, he stated that his wife walks and nearly has to jump off into the ditch when cars coming flying around the corner. Paul stated he would look at it and get it taken care of.

It was also discussed that starting in January 2024 the Planning Board Meetings will be moved from the fourth Monday of each month to the first Monday of the month, this will help for a smoother process.

### **6:58 p.m. Closed Public Discussion**

7:00 p.m. Motion was introduced by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sexton to adjourn.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Total Abstracts for July:	General:	\$ 13,663.87
	Highway:	\$ 356,836.77
	Hadlock:	\$ 1,664.84

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 18, 2023

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