

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE FORT ANN TOWN HALL

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

ABSENT: Mark Miller, P/T Enforcement Officer

OTHERS PRESENT: Barbara Winchell, Town Clerk, Paul Winchell, Highway Superintendent, Jeffrey Meyer, Attorney for the Town, Christine Milligan, Dale Grinnell, George Sherwood, David Allen, Michelle Vara, Chad Wilson, John, Eileen and Jack Herring

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

Moment of silence was not necessary this evening.

Motion was introduced by Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilman Sexton 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 August 10, 2020.

Motion was carried unanimously with Councilwoman Witherell abstaining since she was not at that meeting.

Supervisor Hall read the July 2020 monthly financial statements.

Receipts for the month of July

General Fund \$120,382.39

Disbursements

General Fund \$ 98,859.03

Checking Account Balances

General Fund \$ 73,960.23

Highway Fund \$ 84,555.95

Youth Commission \$ 11,317.50

Hadlock Dam Project \$ 240.09

Hadlock Park District Fund \$ 7,574.79

Consolidated Health District \$ 370.48

Trust & Agency Fund \$ 790.52

Medical Reimbursement Fund \$ 3,059.13

Savings Accounts

General Fund	\$203,157.65
Highway Fund	\$802,137.21
Hadlock Park District	\$190,622.28
LOSAP	\$ 14,404.68

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

6:05 p.m. Public Comment opened with Christine Milligan wanting to discuss Resolution #72-2020 listed on the agenda. Supervisor Hall stated that would be discussed later in the meeting.

6:06 p.m. Public Comment closed

Supervisor’s Report:

Supervisor Hall stated with Councilman Fletcher resigning from the Fort Ann Town Board that left a vacancy for Deputy Town Supervisor. Supervisor Hall appointed Councilwoman Stark Deputy Town Supervisor. Supervisor Hall also announced that Councilman George F. Smith will be the liason between the Fort Ann Town Board and the Lake Hadlock Association. There hasn’t been a liason for quite some time, if there ever was someone, and expects with this appointment there to be smoother coordination and sharing of information between the Fort Ann Town Board and what is going on at the Lake.

Supervisor Hall thanked Councilwoman Stark for the great job she did this summer with all the added responsibility especially with contact tracing.

Supervisor Hall received a nice email from Carol Dutcher speaking on behalf of herself and others at Pilot Knob residents stating how grateful they were the town allowed the Pilot Knob Beach to open this summer. Also, how grateful they were to Councilwoman Stark and the wonderful job she did to make sure that people social distanced.

Supervisor Hall also thanked the Highway Department for their efforts at Pilot Knob/Fort Ann Beach.

Supervisor Hall stated that the Harvester will be removed on September 16th and reported that it was not a very successful year with the Harvester. There seemed to be one breakdown after another. It will be repaired during the off season.

Supervisor Hall stated that the Town Historian, Christine Milligan, will discuss the storage for Historical records later in the evening.

Supervisor Hall stated he will set up a meeting at the Rte 22 cemetery between Deb Camarata, Councilwoman Stark, Councilman Smith, Christine Milligan, Dale Grinnell and George Sherwood. Councilman Fletcher was working on this item when resigned so this will be the follow up to hopefully bring to closure. Supervisor Hall will notify Deb Camarata of the date and time. Christine Milligan will make and bring copies, for everyone, of the plans that were previously agreed upon.

Supervisor Hall announced that Shaye Meschino is the first girl in Fort Ann to have completed and achieved the Girl Scout Gold Award. There will be a ceremony October 4, 2020. Her project was putting up an information board at the West Fort Ann Methodist Church about all the places in Fort Ann that visitors can visit. It is very nice and has benches that are covered at the WFA Methodist Church.

Supervisor Hall reported out on the cleanliness of the Canal Park. Since the last town board meeting Supervisor Hall spoke to Washington County Alternative Sentencing Director and they removed the cobwebs, stained the picnic tables and railings. They will also take care of the pocket park on Rte 4. The paint, labor and materials were all donated. Supervisor Hall would like to come up with a plan to get this taken care of annually.

Councilman Sexton met with Chief Beck September 1, 2020 at the West Fort Ann Fire Department. It had been a number of years since he'd been there so he had an opportunity to tour the fire department. They spoke of the increased calls this year at Shelving Rock. They also spoke of not being able to hold fund raisers this year with COVID.

Councilman Sexton is going to follow up with Denny Fletcher to see who he was working with on the lighting issue on Rte 22. Councilman Sexton said they worked for about a week.

Councilwoman Witherell stated there are two (2) signs for the bike trail on Clay Hill Road that are very close to the road and aren't going to make the winter if they don't get moved back further off the road. Supervisor Hall will try to see who installed them and see if we can get them moved back.

Councilwoman Witherell also wondered where the kayak launch is. Councilwoman Stark said she believes it floated away in 2019.

Councilman Smith stated that he and Supervisor Hall along with the previous Town of Fort Ann Supervisor Moore and some of the Board of Directors from the Lake Hadlock Association met as a meet and greet and basically agreed to let's start over. This meeting then led to Councilman Smith being invited and attending a full Board of Directors meeting. He has a list to go over and research.

Councilman Smith attended the 20th Annual Town Finance School and the Association of Towns Municipal Ethics 101 virtually.

Councilwoman Stark thanked the Highway Department for all of their assistance at the Pilot Knob/Fort Ann Beach. Washington County DPW did a great job with the parking lot and drainage at the beach. The Highway Superintendent contacted CV Waste to get the garbage cans removed from the beach. The Town Clerk will contact IBS to have porta potties removed from the beach.

Councilwoman Stark said on August 28, 2020 she attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for Shaye Meschino. It was very nice and she is officially a Gold Award recipient.

Councilwoman Stark said the bike trail looks good but is not open. She is trying to get bike friendly businesses in town and along the bike path. So far Stewart's has committed. She has applications and will be visiting local merchants. It's free and good advertising.

Councilwoman Stark receives the Senior Times and recommends the Senior Times and has applications for anyone interested in receiving the Senior Times. She is said it is really well worth receiving for Seniors.

Councilwoman Stark also received information about the back pack program and forwarded to Emily Stranahan at the Fort Ann Central School.

Town Clerk's Report was given for August 2020. The Town Clerk reported that the hunting/fishing licenses with the new system. The Town Clerk reported that Resolution #72 has to do with the NYS Archives replacing the MU1 with the LGS-1. It is available on line through NYS Archives but we will be receiving a paper copy that will be accessible to all department just like the MU1.

Highway Superintendent Report: The Highway Superintendent said they've been very busy. Mattison Road was re-opened with a 8 ton limit. Farley Road has been repaired for less than \$7,000.00. Cut a lot of brush; ditching and final mow will be 9/15/2020.

The Highway Superintendent received three (3) phone calls and the Town Clerk received one (1) phone call regarding Frank Cottone running up and down South Bay Road with a fire truck with lights and sirens going that is very alarming to neighbors since this is not being done by Emergency personnel.

Supervisor Hall will have the Enforcement Officer make a visit to Mr. Cottone.

Enforcement Officer Report was given for August 2020.

Historian: Christine Milligan stated she is working with the historical society on obtaining a grant for signage for historical sites. Christine also stated there is a room full of records that have to be removed from the Parrott home. Supervisor Hall has secured storage at Adirondack Self Storage for \$500.00 to give Christine time to go through the records and forward to proper places like Old Stone House Library or Washington County Historical Society.

5.0 New Business Jack Herring came before the Town Board to explain his Eagle Scout project through Troop 6046. He is looking for the Town's permission to erect signs at the following cemeteries: Quarry Road 1, Quarry Road 2, Fish Hill, Kibbee and Mills. He is working very closely with the Fort Ann American Legion to accomplish this. The Highway Superintendent suggested contacting Matt Austin at Washington County Highway Department for assistance with the signs to look like what the Girl Scouts did for Brown's Cemetery.

On motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith for the Jack Herring to complete this Eagle Scout Project.

Motion was carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION #72-2020
AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF RETENTION AND DISPOSITION SCHEDULE FOR NEW YORK LOCAL
GOVERNMENT RECORDS (LGS-1)**

On motion of Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilman Sexton to accept resolution entitled "Resolution Authorizing Adoption of Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1)."

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board further authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor and/or Town Clerk/Town Records Access Officer to take such other and further actions as may be necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

RESOLUTION #73-2020

REAPPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSEMENT REVIEW

On the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sexton to accept resolution entitled "Resolution Reappointing a Member to the Board of Assessment Review."

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

RESOLVED, that John "Jack" Davis is hereby reappointed as a Member of the Fort Ann Board of Assessment Review for a term extending from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2025.

RESOLUTION #74-2020

APPOINTING A FORT ANN PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

On the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled "Resolution Appointing a Fort Ann Planning Board Member."

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

RESOLVED, that the Fort Ann Town Board hereby appoints David J. Allen to serve as a member of the Fort Ann Planning Board through December 31, 2022.

RESOLUTION #75-2020

TO MODIFY THE 2020 BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE CONTINGENCY FUND TO CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS ACCOUNT DUE TO UNANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES TO MAINTAIN THE TOWN'S WEBSITE

On the motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to accept resolution entitled "Resolution to Modify the 2020 Budget by Transferring Funds from the Contingency Fund to Central Communications Account due to Unanticipated Expenditures to Maintain the Town's Website".

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

RESOLVED, the 2020 budget shall be amended by appropriating funds to accounts as indicated above.

Supervisor Hall read a letter a received from Arlene Green, President, The Old Stone House Library on behalf of The Old Stone House Library Committee thanking the Fort Ann Town Board for always supporting the youth of Fort Ann.

7:05 p.m. **Open Public Discussion** Christine Milligan would like to see Councilman Sexton chair the Fort Ann Cemetery committee.

Dale Grinnell stated he is still pursuing brochures for Washington County but it's been difficult to coordinate.

Supervisor Hall asked the Attorney for the Town what he was working on. He responded that the town is still involved in litigation with ADK Motocross.

Supervisor Hall stated he was notified and going to mention it to the Enforcement Officer, Mark Miller, that Mr. Treadway had a wedding reception in excess of 150 people and that is against all pause protocol. Supervisor Hall stated that the Governor's office sends out a report every day. The State Liquor Authority are addressing the businesses down in Long Island and New York City that are not abiding by the pause protocols. Some businesses are being fined and some are closing as a result of not adhering to the protocols put in place. It's not fair that some businesses are not following the pause and others are.

7:11 p.m. **Closed Public Discussion**

7:12 p.m. motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to adjourn.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Total Abstracts:	General:	\$23,783.66
	Highway:	\$14,816.98
	Hadlock Park District:	\$ 3,014.11

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dated: September 25, 2020