

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE FORT ANN TOWN HALL

PRESENT: Supervisor Richard Moore
Councilman Dennis Fletcher
Councilwoman Gretchen Stark
Councilman Samuel Hall

ABSENT: Councilwoman Deborah Witherell
Haley Kirby, P/T Dog Control Officer
Christine Milligan, Historian

OTHERS PRESENT: Barbara Winchell, Town Clerk, Paul Winchell, Highway Superintendent, Helen Denno, Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor/Bookkeeper, Jeffrey Meyer, Attorney for the Town, Mark Miller, Enforcement Officer, George F. Smith, Chad Wilson, Dale Grinnell, Michelle Vara, Penny Gould, Bill Bailey, Gene Connell

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Moment of silence not necessary this evening.

On motion of Councilman Fletcher, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to approve tonight's agenda.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilman Fletcher to accept the Regular Town Board Minutes of August 12, 2019.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Moore read the August 2019 monthly financial statement.

Receipts for the month of August

General Fund \$101,953.64

Disbursements

General Fund \$ 95,214.51
Highway \$ 73,456.69

Checking Account Balances

General Fund \$ 70,599.72
Highway Fund \$ 90,876.62
Youth Commission \$ 827.81
Hadlock Dam Project \$ 240.09
Hadlock Park District Fund \$ 97,173.31
Consolidated Health District \$ 370.48
Trust & Agency Fund \$ 1,120.74
Medical Reimbursement Fund \$ 4,556.04

Savings Accounts

NYCLASS – General Fund	\$275,862.03
NYCLASS – Highway Fund	\$456,322.79
LOSAP	\$ 13,169.13

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

Public Comment opened at 6:01 p.m.

Public Comment closed without comment at 6:02 p.m.

Reports from Town Officials and Committees:

Supervisor’s Report: Supervisor Moore went over the 2020 budget dates which are all at 6:00 p.m. and all being held at the Fort Ann Town Hall. The first budget workshop is scheduled for 10/1/19; the second budget workshop is scheduled for 10/21/19; the public hearing/final revisions 11/7/19 and the adoption of the budget will take place at the Regular Town Board meeting 11/12/19. Supervisor Moore stated that last month he mentioned a couple of areas of concern in the 2019 budget having shortfalls in earnings/revenues (Mortgage Tax; Fines & Forfeitures). He stated we have no control over either one of these areas but these shortfalls are going to have a significant impact on the 2020 budget. Supervisor Moore asked Department Heads to only spend unless it is absolutely necessary to spend. Don’t spend just because it is in the budget.

Supervisor Moore received and shared an interim report from Larry Eichler, Darrin Fresh Water Institute. There should be a final report in the next few weeks. Supervisor Moore doesn’t expect there to be major changes from the interim report to the final report. Anyone interested should see the Town Clerk for a copy.

Supervisor Moore announced that the annual Hadlock Emergency Action Review meeting will be Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Fort Ann Town Hall. Supervisor Moore will notify Washington County Public Safety, fire companies and rescue squad of the meeting and that their attendance is required.

Supervisor Moore received a letter from NYS Corrections and Community Supervision which was submitting formal notice to the Town of Fort Ann regarding their intent to construct a 6,860.7 kW solar project at the Washington Correctional Facility, 11750 NY-22, Comstock, NY 12821. Construction is expected to begin within the next eight (8) months depending on consultation with the utility and after all necessary projects reviews and approvals are complete. The Attorney for the Town will research if this is necessary to be referred to the Town of Fort Ann Planning Board.

Councilwoman Stark: Councilwoman Stark stated it was a successful summer at the Pilot Knob Beach. She would like to keep the porta potties at the Pilot Knob Beach until the end of September as there are still people using the beach. The trash cans can be taken. The ropes are in.

Councilwoman Stark reported that the bike trail is coming along but won't be completed until December 2020. Councilwoman Stark will be attending a bike business forum 9/10/19 in Queensbury to see what all towns can do to prepare for the bike trail.

Councilwoman Stark stated the kayak launch has damage and believes half of it is up on land. It will be repaired this winter.

Councilwoman Stark attended Washington County Office for the Aging meeting this morning and stated that there is a Community Fall Festival at the Kingsbury firehouse October 4, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. it is free with local vendors, workshops, and entertainment. Can purchase meals to go for \$5.00. People can just go in anytime between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Stark stated that September 10, 2019 there will be a pop-up event at the Old Stone House Library the topic is about favorite Fall beverages. Lunch will be served.

Councilwoman Stark stated that September is fall prevention month.

Councilwoman Stark stated that the Office for the Aging activities are contributions for adults over 60 that attend if you can't afford you don't have to pay.

Councilman Hall: Councilman Hall stated he received notification of the \$49,473.00 for preservation of American Battlefield Trust. The grant process is underway for the Caprood property. The Town of Fort Ann has no financial contribution.

Councilman Hall stated there will be three (3) informational sessions in September for the Washington County District Attorney state changes to criminal justice system - bail; discovery and local court functions. The Town Board Member's are encouraged to attend the informational sessions as it will effect local communities and the budget. Councilman Hall hopes to attend either the September 12th (Kingsbury) or September 16th (Granville) session. The sessions are approximately an hour long 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Councilman Hall stated there was a PENFLEX webinar 9/4/19 on the LOSAP program but he only caught bits and pieces of it as he was traveling by train.

Councilman Fletcher: Councilman Fletcher stated he is still working with Keith at Senator Little's Office regarding the traffic issues the Town of Fort Ann is challenged with. He is sure there's going to have to be an engineer study done.

Town Clerk's Report was given for August 2019.

Highway Superintendent Report: The Highway Superintendent stated they have been grading dirt roads so the roads are in good shape for the school buses. The Highway Department has also been cutting brush at Thomas Road for blacktopping.

The Highway Superintendent stated he lost motor in 2008 single axle truck bought four (4) years ago used. He is in the process of getting estimate on new truck. Mr. Winchell stated that it would cost approximately \$35,000.00 for a motor for a truck that's probably only worth \$40,000.00 or \$180,000.00 for a new truck; it wouldn't be delivered until 2020 and the first payment wouldn't be due until 2021.

Supervisor Moore referred the town board to the Highway-Major Purchases spreadsheet. Mr. Winchell stated the town needs to act on this as soon as possible. The Highway Department does have a spare truck to start the winter off.

Motion was made by Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilman Fletcher to purchase a new truck.

Motion was carried with Supervisor Moore asking the Attorney for the Town to obtain figures for financing as soon as possible as soon as the Highway Superintendent has final figure.

RESOLUTION #98-19

DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY

On motion of Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilman Fletcher to accept resolution entitled "Resolution Declaring Surplus Property."

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

RESOLVED, that the Fort Ann Town Board hereby declares the 2008 International Single Axle Dump Truck as surplus property and authorizes the sale or trade of the property to the person or entity providing the highest and best offer through private sale.

4.1 Supervisor Moore had dialogue with Washington County DPW and hoping to get a recommendation regarding parking on Pilot Knob Road but wasn't able to.

4.2 No RFP's were received for 2020 Hand/Suction Harvesting on Hadlock Pond.

Enforcement Officer Report paper copy of report was given to Town Board Member's for month of August 2019.

Dog Control Officer: Not present.

Historian: Not present.

RESOLUTION #96-19

REAPPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

On motion of Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled "Resolution Reappointing a member to the Board of Assessment Review."

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

RESOLVED, that Gary Taylor is hereby reappointed as a Member of the Fort Ann Board of Assessment Review for a term extending from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2024.

RESOLUTION #97-19

FOR SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION

On motion of Councilwoman Stark, seconded by Councilman Hall to accept resolution entitled "Resolution for Speed Limit Reduction."

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

RESOLVED, that the Fort Ann Superintendent of Highways is hereby authorized and empowered to coordinate with Washington County and submit the resolution for speed limit reduction for Brayton Road from NYS Department of Transportation.

6:40 p.m. Open Public Discussion with Penny Gould stating she has a camp on the East Side of Hadlock and she has concerns of the noise at night and wanted the Town Board to be aware of it and perhaps of a way to deal with rentals. There was a June article in The Post Star about other town's having this same issue. The problem with Fort Ann is there is no zoning. Supervisor Moore stated he will investigate at Washington County.

6:50 p.m. Closed Public Discussion

Motion was made by Councilman Hall, and seconded by Councilman Fletcher to enter into executive session at 6:50 p.m. for ongoing litigation.

Motion was carried unanimously.

7:16 p.m. motion was made by Councilman Hall, and seconded by Councilwoman Stark to return to public session.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hall moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Fletcher; all members voting in favor to adjourn, with no action having been taken in the executive session or in open session on matters before the Town Board.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Total Abstracts:	General:	\$36,340.19
	Highway:	\$29,108.74
	Hadlock Park District:	\$ 1,588.61

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dated: September 19, 2019