

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON MONDAY, September 9, 2024 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  
Councilwoman Deborah Witherell

**ABSENT:** Christine Milligan-Town Historian

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Miranda Herringshaw-Town Clerk, Jeff Meyers-Town Attorney, Paul Winchell-Highway Superintendent, Josephine Devecchi, Lyle Washburn, Barb Burch, Mary Davis, Rick Bancroft, Kurt Rhem, Judy Rhem.

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 Robert Green, Michael Dawley, Gordon LaBarge.

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by, Councilman Smith seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept the Regular Town Board Minutes of August 12, 2024.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Hall read the July 2024 monthly financial statement.

**Receipts for the month of July**

**Checking Account Balances**

General Fund	\$ 22,693.57
Highway Fund	\$ 30,151.24
Youth Commission	\$ 9,944.23
Hadlock Dam Project	\$ 240.09
Hadlock Park District Fund	\$ 9,986.37
Consolidated Health District	\$ 370.48
Trust & Agency Fund	\$ 4,222.73
Medical Reimbursement Fund	\$ 6,235.69

**Savings Accounts**

NYCLASS-General Fund	\$ 1,034,754.56
NYCLASS-Highway Fund	\$ 768,848.70
NYCLASS-Hadlock Park District	\$ 159,084.57

NYCLASS-Hadlock Park Reserve \$ 51,481.81

Motion was introduced by Councilwoman Witherell, 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, has attended many meetings regarding the closure of Great Meadow, and has handled a few complaints with short term rentals.

Councilman Sexton stated that notes have been compiled and will be sent to the attorney to have the solar local law drafted, after that is done the solar committee working group will meet and review the law, and at that point we will then have a public hearing on the newly proposed local law.

Councilman Smith stated that the weed harvester has been out, and the total weeds collected is at 25,600 pounds. He also stated that floats/rafts etc. are getting further away from the shoreline and many do not have reflectors on them. If they get hit that is on the owner of the raft/float.

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. Rabies clinic will be held at the Fort Ann Highway garage September 14,2024.

**Town Clerk's Report** was given for August 2024.

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>, 2023 for West Fort Ann and Pilot Knob Volunteer Firefighter Companies.

**Highway Superintendent Report:** Paul Winchell stated that the Highway Department has been busy grading, mowing, cutting brush, and almost all blacktopping for this season is complete.

**Enforcement Officer Report** Not present, paper report given to Town Board Member's for August 2024.

**Historian:** Not present.

**Dog Control Officer:** Not present, paper report was given to Town Board Member's for August 2024.

**6:08 p.m.** Motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to enter into executive session.

Motion was carried unanimously.

**6:22 p.m.** Motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to adjourn executive session.

Motion was carried unanimously.

**4.0 Old Business: None**

**5.0 New Business: None**

**RESOLUTION #69-2024  
APPROVING CDPHP HMO SILVER – 324**

On the motion of Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilman Smith to accept resolution entitled “Resolution Approving CDPHP HMO Silver-324”

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

**RESOLVED**, that upon due deliberation of the available policies taking into account the employee’s needs, the available coverages and the costs associated therewith, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann approves CDPHP HMO Silver – 324 and having CDPHP HMO Silver – 324 as the health insurance administrator effective December 1, 2024.

**6:33 p.m. Open Public Discussion**

Kurt Rhem asked when the next solar meeting will be, Councilman Sexton stated that he will be in contact in the next couple of weeks to finalize the local law which will then be addressed by the public at a public hearing.

**6:34 p.m. Closed Public Discussion**

6:35 p.m. Motion was introduced by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sexton to adjourn.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Total Abstracts for July:	General:	\$26,219.21
	Highway:	\$258,958.33
	Hadlock:	\$601.99

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dated: September 18, 2024

