MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE FORT ANN TOWN HALL

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

ABSENT: Shannon Celeste, Dog Control Officer

OTHERS PRESENT: Ron Mattison-Highway Superintendent, Miranda Herringshaw- Town Clerk/Budget Officer, Jennifer Jackson-Clerk to the Supervisor, Christine Milligan-Fort Ann Town Historian, Paul Milligan- Code Enforcer, Mike Gould, Matt Gould, Mariha Bailey, Katrina Greenier

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

This meeting was published on the Town of Fort Ann's website and published in the post star.

Supervisor Hall stated that this is the first budget meeting of the year, and the second meeting will be held October 22rd, 2026 at 6 PM at Town Hall. He also advised that no decisions will be made tonight, that tonight's budget is a tentative budget, they took what all department heads requested, and we will work on cutting down on things once we have a clear picture of what we are working with. Supervisor Hall turned the meeting over to the Budget Officer, Miranda Herringshaw, to read the 19-page 2027 tentative budget and answer any questions people may have. Everyone that was present was given a copy of the 19-page tentative budget as well as the Town of Fort Ann budget Summary 2026. Paper copies are available in the Town Clerk Office as well as on the town's website www.townoffortannny.com

Supervisor Hall mentioned that as far as salaries go the Town will be increasing salaries 3% from the 2026 budget, tentatively.

You can see all budgets on the website or in person in the Town Clerks office.

We started the budget workshop over budget by $481,508 the allowed cap would be an increase of $27,945 making the actual budget over the allowed amount by $453,563. Supervisor Hall thanked everyone in attendance and stated that we will continue to look at the numbers and try to come up with a plan to make this budget as "affordable" as possible for the Fort Ann residents while still being able to run the Town and all its entities as effectively as possible. We will discuss all of this again at the next budget workshop to be held at the Town Hall on Thursday October 22,2026 at 6pm.

6:30 p.m. Motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to adjourn.

Motion was carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dated: October 7, 2026