

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING/ 2ND BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE FORT ANN TOWN HALL

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

ABSENT: Shannon Celeste-Dog Control Officer

OTHERS PRESENT: Helen Denno-Budget Officer, Miranda Herringshaw- Town Clerk, Jennifer Jackson-Clerk to the Supervisor, Ronny Mattison- Highway Superintendent, Regina Ladd, Tom Noble, Hailey Noble, Dave DeLor, Andrew Call, Mariha Bailey, Matt Gould, Barb Burch, Christine Milligan-Historian, Paul Milligan- Enforcement Officer, Lyle Washburn, Jon Pollock,

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

Supervisor Hall stated that this is the second budget workshop meeting of the year and there will be a public hearing on November 6th, at 6 PM at Town Hall regarding the budget. Everyone that was present was given a copy of the tentative budget as well as the Town of Fort Ann budget Summary 2025. Paper copies are available in the Town Clerk Office as well as on the town’s website.
www.townoffortannny.com

Any line item that was not changed from the tentative 2026 budget will not be listed but can be referred to on the tentative 2026 budget list or can be found in the October 2th,2025, Budget Meeting Minutes.

Line Items that have changed:

****All hourly positions are held at the rate of pay that was given in 2025. This has reduced salaries along with reducing the amount of money needed to be paid for social security, taxes, etc.**

The line item Town Board was decreased by \$432.00 due to the Town Board members forgoing their 2% raise.

The line item Town Clerk was reduced by \$2,000.00 due to Town Clerk forgoing raise.

The Line item Highway Superintendent was reduced by \$1,500.00 due to Highway Superintendent forgoing raise.

The line-item Adult Recreation decreased by \$500.00, leaving the budgeted number at \$2,500.00 they had requested a total of \$3,000.00.

The line item Veterans Services was reduced by \$300.00 due to all funds not being used in previous years.

The line item historian was reduced by \$400.00 due to historian forgoing her raise.

The line item fire districts was decreased on contract price for a total contract price of

Pilot Knob Firefighter’s Association	\$ 98,000.00
Fort Ann Volunteer Fire Company	\$ 284,676.00

West Fort Ann Volunteer Fire Company Inc. \$ 221,940.00

The line-item machinery was decreased by \$80,000.00 due to the Town taking out a new mowing tractor from the budget.

We did use \$50,000 of unexpended balance from general fund(A), \$50,000 of unexpended balance from highway fund (DA), and \$30,000 of unexpended balance from highway fund (DB).

RESOLUTION #72-2025

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PROVIDED FOR IN THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

On the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sexton to accept resolution entitled "RESOLUTION AMENDING THE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PROVIDED FOR IN THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK"

ADOPTED AYES 5 Smith, Sexton, Stark, Witherell Hall

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann hereby approves the following amendment to the Employee Handbook:

Personal Time.

Effective January 1, 2026, all full-time Town employees are granted three (3) personal days per year.

RESOLUTION #73-2025

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2026 TENTATIVE BUDGET TO BECOME PRELIMINARY BUDGET

On the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sexton to accept resolution entitled "Resolution to adopt 2026 tentative budget to become preliminary"

ADOPTED AYES 5 Smith, Sexton, Stark, Witherell Hall

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann adopts the 2026 preliminary budget with changes made to the 2026 tentative budget.

**Allowable increase per tax cap calculation: \$68,139 amount over allowable tax cap is-\$176,602.00

7:40 PM – Motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to adjourn.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dated: October 28th, 2025