

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON MONDAY, November 10th, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE FORT ANN TOWN HALL

PRESENT: Supervisor Samuel J. Hall
Councilman George F. Smith
Councilwoman Deborah Witherell

ABSENT: Christine Milligan-Town Historian
Councilwoman Gretchen Stark
Councilman Michael Sexton

OTHERS PRESENT: Miranda Herringshaw-Town Clerk, Jen Jackson- Clerk to the Supervisor, Jeff Meyers-Town Attorney, Ronny Mattison-Highway Superintendent, Paul Milligan/Matt Jones- Enforcement Officer, Penny Gould, Bill Bailey, Josephine DeVecchi, Lyle Washburn.

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; Charles Graham

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilman Smith to accept the Regular Town Board Minutes of October 13th, 2025.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to accept the Second Budget Workshop Minutes of October 23rd, 2025.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Hall read the September 2025 monthly financial statement.

Receipts for the month of September

Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$ 10,303.54
Highway Fund	\$ 26,232.41
Youth Commission	\$ 73.45
Hadlock Dam Project	\$ 240.09
Hadlock Park District Fund	\$ 11,281.83
Consolidated Health District	\$ 370.48
Trust & Agency Fund	\$ 4,296.80
Medical Reimbursement Fund	\$ 6,223.06

Savings Accounts

NYCLASS-General Fund	\$ 802,443.06
NYCLASS-Highway Fund	\$ 635,306.78
NYCLASS-Hadlock Park District	\$ 32,141.54
NYCLASS-Hadlock Reserve	\$ 79,579.83

6:04 p.m. Public Comment opened.

6:05 p.m. Public Comment closed without comment.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Hall- stated that he had been working on the day-to-day operations, he also stated that the inspection will be done on Hadlock dam on Wednesday (Nov. 12).

Library project is moving forward; however they have found more issues and they are working on getting everything fixed, and the Town will continue to apply for grants to fix the library at no additional tax burden to the Fort Ann residents.

Also stated that he has been working on both the County and Town budget.

Councilwoman Witherell- no news to report.

Councilman Sexton- excused.

Councilman Smith- no news to report.

Councilwoman Stark- excused.

Town Clerk's Report was given for October 2025.

Highway Superintendent Report: Ronny Mattison stated that the highway department has been busy getting prepared for the upcoming winter season, tree removal, grading roads, fixing culverts and hauling winter sand.

Ronny also stated that plow trucks are ready to go for the winter season and they are working on the fifth truck this week.

All blacktopping has been completed for the 2025 season, Patten Mills Road was not painted this year, and will plan to be stripped in the spring unless we get some warmer weather before then.

Enforcement Officer Report: Paper report was given.

Historian: Not Present.

Dog Control Officer: Not present, paper report was given.

4.0 Old Business: Councilman Smith stated that he would like the lights on Goodman Road contract looked into, as this is an expense for the Town, that he and many others do not think is "worth the cost".

Jo-Jo DeVecchi asked if anyone had followed up with, Boo Town after closing for the season, as she feels Boo Town is in violation of certain stipulations put in place by the planning board. Supervisor Hall stated that he would have code enforcement look into this, but he does believe the property has been sold and Boo Town will no longer be operating.

5.0 New Business:

RESOLUTION #75-2025

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT AND PAYMENT WITH PENFLEX, INC. FOR PURPOSE OF LOSAP PROGRAM FOR WEST FORT ANN AND PILOT KNOB FIRE DISTRICTS

On the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to accept resolution entitled “Resolution authorizing contract and payment with Penflex, Inc. for purpose of LOSAP program for Fort Ann, West Fort Ann and Pilot Knob Fire Districts”

ADOPTED	AYES 3	Smith, Witherell, Hall
	Absent 2	Sexton & Stark

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann hereby approves having the LOSAP program administered by PENFLEX, Inc. upon review and approval of the contract by Town Counsel; and be it further **RESOLVED**, the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to accept and execute the necessary agreements on behalf of the Town of Fort Ann.

RESOLUTION #76-2025

RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE 2025 BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO COVER SHORTAGES IN THE YOUTH COMMISSION FUND FOR EXPENDITURES RELATING TO THE SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM DURING THE 2025 FISCAL YEAR

On the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to accept resolution entitled “Resolution to modify the 2025 budget by transferring funds from the general fund to cover shortages in the youth commission fund for expenditures relating to the summer recreation program during the 2025 fiscal year”

ADOPTED	AYES 3	Smith, Witherell, Hall
	Absent 2	Sexton & Stark

RESOLVED, the 2025 budget shall be modified by transferring funds as indicated above.

RESOLUTION #77-2025

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2026 CONTRACT WITH MOUNTAIN MEDICAL FOR DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING

On the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled “Resolution approving 2026 contract with Mountain Medical for Drug & Alcohol Testing”

ADOPTED AYES 3 Smith, Witherell, Hall
 Absent 2 Sexton & Stark

RESOLVED, the Fort Ann Town Board hereby accepts the proposal Mountain Medical Services to perform drug and alcohol testing for those certain employees of the Town of Fort Ann in accordance with the proposal submitted; and be it further **RESOLVED**, the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to execute the contract in accordance with this resolution.

RESOLUTION #78-2025
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2026 BUDGET

On the motion of Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilman Smith to accept resolution entitled "Resolution to Adopt the 2026 Budget"

ADOPTED AYES 4 Smith, Stark, Witherell, Hall
 Absent 1 Sexton

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann adopts the 2026 budget.

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

Lyle Washburn asked the Town Board if they would look into the number of occupants that were allowed per bedroom for short-term rentals.

Supervisor Hall stated that this is something he will investigate and see what we can come up, as with new laws things are always evolving and changes can be made as necessary.

6:35 p.m. **Closed Public Discussion**

6:41 p.m. Motion was introduced by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to adjourn.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Total Abstracts for September:	General:	\$
	Highway:	\$
	Hadlock:	\$

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dated: November 12, 2025