

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON MONDAY, December 8th, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE FORT ANN TOWN HALL

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

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Miranda Herringshaw- Town Clerk, Ronny Mattison-Highway Superintendent , Christine Milligan-Town Historian, Paul Milligan- Code Enforcer, Penny Gould, Bill Bailey, Barb Burch, Jo-Jo 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; Mark Ray and David Rabideau.

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 Witherell to accept the Public Hearing Minutes of November 6th, 2025.

Motion was carried unanimously

Motion was introduced by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sexton to accept the Regular Town Board Minutes of November 10th, 2025.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Hall read the October 2025 monthly financial statement.

Receipts for the month of October

Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$ 43,687.19
Highway Fund	\$ 58,866.11
Youth Commission	\$ 73.45
Hadlock Dam Project	\$ 240.09
Hadlock Park District Fund	\$ 6,500.70
Consolidated Health District	\$ 370.48
Trust & Agency Fund	\$ 4,383.75
Medical Reimbursement Fund	\$ 6,545.98

Savings Accounts

NYCLASS-General Fund	\$ 677,293.15
NYCLASS-Highway Fund	\$ 221,495.82
NYCLASS-Hadlock Park District	\$ 22,322.00
NYCLASS-Hadlock Reserve	\$ 80,111.90

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

6:04 p.m. Public Comment opened.

Bill Bailey asked what resolution #81 was for?

Town Clerk Miranda Herringshaw stated that the extra expense was due to the fence that was installed around the dam area.

6:05 p.m. Public Comment closed.**Supervisor's Report:**

Supervisor Hall stated that he had been working on day-to-day operations, stated that the library project would be done in stages and that this stage is almost completed and that the ladies would be able to use the library for pictures with Santa for the children.

The lights on Goodman Rod cost the Town about \$2,800.00 a year, Supervisor Hall had reached out to National Grid about removing the lights and is waiting to hear back what the price would be to get rid of the lighting.

Councilwoman Witherell- no news to report.

Councilman Sexton- no new to report.

Councilman Smith stated that he got a price on fixing the harvester with foam and that will cost about \$7,000.00 at this point they are unsure of what they will do.

Councilwoman Stark stated a lot of informative information on what services are available for elders in the community, and there is also free ice melt available for anyone 60 years or older available at the Office of the Aging and the Hudson Falls meal site.

Town Clerk's Report: Town Board Meetings for the months of January, February, and March will be held at the Fort Ann Volunteer Firehouse located on Rt.149. Short Term Rental Applications renewals are in the process of being renewed for the upcoming 2026 season.

Highway Superintendent Report: Ronny Mattison stated that it has been a quiet month and they are getting things ready for winter and have already been out plowing, they are close to being in the new highway building.

Enforcement Officer Report: Paper report was given.

Historian: Christine Milligan stated that the Fort Ann Fire Department, American Legion and Historical Society would be a part of Fort Edwards Christmas parade on Saturday.

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

4.0 Old Business:

Highway Superintendent Ronny Mattison asked the Town Board what they would like to do about the free sand that has been offered to Fort Ann Town Residents for many previous years? (Last year in the 2024/2025 season we had an incident happen where someone was obtaining free sand from the Town of Fort Ann and slipped while getting out of his/her vehicle, and had brought action against the Town, so after consulting with the , attorney , Attorney Meyers, stated that it could be considered a liability for the Town but ultimately it was a decision the Town Board needed to make.) After discussing amongst the public and themselves it was decided unanimously that this was a service that the town has been able to provide for many previous years and something that town Residents greatly rely on, all five (5 members) agreed to keep the free sand pile for residents only, stipulating that you must be a Town Resident and using for residential use, and expressed to use caution while getting sand.

5.0 New Business:

The Fort Ann Fire Department will be having breakfast with Santa on Saturday December 13,2025 from 8-11 am.

**RESOLUTION #79-2025
RESOLUTION SETTING 2026 ORGANIZATION MEETING**

On the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sexton to accept resolution entitled "Resolution setting 2026 organization meeting"

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

RESOLVED, the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to post and publish the requisite notice of Organization Meeting.

**RESOLUTION #80-2025
RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE 2025 BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE CONTINGENCY FUND TO THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS FOR UNEXPECTED EXPENDITURES DURING THE 2025 FISCAL YEAR**

On the motion of Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilman Sexton to accept resolution entitled “Resolution to modify the 2025 budget by transferring funds from the contingency fund to the following accounts for unexpected expenditures during the 2025 fiscal year”

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

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

RESOLUTION #81-2025

RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE 2025 BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE IN THE HADLOCK PARK FUND TO THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS FOR UNEXPECTED EXPENDITURES DURING THE 2025 FISCAL YEAR

On the motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled “Resolution to modify the 2025 budget by appropriating unreserved fund balance in the Hadlock Park fund to the following accounts for unexpected expenditures during the 2025 fiscal year”

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

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

RESOLUTION #82-2025

RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE 2025 BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING UNANTICIPATED REVENUES RECEIVED FROM SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO COVER THE COST OF PURCHASING HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

On the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sexton to accept resolution entitled “Resolution to modify the 2025 budget by appropriating unanticipated revenues received from sale of surplus equipment to cover the cost of purchasing highway equipment”

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

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

6:36p.m. Open Public Discussion

Jo Jo Devechhi asked if the Town had any idea or would be given any ideas by the State on what they would be using Great Meadows prison for?

Supervisor Hall stated that he had heard nothing and knew of no said plans for the building.

6:40p.m. Closed Public Discussion

Motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to adjourn.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Total Abstracts for November:	General:	\$21,594.68
	Highway:	\$11,864.05
	Hadlock:	\$155.55

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 9th, 2025

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