

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE FORT ANN VOULNTEER FIRE COMPANY

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

ABSENT: Christine Milligan, Historian

OTHERS PRESENT: Miranda Herringshaw-Town Clerk, Ronny Mattison-Highway Superintendent, Jeffrey Meyer-Attorney, Don Bedeaux, Matt Jones, Paul Milligan, Lyle Washburn, Barb Burch, Bill Bailey, Penny Gould, Kevon O'Brien, Jon Lashinsky

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.

On motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to approve tonight's agenda.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sexton to accept the Regular Town Board Minutes of January 12th, 2026.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to accept the Annual Audit Meeting Minutes from January 20th, 2026.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Hall read the December 2025 monthly financial statement.

Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$ 30,258.12
Highway Fund	\$ 13,994.16
Youth Commission	\$ 2.95
Hadlock Dam Project	\$ 240.09
Hadlock Park District Fund	\$ 3,356.17
Consolidated Health District	\$ 370.48
Trust & Agency Fund	\$ 4,579.48

Medical Reimbursement Fund \$ 3,757.76

Savings Accounts

NYCLASS - General Fund \$ 522,148.12
NYCLASS - Highway Fund \$ 508,125.64
NYCLASS – Hadlock Park District Fund \$ 22,463.17
NYCLASS – Hadlock Reserve \$80,618.54

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

Public Comment opened at 6:02 p.m. for agenda items.

Public Comment closed at 6:03 p.m. with no comments.

Supervisor & Town Board Member's Reports:

Supervisor Hall stated he had given a report to other board members of everything that has yet to be completed on the new Highway building and stated that he wants to be sure that everything is fixed and taken care of properly, so there are not arising issues in the future.

Also stated that he had attended the public hearing regarding the Fort Ann EMS and the request for a certificate of need to legally perform transports from Glens Falls Hospital. Supervisor Hall stated that he is not in support of this certificate of need and stated that the Fort Ann EMS has been doing transfers for the hospital for the past two or three years, and due to not having a certificate of need they have been illegally billing for their services. He said that since they did this before proper approval was received, he believes they should not be allowed to continue the transport for Glens Falls Hospital.

Councilman Sexton stated that the firehouse is a warming station and that if anyone needs a warm place to go, please reach out to himself, Supervisor Hall, Miranda Herringshaw or Chief Jon Lashinsky.

Councilman Smith- stated he attended the public hearing on the certificate of need that was requested by Fort Ann EMS to be able to do transports for Glens Falls Hospital, he stated that there were other group there as well and not one of the groups was in support of the certificate of need being granted.

Councilwoman Witherell- no news to report.

Councilwoman Stark stated that canal cleanup day will be April 18th, 2026, at 9 a.m. if anyone would like to help clean up the canal area in Fort Ann.

Town Clerk's Report was given for January 2026.

Highway Superintendent Report: Business as usual, taking care of the roads, and equipment and that the new highway building is working out nicely for everyone to take care of their trucks etc.

Enforcement Officer Report: Paper copy of his report was given to the town board members for January 2026.

Historian: Not present.

Old Business:

New Business:

** Councilman Sexton read the below letter to the Residents that were present at the Town Board Members.

Dear Members of the Fort Ann Community,,

As your Town Board, we are always committed to the safety and well-being of our community. In light of our ongoing efforts to ensure efficient services, we are excited to share that we plan to explore the consolidation of our two volunteer fire departments.

By joining forces, we anticipate significant cost savings for all taxpayers. Redundancies in equipment and administrative functions will be streamlined, meaning your tax dollars will be used more effectively. Equally important, a unified department will enhance our operational efficiency—allowing quicker responses, better resource allocation, and a stronger, more coordinated emergency service for all of us.

We will keep you informed every step of the way and look forward to your input as we move forward together.

Thank you again for your continued service and dedication to the Town of Fort Ann.

Respectfully,
Samuel J. Hall

On behalf of the Town Board
Town of Fort Ann, NY

RESOLUTION #35-2026

ADOPTING THE AUDITING OF THE FINANCIAL RECORDS OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN

On motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to accept resolution entitled "Resolution Adopting the Auditing of the Financial Records of the Town of Fort Ann."

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann has audited the financial records of the Town Clerk, Town Justice, and Supervisor for the fiscal year January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 at a special meeting held on January 20th, 2026.

RESOLUTION #36-2026

TO POST TOWN ROADS TO 8 TONS

On motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled "Resolution to Post Town Roads to 8 Tons."

ADOPTED AYES 5 Sexton, Smith Stark, Witherell, Hall

RESOLVED, the Superintendent of Highways for the Town of Fort Ann is hereby authorized to post signs on all Town Highways and publish notice of the same.

RESOLUTION #37-2026

RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE 2025 BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE PAUL BRUHN HISTORIC REVITALIZATION GRANTS PROGRAM THROUGH THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

On motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled "Resolution to modify the 2025 budget by appropriating federal grant funds received from the Paul Bruhn historic revitalization grants program through the national park service"

ADOPTED AYES 5 Sexton, Smith Stark, Witherell, Hall

RESOLVED, the 2025 budget shall be modified by appropriation of additional revenue

RESOLUTION #38-2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF AN AD HOC WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE THE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES BEING PROVIDED TO THE TOWN OF FORT ANN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No. 8 AND THE TOWN OF FORT ANN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No. 6

On motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to accept the resolution entitled "Resolution authorizing the creation of an ad hoc working group to examine the fire protection services being provided to the Town of Fort Ann fire protection district no. 8 and

the Town of Fort Ann fire protection district no. 6”

ADOPTED AYES 5 Sexton, Smith Stark, Witherell, Hall

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby authorizes the creation of an ad hoc working group to examine the following:

- Examine the fire protection services being provided to Fire Protection Districts No. 6 and 8;
- Evaluate the financials, assets, and long-term viability of the volunteer fire companies providing fire protection services in this area;
- Evaluate the feasibility and taxpayer impact of a potential consolidation and/or merger of the aforementioned fire protection districts; and
- To issue recommendations to the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann;

and be it further

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby appoints the following residents or taxpayers of the Town of Fort Ann to the working group as follows:

- Michael Sexton
- George F. Smith
- Ex Officious Member: Samuel J. Hall

Additional members of the working group may be added upon the agreement of Michael Sexton and George F. Smith in their discretion.

6:58 p.m. Open Public Discussion

No comments.

6:58 p.m. Closed Public Discussion

6:59 p.m. Motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to enter executive session to discuss contracts.

Motion was carried unanimously.

7:38 p.m. Motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to adjourn executive session. (No actions taken)

7:39 p.m. Motion was introduced by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sexton to adjourn.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Total Abstracts: General: \$ 47,267.10

Highway: \$ 11,518.31

Respectfully submitted,

Miranda Herringshaw, Town Clerk
Town of Fort

Dated: February 11, 2026