

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE FORT ANN TOWN HALL

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

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Miranda Herringshaw-Town Clerk, Jeffrey Meyer- Attorney for the Town, Paul Milligan- P/T Enforcement Officer, Matt Jones-P/T Enforcement Officer, Ronny Mattison-Highway Superintendent, Christine Milligan, Town Historian, Bill Bailey, Penny Gould, Don Bedaux, John & Katelyn Moskos, Kevin O’Brien, Jennifer Jackson, Jon Pollock, Jon Lashinsky,

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

Moment of silence was held for the following Fort Ann residents: Barbara Palmer

Motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to approve tonight’s agenda.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to accept the Regular Town Board Minutes of April 14, 2025.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Hall read the March 2025 monthly financial statement.

Receipts for the month of March

Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$ 45,297.00
Highway Fund	\$ 10,157.85
Youth Commission	\$ 3,982.25
Hadlock Dam Project	\$ 240.09
Hadlock Park District Fund	\$ 9,529.72
Consolidated Health District	\$ 370.48
Trust & Agency Fund	\$ 5,879.44
Medical Reimbursement Fund	\$ 8,873.97

Savings Accounts

NYCLASS-General Fund	\$ 1,069,567.70
NYCLASS-Highway Fund	\$ 1,274,232.71
NYCLASS-Hadlock Park District	\$ 245,260.23

NYCLASS-Hadlock Reserve Fund \$ 78,209.64

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

6:04 p.m. Public Comment opened for items listed on tonight's agenda.

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

Supervisor/ Board Members Report:

Supervisor Hall stated that the repairs on the library have been started, but since work has started the construction company has found more in depth structural issues with the library, Supervisor Hall has asked the engineer to prioritize the tasks at hand as we do have a budget to work with and will go as far as we can with the allocated money we have, and the Town will continue looking for grants to help repair the library without causing any burden on the tax payers.

Supervisor Hall also stated that he had attended a meeting with the NYS Highway Department in preparation for road work that will take place on Route 149 in the 2026-2027 summer works season- at which time State Route 149 will be shut down for a few weeks and all traffic will be redirected to Nicholson Road.

Councilman Sexton-no news to report.

Councilwoman Witherell-no news to report.

Councilman Smith stated he received calls about the height of water in Lake Hadlock, he did check on things and stated that the water was high due to all the rain fall and that there is nothing to be done at this time, as it all is a result of mother nature.

Councilwoman Stark stated that she is still looking for lifeguards at the Fort Ann Beach this summer. Also commented on the Community Connections Paper is full of great resources.

Town Clerk's Report was given for April 2025.

Highway Superintendent Report: The highway department is dealing with road repairs due to heavy rain, including washouts on Dublin and Corey roads.

Enforcement Officer Report Paper report was provided for April 2025.

Historian: No Report.

Dog Control Officer: Not present, report was provided for April 2025.

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

The Fort Ann Fire department requests approval to purchase a new International 2025 MB 6074 door pumper truck from Rosenbauer America.

The total cost is not to exceed \$635,000, with \$450,000 to be funded by insurance and the remainder financed.

The board authorizes a letter of support and plans to hold a public hearing on June 9,2025 located at Fort Ann Town Hall at 6PM.

*Please note that this is in no way to guarantee extra money at budget time.

ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE AYES 5 Smith, Sexton, Stark, Witherell, Hall

Highway Superintendent Ronny Mattison discusses the need for a new grader due to issues with the current 2001 model, Ronny stated that our current Gradall has undergone many costly repairs and unfortunately is back in the shop again, and he would like to purchase a new to us, Gradall.

A 2019 model with 1500 hours is being tested, and the Town Board authorizes an RFP to explore other options.

The board plans to finance the purchase if the RFP does not yield a better deal. All bid specs can be picked up at the Town Clerk's office and all sealed bids are due back by close of business on June 6,2025. All sealed bids will be opened and read at the June 9,2025 Town Board Meeting.

ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE AYES 5 Smith, Sexton, Stark, Witherell, Hall

RESOLUTION #54-2025

TO HIRE SUMMER RECREATION EMPLOYEES

On motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to accept resolution entitled "Resolution to Hire Summer Recreation Employees."

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor and/or Clerk to the Supervisor to complete any forms and take any action necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

RESOLUTION #55-2025

TO HIRE PILOT KNOB BEACH LIFEGUARDS

On motion of Councilwoman Stark, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to accept resolution entitled "Resolution to Hire Pilot Knob Beach Lifeguards."

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor and/or Clerk to the Supervisor to complete any forms and take any action necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

RESOLUTION #56-2025

AUTHORIZING HIRING OF SEASONAL EMPLOYEES TO WORK FOR LAKE HADLOCK PARK DISTRICT

On motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled "Resolution Authorizing Hiring of Seasonal Employees to work for Lake Hadlock Park District."

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor and/or Clerk to the Supervisor to complete any forms and take any action necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

RESOLUTION #57-2025

AUTHORIZING THE ANNUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE FORT ANN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE TOWN OF FORT ANN

On motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to accept resolution entitled "Authorizing the annual agreement between the Board of Education of the Fort Ann Central School District and the Town of Fort Ann"

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

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor to sign the annual agreement between the Town of Fort Ann and the Fort Ann Central School in accordance herewith, a copy of which shall be on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

RESOLUTION #58-2024

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) THROUGH THE CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS TO BE PAID OUT IN THE 2024 FISCAL YEAR AND APPROPRIATING THOSE FUNDS IN THE SPECIFIC ACCOUNT AND THEREFORE MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET AS SUCH

On motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled "Resolution to approve the use of funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) through the coronavirus state and local fiscal recovery funds to be paid out in the 2024 fiscal year and appropriating those funds in the specific account and therefore modifying the 2024 budget as such"

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

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann approves the use of ARPA funds for the purchase of the municipal accounting and budget preparation software programs and the municipal payroll software program, and the 2024 budget shall be modified by appropriating the funds in the account as indicated above.

RESOLUTION #59-2024

RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE 2024 BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) THROUGH THE CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS TO BE PAID OUT IN THE 2024 FISCAL YEAR

On motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled “Resolution to modify the 2024 budget by appropriating funds received from the American RESCUE Plan Act (ARPA) through the coronavirus state and local fiscal recovery funds to be paid out in the 2024 fiscal year”

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

RESOLVED, the 2024 budget shall be modified by transferring funds as indicated above.

6:42 p.m. **Open Public Discussion**

6:43 p.m. **Closed Public Discussion** - with no comments.

6:43 p.m. Motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to adjourn. Motion was carried unanimously.

6:45 p.m. Town Board went into executive session for the pending litigation charges.

7:28 p.m . Motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to adjourn executive session.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Total Abstracts for April: General:	\$ 52,611.24
Highway:	\$ 48,655.38
Hadlock:	\$

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dated: May 14, 2024