

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 9th, 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: Christine Milligan-Town Historian
Jeffrey Meyer- Attorney for the Town

OTHERS PRESENT: Miranda Herringshaw- Town Clerk, Paul Milligan/Matt Jones-Enforcement Officer, Ronny Mattison- Highway Superintendent, Jen Jackson-Clerk to the Supervisor, Penny Gould, Bill Bailey, Barb Burch, Kevin O'Brien, Jon Pollock, Jo-Jo DeVechhi

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

Moment of silence was held for the following Fort Ann residents: Ruth Ann Archambault

Public Hearing regarding the purchase of a new fire truck for the Fort Ann Fire Department was opened at 6:01p.m. and closed at 6:02 p.m. without comment.

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept the Regular Town Board Minutes of May 12, 2025.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Hall read the April 2025 monthly financial statement.

Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$58,060.52
Highway Fund	\$38,934.85
Youth Commission	\$6,077.06
Hadlock Dam Project	\$240.09
Hadlock Park District Fund	\$5,979.72
Consolidated Health District	\$370.48
Trust & Agency Fund	\$5,324.01

Medical Reimbursement Fund \$5,417.86

Savings Accounts

NYCLASS-General Fund \$993,190.25
NYCLASS-Highway Fund \$1,118,353.05
NYCLASS-Hadlock Park District \$246,101.39
NYCLASS-Hadlock Reserve Fund \$78,477.88

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

6:04 p.m. Public Comment opened.

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

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Hall reported on various ongoing projects, including the harvester issue on Hadlock and coordination with Ronnie on equipment purchases, along with the Highway Department taking over the mowing and weed wacking of the Town Hall, Library and parks.

Councilwoman Witherell no news to report.

Councilman Sexton no news to report. He thanked the Fire Department and the EMS for their quick response to the tragic incident on Clay Hill Road.

Councilman Smith- reports on the harvester's dry docking due to leaks and the possibility of fixing it or scrapping it for the summer.

Councilwoman Stark stated there will be a senior picnic on July 11th 2025 held at the Washington County fairgrounds for all seniors 60 and above from 10-2. Info for protective services for adults will be going on Town Hall bulletin board. Councilwoman Stark thanked Highway Superintendent, Ronny Mattison for all the work the Highway Department has put into getting the beach ready to open, the beach will be opened the last weekend in June. The beach is still looking to hire a few lifeguards for the upcoming season; training can be provided at no cost.

Town Clerk's Report was given for May 2025.

Town Clerk stated that she and Code Enforcer Matt Jones have been working on contacting short term rental property owners and will be setting up times for the properties to be inspected.

Highway Superintendent Report: Ronny Mattson provided updates on various highway department activities, including mowing, weed whacking, and culvert work.

Ronny also stated that he had some issues with vehicles over 15 tons crossing the posted bridge on Goodman Road, he did speak with the individuals and stated that the bridge is not rated nor safe for any vehicle over 15 tons.

Enforcement Officer Report: Paper report given for May 2025.

Historian: Not present.

Dog Control Officer: Not present, paper report given for May 2025.

Old Business:

Supervisor Hall stated that the library project is still underway and that they will be removing a portion of the stone wall to address the water damage and fix the building structurally.

The Town Board discussed the approval of the purchase of 2019 Gradall for the Town at a purchase price of \$175,000.00.

Roll Call Vote: Smith, Sexton, Witherell, Stark, Hall- AYES (5)

The Board also discussed the purchase of a used zero turn lawn mower (\$3,200.00), and trailer (\$2,590) to move the mower with, the Highway Department will be taking over mowing of Town Hall, Library, all parks along with all the cemeteries'- it will more cost effective for the town to own mowing equipment than to subcontract out all the mowing.

Roll Call Vote: Smith, Sexton, Witherell, Stark, Hall- AYES (5)

New Business: None

6:30 p.m. Open Public Discussion

Jo-Jo DeVecchhi asked if there are any regulations against her having a wall placed between her property and the property "Boo Town" that borders her property.

Supervisor Hall stated that there were no regulations against what she was asking to do, as long as the fence/wall is located on her property.

6:33 p.m. Closed Public Discussion

6:34 p.m. Motion was introduced by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to adjourn.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Total Abstracts for May:	General:	\$ 62,038.46
	Highway:	\$ 26,074.26

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dated: June 14, 2025