

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 14, 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: Christine Milligan-Town Historian

OTHERS PRESENT: Miranda Herringshaw-Town Clerk, Jeffrey Meyer-Attorney for the Town, Paul Milligan/Mastt Jones-Enforcement Officer, Ronny Mattison-Highway Superintendent Penny Gould, Lyle Washburn, Mary Davis, Don Bedeaux

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 resident Phil Barker.

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilwoman Stark, to accept the Regular Town Board Minutes of June 8, 2025.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Hall read the May 2025 monthly financial statement.

Receipts for the month of May

Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$ 126,870.56
Highway Fund	\$ 67,124.22
Youth Commission	\$ 3,982.25
Hadlock Dam Project	\$ 240.09
Hadlock Park District Fund	\$ 5,247.42
Consolidated Health District	\$ 370.48
Trust & Agency Fund	\$ 5,390.77
Medical Reimbursement Fund	\$ 7,641.12

Savings Accounts

NYCLASS-General Fund	\$ 996,693.11
NYCLASS-Highway Fund	\$1,022,184.48
NYCLASS-Hadlock Park District	\$ 170,796.64
NYCLASS-Hadlock Reserve Fund	\$ 78,754.65

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

6:03 p.m. Public Comment opened.

6:04 p.m. Public Comment closed without comment.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Hall stated he has received a few short-term rental phone calls regarding complaints with a few of the properties, Supervisor Hall contacted the person of contact and had the issues resolved.

Supervisor Hall stated he attend the annual Lake Hadlock Association meeting and thank Councilman Smith for all his time that he puts into the Hadlock District.

The fence has been placed around the dam and that signage will be placed to keep anyone off the dam for safety concerns.

Councilwoman Witherell- no news to report.

Councilman Sexton- Thanked the Highway and Fire Departments for keeping up with all the down trees, etc. from passing storms. Also stated that he has a meeting in place to discuss the future of Great Meadows Prison Facility and is trying to brainstorm ideas on what the Town/State can do with this building.

Councilman Smith stated his main priority has been trying keep the weed harvest on Lake Hadlock afloat, right now they are waiting on quotes to see if it will be worth fixing at this point.

Councilwoman Stark stated the beach is open and thanked the Highway Department for all the work they put into getting the beach ready for the 2025 season, she did state that the Pilot Knob Fire Department gave permission for cars to park alongside of the road (only one side) in order to still be able to fit a fire truck through, but due to very limited parking the right side of the road is okay to park.

Town Clerk's Report was given for June 2025.

Highway Superintendent Report: Ronny Mattison stated that the highway department has been busy grading roads, mowing cemeteries and parks, and doing major storm clean up as these storms have been hard on the dirt roads and has taken down numerous trees.

He also stated that they have begun cleaning up around the Highway garage in preparation for the demolition.

Enforcement Officer Report Paper report given to Town Board Member's for June 2025.

Historian: Christine Milligan stated that they had a tour of the cemeteries with the Historical Society, and she mentioned how nice everything looks and thanked the Highway Department. She also stated that she is looking into flags to place along the streets in Town with Veterans pictures on them, like we see in so many other Towns.

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

5.0 Old Business:

6.0 New Business:

Resolution #59-2025

RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE 2025 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 2025 FISCAL YEAR

On motion of Councilman Smith, 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 2025 fiscal year”

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

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

Resolution #60-2025

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 Councilwoman Stark, seconded by Councilman Sexton 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 Smith, Sexton, Witherell, Stark, Hall

RESOLVED, the 2025 budget shall be modified by appropriation of additional revenue as indicated above.

Resolution #61-2025

RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE 2025 BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE NYSOSC JUSTICE COURT GRANT RECEIVED IN THE 2025 FISCAL YEAR

On motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sexton to accept resolution entitled “Resolution to modify the 2025 budget by appropriating funds received from the NYSOSC Justice court grant received in the 2025 fiscal year “

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

RESOLVED, the 2025 budget shall be modified by appropriation of additional revenue as indicated above.

Resolution #62-2025

BOND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$175,000.00 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SERIAL BONDS OR A STATUTORY INSTALLMENT BOND OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN TO PAY THE COSTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2019 GRADALL XL3100 AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN FOR THE AFORESAID PURPOSES AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

On motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to accept resolution entitled "Bond resolution authorizing the issuance of \$175,000.00 aggregate principal amount of serial bonds or a statutory installment bond of the Town of Fort Ann to pay the costs for the purchase of a 2019 gradall xl3100 and related equipment for the highway department of the Town of Fort Ann and authorizing the issuance of bond anticipation notes of the Town of Fort Ann for the aforesaid purposes and in connection therewith"

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

Resolved, resolution can be viewed in its entirety at the Town Clerks office.

6:54 p.m. **Open Public Discussion**

Gail West spoke on the road condition of Pillar Way, this is a private road, so the Town is not responsible for the repairs that need to be made, Ms. West stated that she had contacted the fire department to ensure they would be able to get a rescue vehicle in and out if necessary- she is waiting to hear back and Attorney Meyers stated that he would look into the information that Gail gave and will follow up.

Penny Bailey stated that the septic system grant applications have been emailed to Hadlock Residents, that she has emails for.

7:07p.m. **Closed Public Discussion**

7:07 p.m. Motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to adjourn.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Total Abstracts for June: General:	\$ 184,099.42
Highway:	\$ 186,680.84
Hadlock:	\$ 1,023.25

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dated: July 24, 2025