MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026 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: Ronny Mattison-Highway Superintendent
Matt Jones-Enforcement Officer

OTHERS PRESENT: Miranda Herringshaw-Town Clerk, Jeffrey Meyer-Attorney for the Town, Paul Milligan Enforcement Officer, Christine Milligan-Town Historian, Jen Jackson- Clerk to Supervisor, Penny Gould, Lyle Washburn, Mary Davis, Don Bedeaux, Barb Burch, Jo Jo DeVecchi, Arlene Green, Maureen Barber, Joan Deganer, Mike Gould, Chad Wilson, James Hume, Ryan Argus, Dave B.

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 Ken Hughes, Jean Connell, Reverand Raymond Lloyd, Gloria Taylor

6:00 Public Hearing opened for Local law regarding battery storage facilities located in the Town of Fort Ann.

6:02 p.m. Public Hearing Closed without comment.

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

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, 2026.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith, to accept the Special Town Board Minutes of June 17, 2026.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Hall read the May 2025 monthly financial statement.

Receipts for the month of May

Checking Account Balances

General Fund	$ 159,782.22
Highway Fund	$ 36,466.00
Youth Commission	$ 2,717.95
Hadlock Dam Project	$ 240.09
Hadlock Park District Fund	$ 1,604.15
Consolidated Health District	$ 370.48
Trust & Agency Fund	$ 4,246.61
Medical Reimbursement Fund	$ 6,798.38

Savings Accounts

NYCLASS-General Fund	$ 774,507.34
NYCLASS-Highway Fund	$1,315,066.40
NYCLASS-Hadlock Park District	$ 150,637.99
NYCLASS-Hadlock Reserve Fund	$ 107,076.19

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

6:10 p.m. Public Comment opened.
6:11 p.m. Public Comment closed without comment.

Supervisor's Report:
Supervisor Hall stated he has received a few calls with complaints regarding a particular short-term rental; Supervisor Hall contacted the person of contact and had the issues resolved.
He also stated that he had been working on applying for a grant that would help to fund Battle Hill Project.
Also stated that he has been continuing to work on the merger of the West Fort Ann and Fort Ann fire house consolidations and that we are moving in a positive direction.

Councilwoman Witherell- no news to report.

Councilman Sexton- Thanked Supervisor Hall for having the state strip Nicholson Road.

Councilman Smith stated that they are working on removing g the harvester and hopefully that will be removed in the coming weeks. The pontoon boat will be out on Mondays and Friday's to pick up weeds.

Councilwoman Stark no news to report.

Town Clerk's Report was given for June 2026.

Highway Superintendent Report: Not present.

Enforcement Officer Report Paper report given to Town Board Member's for June 2026.

Historian:

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

5.0 Old Business:

6.0 New Business:

Attorney Meyers had prepared new bylaws from the Town Planning Bored, all planning board members agreed to the new changes, and the Town Bored accepted as well.

Maureen Barber supplied the Town Board with a list of needs that the library committee are looking for help with from the Town to get tasks completed at the library.

Supervisor Hall stated that he would look over the documents and try to come up with a plan, and suggested they reach out to the Fort Ann School, to see if any students would be willing to volunteer sometime to help.

Jen Jackson and Miranda Herringshaw offered to help with some of the tasks that they are needing help with.

Resolution #64-2026

Town of Fort Ann Municipal Resolution

On motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to accept resolution entitled "Town of Fort Ann Municipal Resolution"

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

RESOLVED, that the governing board of the Town of Fort Ann hereby does approve and endorse the application for a grant under the Hudson River Valley Greenway Conservancy Trail Grant Program, for a project known as **Engineering & Design of the Battle Hill Historic Trail** and located within this community.

Resolution #65-2026

RESOLUTION APPROVING INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH TOWN OF KINGSBURY TO SHARE EQUIPMENT FOR DOG CONTROL PURPOSES

On motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sexton to accept resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVING INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH TOWN OF KINGSBURY TO SHARE EQUIPMENT FOR DOG CONTROL PURPOSES"

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

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann that the Town Board does hereby agree to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Kingsbury for shared services pertaining to equipment relating to the Dog Control Officer, namely sharing of the vehicle and related equipment

Resolution #66-2026
RESOLUTION A LOCAL LAW PROHIBITING COMMERCIAL BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS IN THE TOWN OF FORT ANN

On motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to accept resolution entitled "RESOLUTION A LOCAL LAW PROHIBITING COMMERCIAL BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS IN THE TOWN OF FORT ANN"

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board has reviewed the environmental assessment form and answered the questions in part 2 thereof, and having taken a hard look at the potential environmental impacts of said local law, hereby finds that the proposed local law does not have the potential to cause or contribute to one or more adverse environmental impacts, and therefore the Town Board hereby issues and adopts a negative declaration thereon, all in accordance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act; and be it further **RESOLVED**, that the Town Board finds that the adoption of the Local Law prohibiting commercial battery energy storage systems is in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare of the Town, due to the unique safety hazards posed by the technology and the limited resources available to combat those inherent hazards and the known potential impacts associated with the use; and be it further, **RESOLVED**, that the proposed local law prohibiting commercial battery energy storage systems in the Town is hereby adopted, and the clerk is directed to number the local law based on adoption, and file same with the New York Secretary of State.

Resolution #67-2026
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR THE JOINT ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT LOCAL LAW

On motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to accept resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR THE JOINT ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT LOCAL LAW"

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Fort Ann hereby approves entering into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with Washington County for those certain administration and enforcement provisions contained of the Floodplain Management Local Law and memorialized in the Inter-Municipal Agreement

Resolution #68-2026
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STIPULATED FINAL JUDGMENT RELATIVE TO G.RANDALL HAJECK v. ASSESSOR OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN BEARING INDEX NUMBERS - EC2025-39568 and EC2024-37319

On motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to accept resolution entitled "**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STIPULATED FINAL JUDGMENT RELATIVE TO G.RANDALL HAJECK v. ASSESSOR OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN BEARING INDEX NUMBERS - EC2025-39568 and EC2024-37319"**

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

RESOLVED, that Meyer, Fuller & Stockwell, PLLC is authorized to execute any and all documents pertaining to the settlement of the Article 7 petition reducing the assessment on property bearing tax identification number: 73.5-1-23, in accordance with the RPTL Section 727 to establish the assessment rates for the ensuing years and based on the terms contained therein.

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

Chad Wilson asked about the travel trailer law that Paul Milligan has been enforcing in the Town of Fort Ann, Supervisor Hall answered the questions, and left it as an agree to disagree kind of conversation.

Supervisor Hall did state that he is aware that some of these local laws are outdated and that they need to be reviewed and discussed by the attorney and Town board, the law that Chad was questioning is from 1990.

Jo Jo DeVecchi asked about the property next door to her the old "Boo Town" property and when would that be cleaned up?

Supervisor Hall stated that the property was sold and that the new owner had been to the planning bored and had been granted permission for his projects so hopefully she would see improvements sooner rather than later.

7:06p.m. **Closed Public Discussion**

7:06 p.m. Motion was introduced by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to adjourn.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Total Abstracts for June:	General:	$ 165,300.29
	Highway:	$ 11,285.84
	Hadlock:	$ 0

Respectfully submitted,

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Miranda Herringshaw, Town Clerk

Dated: July 24, 2025

Town of Fort Ann, New York