MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON MONDAY, August 17, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE FORT ANN TOWN HALL

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

ABSENT: Christine Milligan-Town Historian
Councilwoman Deborah Witherell
Ronny Mattison- Highway Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT: Miranda Herringshaw-Town Clerk, Jeff Meyers-Town Attorney, Matt Jones/ Paul Milligan-Enforcement Officer, Penny Gould, Bill Bailey, Lyle Washburn, Barb Burch, Phoebe Jackson, Arlene Green, Maureen Barber, Robert Ladd, Jo Jo DeVecchi

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 Roger Mattison.

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by Councilwoman Stark seconded by Councilman Sexton to accept the Town Board Minutes of July 13, 2026.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Hall read the June 2026 monthly financial statement.

Receipts for the month of June

Checking Account Balances

General Fund	$ 96,876.11
Highway Fund	$ 45,546.05
Youth Commission	$ 3,982.25
Hadlock Dam Project	$ 240.09
Hadlock Park District Fund	$ 29,965.45
Consolidated Health District	$ 370.48
Trust & Agency Fund	$ 4,283.10
Medical Reimbursement Fund	$ 5,807.78

Savings Accounts

NYCLASS-General Fund	$ 776,751.57
NYCLASS-Highway Fund	$ 1,228732.09
NYCLASS-Hadlock Park District	$ 120,999.14

NYCLASS-Hadlock Reserve Fund $ 107,386.61

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

6:07 p.m. Public Comment opened.
6:08 p.m. Public Comment closed without comment.

Supervisor Report:

Supervisor Hall stated he had been working on the day-to-day operations and started looking at Town and County budget.

Fort Ann Beach will be closed for the season on August 24,2026.

Town Board Members Reports:

Councilwoman Stark stated that there will be a rabies clinic at the Fort Ann Highway garage on September 9,2026. Anyone who is interested needs to contact Wash. County Public Health to schedule an appointment.

Councilman Sexton- no news to report.

Councilman Smith- Harvester is sinking, it will be removed from the Lake in the next few weeks.

Councilwoman Witherell -excused

Town Clerk's Report was given for July 2026.

Highway Superintendent Report: Excused.

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

Historian: Not present.

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

4.0 Old Business:

Arlene Green and Maureen Barber came before the Town Board in regard to the Old Stone Library, following up on concerns that were brought before the board at the July 2026 Town Board Meeting.

Supervisor Hall stated that he had been in contact with Justin Hoskins, Fort Ann Central Superintendent, and Mr. Hoskins stated that he would have some students that would be able to volunteer and help at the library.

Arelene stated that the children's room at the library cannot be used due to instability issues, the entire back room will need to be removed to fix the issues that are going on, at this point they have no handicap accessibility at the library.

The repairs we are talking about are going to be extremely expensive and the Town is already looking at the budget for the upcoming year (2027), and the Town just does not have the means to supply the library with that kind of budget. The children's room is not part of the original building so that makes it very difficult to obtain a grant for the repairs. We are looking into some options but at this point Miranda Herringshaw suggested that the Town Hall be utilized at this point for the children's activities and offered to help move things from the library to Town Hall.

5.0 New Business

Bid for weed harvester was opened and read publicly. Bid for harvester and trailer is $213,000.00

**Please note that the Hadlock District will be paying for the harvester purchase; this amount is not responsible to any taxpayers who do not live/own any parcels on Hadlock. The money for this purchase comes directly from the dam district.

RESOLUTION #69-2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE HUDSON VALLEY GREENWAY CONSERVATION TRAIL GRANT FOR THE BATTLE HILL HISTORIC TRAIL

On Motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Stark accept resolution entitled "
"Resolution authorizing payment of the Hudson Valley Greenway conservation trail grant for the Battle Hill historic trail"

ADOPTED AYES 4 Smith, Sexton, Stark, Hall

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann hereby approves the payment in the sum of $1,800.00 to Tracey Clothier and Clothier Planning & Consulting for the preparation, submittal, and monitoring of the grant application to the Hudson Valley Greenway Conservation Trail Grant for the design and construction of the Battle Hill Historic Trail for the Town of Fort Ann.

RESOLUTION #70-2026

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STIPULATED FINAL JUDGMENT RELATIVE TO BOATS BY GEORGE, INC. v. ASSESSOR OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN BEARING INDEX NUMBERS: EC2025-39749 and EC2026-43688

On Motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Stark accept resolution entitled

“RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STIPULATED FINAL JUDGMENT RELATIVE TO BOATS BY GEORGE, INC. v. ASSESSOR OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN BEARING INDEX NUMBERS: EC2025-39749 and EC2026-43688”

ADOPTED AYES 4 Smith, Sexton, 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: 109.-1-32.7, in accordance with the RPTL Section 727 to establish the assessment rates for the ensuing years and based on the terms contained therein.

RESOLUTION #71-2026

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STIPULATED FINAL JUDGMENT RELATIVE TO MARK GIANNINY & GIANNINY ASSOCIATES LLC v. TOWN OF FORT ANN BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW BEARING INDEX NUMBERS: EC2024-37261; EC2025-39524; AND EC2026-43308

On Motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sexton accept resolution entitled “RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STIPULATED FINAL JUDGMENT RELATIVE TO MARK GIANNINY & GIANNINY ASSOCIATES LLC v. TOWN OF FORT ANN BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW BEARING INDEX NUMBERS: EC2024-37261; EC2025-39524; AND EC2026-43308”

ADOPTED AYES 4 Smith, Sexton, 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: 64.14-1-20 and 64.14-1-4, in accordance with the RPTL Section 727 to establish the assessment rates for the ensuing years and based on the terms contained therein.

6:49p.m. **Open Public Discussion**

Phobe Jackson requested "No Jake Brakes" signage on Route 149 to mitigate noise pollution from trucks; Supervisor Hall stated he would contact the DOT as Rt.149 is a state road.

Lyle Washburn inquired about using occupancy tax money for the weed harvester; Supervisor Hall noted that such funds are typically managed at the county level.

Shane Mattison sought clarification on his building permit process; Supervisor Hall advised him to follow proper planning board procedures before proceeding with construction. Shane was given Barb Burch’s information and put in contact with her.

Jo Jo DeVechhi stated that she would like a copy of the previous month's “draft” meeting minutes avaiable for review. Town Clerk stated that was no problem.

7:21 p.m. **Closed Public Discussion**

7:21p.m. Motion was introduced by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sexton to adjourn.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Total Abstracts for July:	General:	$ 20,967.62
	Highway:	$ 297,141.44
	Hadlock:	$ 1,127.21

Respectfully submitted,

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Miranda Herringshaw, Town Clerk

Dated: August 20, 2026 Town of Fort Ann, New York