

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON MONDAY, September 8, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE FORT ANN TOWN HALL

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

ABSENT: Councilwoman Deborah Witherell

OTHERS PRESENT: Miranda Herringshaw-Town Clerk, Jeff Meyers-Town Attorney, Christine Milligan-Town Historian, Ronny Mattison-Highway Superintendent, Matt Jones & Paul Milligan-Code Enforcer Josephine Devecchi, Lyle Washburn, Barb Burch, Kevin O'Brien

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

Moment of silence was held for Fort Ann residents that have passed this month: Leon & Sally Walker.

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by Councilman Smith seconded by Councilman Sexton to accept the Regular Town Board Minutes of August 11, 2025.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Hall read the July 2025 monthly financial statement.

Receipts for the month of July

Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$ 32,218.24
Highway Fund	\$ 41,569.44
Youth Commission	\$ 20,460.40
Hadlock Dam Project	\$ 240.09
Hadlock Park District Fund	\$ 29,123.10
Consolidated Health District	\$ 370.48
Trust & Agency Fund	\$ 4,961.87
Medical Reimbursement Fund	\$ 5,721.38

Savings Accounts

NYCLASS-General Fund	\$ 849,614.25
NYCLASS-Highway Fund	\$ 673,030.73
NYCLASS-Hadlock Park District	\$ 121,892.94
NYCLASS-Hadlock Park Reserve	\$ 79,300.99

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 begun working on the budget for the year 2026 with budget officer, Helen Denno and Miranda Herringshaw. Supervisor Hall stated that the State has paid the Town \$895 for a small piece of property located on Rt. 149 due to replacing of a culvert, and needing the right of way to the culvert.

Also, that he has been working with the contractors who are working on the repair of the Old Stone House Library, we have been at a standstill, but work should begin again, soon. The Hadlock dam inspection will be done in the coming months as well.

The new Highway Department should be completed by the second week of October.

Councilman Sexton reports on the first meeting of the solar and battery storage working group, which included representatives from the village and fire department, he stated that it went well and that a draft copy of the local law will be made available soon.

Councilman Smith stated that the weed harvester has been out, and the total weeds collected is at 30,280 pounds.

Councilwoman Stark stated the beach, and the lifeguards were a huge success this summer, a big thank you to the Highway Department for helping with the beach. She also attended a meeting regarding the bike trail, and they have come up with some good ideas and are trying to move the trail so it is no longer on the side of Route 4.

Town Clerk's Report was given for August 2025.

Town Clerk provided Supervisor Hall and Town Board members with copies of Service Award Program Executive Summary (LOSAP) for fiscal year ending December 31st, 2024 for West Fort Ann and Pilot Knob Volunteer Firefighter Companies.

Highway Superintendent Report: Ronny Mattison stated that the Highway Department has been busy grading, mowing, cutting brush, and almost all blacktopping for this season is complete.

Enforcement Officer Report Not present, paper report given to Town Board Member's for August 2025.

Historian: Not present.

Dog Control Officer: Not present, paper report was given to Town Board Member's for August 2025.

4.0 Old Business: None

5.0 New Business: None

Supervisor Hall proposes purchasing a property across the road for municipal purposes (Old Bearor residence), including a potential parking lot for Town Hall.

RESOLUTION #65-2025

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

On the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sexton to accept resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW"

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

RESOLVED, that Eric Pillemer is hereby appointed as a Member of the Fort Ann Board of Assessment Review for a term extending from October 1, 2025 through September 30th, 2030.

RESOLUTION #66-2025

RATIFYING AN AGREEMENT FOR ADVANCE PAYMENT AND AUTHORIZING SAMUEL J. HALL TO EXECUTE CLOSING PAPERS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN

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

RESOLVED, The Agreement for Advance Payment is hereby accepted and ratified; and Sam Hall is hereby designated as the person to execute any and all closing papers with regard to this transfer to the State of New York.

RESOLUTION #67-2025

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY

On the motion of Councilman SEXTON, seconded by Councilman SMITH to accept resolution entitled "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY"

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

RESOLVED, the Supervisor is hereby authorized to submit the requisite bids in a sum not to exceed Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to for the purchase of the real property be used for municipal purposes is hereby approved and accepted; and be it further **RESOLVED**, the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute any and all necessary documents, including those not specifically referenced above, including the conveyance documents, to effectuate this resolution.

7:01 p.m. **Open Public Discussion**

7:02 p.m. **Closed Public Discussion**

7:04 p.m. Motion was introduced by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sexton to adjourn.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Total Abstracts for July:

General:	\$14,775.99
Highway:	\$ 300,126.62
Hadlock:	\$ 681.34

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 18, 2025

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