MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON MONDAY, September 14, 2026 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
Councilwoman Deborah Witherell

ABSENT:

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, Andrew Call, Jon Lashinsky, Pam White, Nicole Eisenschmidt, Eric Eisenschmidt, Bobbie Moskos

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: Tom Baker

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by Councilwoman Stark seconded by Councilman Smith to accept the Regular Town Board Minutes of August 17, 2026.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Hall read the July 2026 monthly financial statement.

Receipts for the month of July

Checking Account Balances

General Fund	$ 46,266.91
Highway Fund	$ 26,150.27
Youth Commission	$ 23,388.79
Hadlock Dam Project	$ 240.09
Hadlock Park District Fund	$ 29,123.10
Consolidated Health District	$ 370.48
Trust & Agency Fund	$ 2,103.84
Medical Reimbursement Fund	$ 6,882.86

Savings Accounts

NYCLASS-General Fund	$ 622,600.50
NYCLASS-Highway Fund	$ 1,126,227.40
NYCLASS-Hadlock Park District	$ 121,365.37

NYCLASS-Hadlock Park Reserve $ 107,711.65

Motion was introduced by Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilman Sexton 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 stated he has begun working on the budget for the year 2027 with budget officer, Miranda Herringshaw.

Supervisor Hall congratulated Town Clerk Miranda Herringshaw on being selected as the New York State 114th Assembly District's 2026 Woman of Distinction. The award was to be presented by Assemblyman Matt Simpson.

Supervisor Hall reported that the Town received good news about a $35,000 grant for a feasibility study for the Battle Hill Park project through the Greenway Conservancy Trail Grant Program. The study will help determine what work is feasible and how the project could preserve local history and bring visitors to the area.

The valve will be opened on Hadlock, October 15 and draw down will begin. A dam inspection is expected in the first or second week of November, once the water level has been lowered. A drone survey of the downstream area is also planned. The Board discussed beaver dams contributing to backwater issues and noted that legal issues and property-access restrictions prevent the Town from removing them at this time. The Town will continue looking into the matter.

Councilman Sexton commended the highway department staff for their performance while Ronnie was out sick.

Councilman Smith reported that the harvester had been successfully removed from Lake Hadlock. He thanked **Dave Twist and Dave McDonald** for their hard work keeping the harvester afloat and getting it onto the trailer.
He also thanked **Cathy** for her patience while the work was done at her beach, **Steve Green** for lending a suction pump over the past three years, and the **Washington County crew** for providing equipment and assistance, saving the park district approximately $14,000.

Councilwoman Stark shared Office of the Aging resources, along with medication-disposal pouches available at the Town. She also stated that farmers market coupons and tickets for upcoming senior events were available throughout the county.

Town Clerk's Report was given for August 2026.

*Budget Officer- Miranda Herringshaw stated that the tax cap report had been done and the allowable amount that we the Town can raise taxes is just shy of $28,000- this is unfeasible and the Town will need to override the tax cap- she stated that this would not be discussed in great detail at the Town Board meeting as we will talk about this at the first budget workshop meeting (but wanted to bring it up as the information is available) which will be held at Town Hall on October 22nd at 6pm. Residents are encouraged to attended these meetings to get the information first hand on what is happening in the Town.

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. Ronny thanked the Highway Department employees for all of their hard work while he has been out with health related issues, he could not be more proud of the job they have done and how they have stepped up during this time that Ronny has been out and dealing with health issues.

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

Historian: No report.

Dog Control Officer: Not present, paper report was given to Town Board Member's for August 2026.

4.0 Old Business: None

5.0 New Business: None

RESOLUTION #72-2026
RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE 2026 BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE CONTINGENCY FUND TO SPECIFIED ACCOUNTS DUE TO UNANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES IN THOSE ACCOUNTS DURING THE 2026 FISCAL YEAR

On the motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith on to accept resolution entitled "Resolution to modify the 2026 budget by transferring funds from the contingency fund to specified accounts due to unanticipated expenditures in those accounts during the 2026 fiscal year"

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

RESOLVED, the 2026 budget shall be modified by transferring funds from the contingency fund to the accounts as indicated.

RESOLUTION #73-2026
RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE 20206 BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING FUNDS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS DUE TO SHORTAGES IN SPECIFIED ACCOUNTS

On the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Stark on to accept resolution entitled "**RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE 20206 BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING FUNDS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS DUE TO SHORTAGES IN SPECIFIED ACCOUNTS"**

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

RESOLVED, the 2026 budget shall be amended by transferring funds between appropriations as indicated.

RESOLUTION #74-2026
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 Bill Hohman is hereby appointed as a Member of the Fort Ann Board of Assessment Review for a term extending from October 1, 2026 through September 30th, 2031.

RESOLUTION #75-2026
RESOLUTION APPROVING OF AND CONSENTING TO THE PURCHASE OF A MECHANICAL HARVESTER

On the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled "Resolution approving of and consenting to the purchase of a mechanical harvester"

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

RESOLVED, in accordance with General Municipal Law section 6-c(5)(b), the Town Board on behalf of the Lake Hadlock Park District hereby approves of and consents to the purchase of the aquatic weed harvester model FX-6A, together with trailer, spare parts kit, and related equipment from Alpha Boats Unlimited at a price not to exceed Two Hundred Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Eight and 70/100 Dollars ($213,978.70); and be it further **RESOLVED**, the Town Board hereby approves of and consents to the expenditure from the Hadlock Park District Aquatic Harvester Reserve Fund; and be it further **RESOLVED**, the Town Board hereby authorizes the payment in the full amount being held in the Hadlock Park District Aquatic Harvester Reserve Fund, which is presently in the sum of One Hundred Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Eleven and 65/100 Dollars ($107,711.65) and continuing to accrue interest; and be it further **RESOLVED**, the Supervisor shall have the authority to execute any and all necessary documentation relevant to said purchase discussed herein; and be it further **RESOLVED**, any and all obligations issued for the purchase of the Harvester shall not exceed five years of the period of probable usefulness; and be it further **RESOLVED**, this is a Type II action under the SEQR Regulations pursuant to 6 NYCRR section 617.5(c)(25), and therefore does not require SEQR review.

RESOLUTION #76-2026
RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE 2026 BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE HADLOCK EQUIPMENT RESERVE FOR EQUIPMENT PURCHASE.

On the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled "Resolution to modify the 2026 budget by appropriating funds from the Hadlock equipment reserve for equipment purchase"

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

RESOLVED, the 2026 budget shall be modified by appropriating funds as indicated.

RESOLUTION #77-2026
RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE ALTERATION OF FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NUMBER 8 AND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NUMBER 6

On the motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to accept resolution entitled "Resolution proposing the alteration of fire protection district number 8 and fire protection district number 6"

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

RESOLVED, that a public hearing shall be noticed and held by the Town Board on October 13, 2026 at 6:05 p.m to consider the proposed alteration to the Fire Protection District boundaries for Fire Protection Districts 8 and 6 and to hear all persons interested in such alteration of boundaries; and be it further **RESOLVED**, the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of said hearing in the *Post-Star*, the official Town newspaper, and to post copies of such notice in the manner required by law.

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

Shane Mattison asked the Town Board for a variance in order to place a mobile home on his property- there is not enough feet between the property line and where the trailer will be placed- Mr. Mattison does own both pieces of property, so this would not affect any neighboring properties.

The Town Board granted Mr. Mattiosn the variance that was needed and now Mr. Mattiosn can go back to the planning board to get final approvals.

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.

7:04 p.m. Motion was introduced by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sexton to enter executive session to discuss contracts.

7:30p.m. Motion was introduced by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sexton to adjourn executive session.

Motion was carried unanimously.

7:30 p.m. Motion was introduced by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sexton to adjourn.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Total Abstracts for August:	General:	$112,389.59
	Highway:	$ 4,375.83
	Hadlock:	$ 300.00

Respectfully submitted,

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Miranda Herringshaw, Town Clerk

Dated: September 18, 2026

Town of Fort Ann, New York