

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD
JUNE 11, 2012 COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: DARLENE Z. DUMAS, SUPERVISOR
DUANE A. BURCH, COUNCILMAN
BRUCE K. WHITNEY, COUNCILMAN
GRETCHEN R. STARK, COUNCILWOMAN
ALFRED E. DUNLOP, COUNCILMAN

OTHERS PRESENT: HELEN DENNO, CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO
SUPERVISOR
PAUL WINCHELL, SUPT. OF HIGHWAYS

RECORDING SECRETARY: MARY JANE GODFREY, TOWN CLERK

A moment of silence was held for all of the deceased persons in Fort Ann and for the First Lady of the Village of Fort Ann, Linda Kelsey Foran.

Motion was introduced by Mr. Burch and seconded by Ms. Stark to approve the Town Board Minutes of May 14, 2012 with corrections as follows:

Page 36; the Waterfront Park Contract will expire March 31, 2013, not December 31, 2013.

Page 36; Resolution No 2012-034 should include "Resolution was duly adopted."

Page 37; the seventh paragraph should read "manufacturing commercial operation," not gravel operation.

Page 38; the third paragraph should read George Sherwood, not Gene Sherwood.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Absent: 0

Motion to approve the minutes of May 14, 2012, with corrections, was carried.

Motion was introduced by Mr. Dunlop and seconded by Ms. Stark to pay the bills as warranted and audited.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Absent: 0

Motion was carried.

Supervisor's Report: Monthly Statement to Supervisor will be placed on the Town's website. A paper copy is available upon request.

Old Stonehouse Library submitted a list of improvements to be completed by volunteers. Dick Look of the Town's insurance agency stated all of these requested improvements will be

covered by liability. Supervisor Dumas received 100+/- phone calls, attended many dinners and meetings, attended two Eagle Scout ceremonies and signed the acknowledgement of the purchase of the new Rescue Fire Truck by the West Fort Ann Fire Company.

Correspondence/Miscellaneous: A letter was received from the Office of the State Comptroller on an audit that will take place in the near future. The Town will receive a notice of the date.

Town Clerk's Report: Report was given for the month of May, 2012.

Public Comment Section was opened at 7:12 p.m. Hearing no comments, the Public Comment Section was closed at 7:14 p.m.

Resolution No. 2012-036 was introduced by Mr. Whitney and seconded by Mr. Dunlop authorizing the Town of Fort Ann Supt. of Highways to sign the contract with Washington County to mow the roadsides along the County highways at a unit price of \$245.00 per centerline mile of highway with the Town's amount being \$3,594.15 for the season.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Absent: 0

Resolution No. 2012-036 was duly adopted.

Ms. Stark stated the Recreation & Tourism Committee meeting will take place June 13, 2012. The Town has received the permit to operate the Fort Ann Beach. Three lifeguards will work at the Beach.

Mr. Dunlop has attended the Aquatic Invasive Species Meeting in Lake George recently. The Committee is working on the regulations for boats going in the Lake and that the boats must be clean, drained and dried before being allowed to enter the waters. There may be a mandate on this procedure.

Mr. Dunlop also spoke on the Canal Park which no motions have been taken; that will occur at the next meeting.

Virginia Parrott stated there will be a meeting at the Old Stonehouse Library Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. with Mr. Martin of Saratoga Springs, New York being present.

Old Business: None given.

New Business: Supervisor Dumas gave a talk on the Board of Ethics Members; residents are concerned with the process of choosing the members and stated she will authorize, through a resolution, for the Town Clerk to advertise in the Post Star and the Chronicle for any interested persons to submit a letter of interest to her for the said position as Board of Ethics Member. Following the receiving of letters, the Town will discuss and review the letters, interview potential candidates and make their decision. This process will be more open.

Resolution No. 2012-037 was introduced by Supervisor Dumas and seconded by Ms. Stark authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise in the Post Star and the Chronicle for a request for anyone in the Town of Fort Ann interested in serving on the Town of Fort Ann Board of Ethics to contact her, the Supervisor, with letters of interest.

Discussion: It was stated that the Board of Ethics is only for the Town of Fort Ann employees or an officer of the Town. Mr. Dunlop informed everyone on persons who should/should not serve on said Board. Mr. Dunlop also requested comments from the public on this issue. Mr. Whitney stated that if a person is an elected official, the person does not have to answer to the Board of Ethics.

Roll Call:	Mr. Burch:	Aye
	Mr. Whitney:	Nay
	Ms. Stark:	Aye
	Mr. Dunlop:	Abstained
	Sup. Dumas:	Aye

Resolution No. 2012-037 was duly adopted.

Correspondence/Miscellaneous: Dennis Fletcher, Comstock, NY, as to the request for signs for school buses; the Town received a letter from NYSDOT that found warning signs are not warranted on State Rte. 22, Comstock, NY in either direction. (See attached.)

There are funds available for new local government and programs for those municipalities who help reduce property taxes.

Jeff Murphy, Washington County Sheriff, requested a liaison with the Town and to attend a Town Board Meeting which will take place July 9, 2012. Christin Hardy will be the representative.

Haley & Aldrich Agreement (Town's engineer for Hadlock) has been signed on the inspection of the Hadlock Dam.

Washington County: Hand-outs are available for information on Lake Lauderdale.

The twenty acres on State Rte. 149, West Fort Ann, NY (as per the May 14, 2012 meeting,) is again up for auction. The Town is interested in this property.

Virginia Parrott, County Rte. 16, Fort Ann, NY requested the Health Districts #5794 and District #5754 be combined into District #5754. This request for change will have a net of 0.

The Town has received a check from NYMIR (New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal) in the amount of \$1,250.00.

The Town has received a check from the Mortgage Tax in the amount of \$29,233.77.

Public Discussion was opened at 7:46 p.m.

Steve Wargo, 14 Shelving Rock Road, Fort Ann, NY spoke on if there will be any additional paving of said Road. He had spoken to Mr. Winchell on this request and Mr. Winchell answered "No" but if Mr. Wargo knows of any other way to obtain funds for this request, it would be a great help. Mr. Wargo also requested someone contact our politicians on this issue. (See attached.)

Tori Riley, Farley Road, Hudson Falls, NY representative of the Local Development Corporation, spoke on the twenty acres on State Rte. 149.

Gloria Quinlan, Hadlock Pond Road, Fort Ann, NY spoke requesting a resolution from the Town as to her property be removed from the Lake Hadlock District due to her property, and others, not having lake front property but are taxed on the Hadlock Dam District. There are some persons that do not wish to be removed from the Lake Hadlock District. Supervisor Dumas will contact the Town Attorney on this issue.

Eugene Connell, Hadlock Pond Road, Fort Ann, NY thanked Mr. Winchell for the Weed Harvester being placed on Lake Hadlock.

Howard Denison, Burquist Road, Fort Ann, NY stated the Town could do a lottery instead of interviewing for members to the Board of Ethics. Mr. Denison stated as to the fees for recreation by the Planning Board; the Planning Board no longer charges for said recreation. Supervisor will investigate.

Public Discussion was closed at 8:11 p.m.

Motion was introduced by Mr. Whitney and seconded by Ms. Stark to go into Executive Session at 8:12 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Absent: 0

Motion was carried.

Motion was introduced by Mr. Dunlop and seconded by Ms. Stark to go out of Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. and return to the Regular Meeting.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Absent: 0

Motion was carried.

Motion was introduced by Mr. Burch and seconded by Mr. Dunlop to adjourn at 8:31 p.m.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Absent: 0

Motion was carried.

Total Abstracts:	General:	\$33,078.51
	Highway:	\$11,941.76
	Youth Commission:	\$990.00

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Godfrey, Town Clerk
Town of Fort Ann, New York

Dated: June 15, 2012

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