

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD NOVEMBER 13, 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
THE SUPERVISOR

RECORDING SECRETARY: MARY JANE GODFREY, TOWN CLERK

ABSENT: PAUL WINCHELL, SUPT. OF HIGHWAYS

Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A moment of silence was held for the deceased, Peg Bearor.

Supervisor Dumas thanked all veterans.

Motion was introduced by Ms. Stark and seconded by Mr. Burch to approve the Town Board Minutes of October 9, 2012.

Motion was carried unanimously.

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

Monthly Statement to Supervisor was read for October, 2012.

Gloria Quinlan issue requesting to be removed from the Hadlock Pond District; Supervisor Dumas received a packet of information from Ms. Quinlan.

Agriculture Meeting was held as to the Town's people and children being better educated on the subject of farming.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor received 60 calls.

Business Development Meeting: No information.

Battle Hill Project: Arlene Greene stated the Fort Ann Historical Society needs letters of support on the subject of the Battle Hill. A Grant is being put together. The Town Board agreed a letter of support should be sent but that the letter is to be viewed before being sent.

Audit of the Town's Hadlock Pond Dam information has been completed with no issues found. A letter will be received on the approval from the Office of State Comptroller.

Food Pantry needs a new site.

Veteran's Ceremony was participated by Supervisor Dumas at the Fort Ann Central School.

Town Clerk's Reports were read for September, 2012 and October, 2012.

Public Hearing on the 2013 Preliminary Budget for the Town of Fort Ann was opened at 7:10 p.m. The budget was reviewed page by page.

Richard Paris spoke on the Pilot Knob Fire Company amount in the budget.

Supervisor Dumas stated the following overall changes: 2.78% less than in 2012.
7% under for 2% cap
\$130,551.19 under the 2% cap

Resolution No.: 2012-051 was introduced by Mr. Dunlop and seconded by Mr. Burch to adopt the 2013 Town of Fort Ann Preliminary Budget as the 2013 Town Annual Budget. (One change was made to the Superintendent of Highways salary from \$48,980.00 to \$48,977.00.)

Resolution No.: 2012-051 was duly adopted unanimously.

Public Hearing was declared closed at 7:25 p.m.

Public Comment was opened at 7:26 p.m. Hearing none, the Public Comment section was declared closed at 7:25 p.m.

Highway Superintendent Report: Due to Mr. Winchell's absence, Supervisor Dumas reported that all work is going as planned.

Ms. Stark reported on the Veteran's Day Program at the School and thanked Supervisor Dumas on the poem she read at the ceremony.

The Boys' Soccer team is in the final 4.

The Girls' team did well this year.

Waterfront Park Project: Mr. Dunlop reported on issues dealing with the said Park. There are four more permits to be approved and everything is progressing.

Invasive Species in Lake George issue: A meeting will be held discussing boats having to be cleaned before entering the waters. A \$40.00 inspection fee was also discussed.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Correspondence/Misc.: The Chocolate Moose Campground has been sold to MooseHillock Campgrounds. The Law Offices of Newell & Klingebiel sent a letter to the Town requesting an extension of the existing permits. They are also requesting to be placed on the Planning Board December agenda. (A copy of the letter was given to the Planning Board.)

Fort Ann Rescue Squad sent a letter concerning being the primary responder for Pilot Knob. The Town received a letter indicating that they would be the first responder to Pilot Knob.

Fort Ann Central School issue: A broken cafeteria window was broken by a student while boarding a school bus. The Superintendent of the School is requesting the Town of Fort Ann to pay for the damages, not the parents. The amount is \$291.59. The Town did not approve for payment.

Resolution No.: 2012-052 was introduced by Mr. Burch and seconded by Mr. Whitney for the Town of Fort Ann not to pay for the broken cafeteria window at the Fort Ann Central School. Discussion followed: Ms. Stark questioned if this resolution would harm the Recreation Program. Mr. Whitney stated the School must have insurance for such issues and Mr. Burch suggested the School study their insurance policy.

Roll Call:

Ayes: 4 Burch, Whitney, Dunlop, Dumas Nays: 0 Abstain: 1 Stark Absent: 0

Resolution No.: 2012-052 was duly adopted.

Old Stone House Library: NYS Office of Parks & Recreation letter stated the said Library has been nominated one of the historical sites to be placed in the National State Historical Registrar.

Washington County: Transfer Station has received an interest in purchasing said station.

Public Discussion opened at 7:45 p.m.

Gene Ouderkirk, Clay Hill Rd., Fort Ann, NY commented on the Fort Ann Rescue Squad; Pilot Knob emergencies will be by the Fort Ann Rescue Squad. There is a need for a study on this issue and the decision should be on the best for the people.

Resolution No.: 2012-053 was introduced by Mr. Dunlop and seconded by Mr. Burch for the Town of Fort Ann to draft a letter to the Fort Ann Rescue Squad rejecting the proposed change to dispatch for the Pilot Knob area until the Town has had time to respond, in writing, to the said Rescue Squad.

Discussion followed: A question on if the Fort Ann Rescue Squad has a fire call and the distance to respond to an emergency was discussed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

Resolution No.: 2012-053 was duly adopted unanimously with the words "in writing" included.

Public Discussion was declared closed at 7:59 p.m.

Motion was introduced by Mr. Burch and seconded by Mr. Dunlop to adjourn at 7:59 p.m.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Total Abstracts: General: \$10,136.33 Highway: \$18,524.09

Respectfully submitted,

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