

Minutes of the regular town board meeting of the town board of Fort Ann held June the 10, 2013 commencing at 7.06 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
Paul Winchell, Supt. of Highways

Recording Secretary: Inez A. Mattison, Deputy Town Clerk

Meeting was called to order at 7.06 P.M. at which time the pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Duane Burch. A moment of silence was held for four of Fort Ann's deceased residents.

A motion was made by Duane Burch, and seconded by Gretchen Starks to accept the minutes of the May meeting. The motion was than declared unanimous.

A correction on page 3 was required before the motion .When referring to Diane as a spokesperson for the Lake Hadlock Association her last name being Moore was not stated. Correction is noted.

The minutes to the May 24th special meeting were accepted by a motion from Gretchen Stark and seconded by Duane Burch.

A motion by Duane Burch to pay the bills was seconded by Bruce Whitney.

Supervisors report: The Town financial statement is now on line. Paper copies are available.

The supervisor received at least 50 phone calls this month and some people are even stopping at her house. The Memorial Day Parade turned out great . There was a lunch at the school afterwards and the kids enjoyed hot dogs and soda

The agreement for the summer recreation program has been signed. A member of the Fort Ann Town Board on June the 15th will receive a great honor. Congratulations Gretchen Stark on being inducted into the soft ball hall of fame.

The board is looking into having the lights on Goodman Road turned off with the exception of the one on the corner. If Golden Goal wishes for them to remain up perhaps the bill may be switched over to their name. They will look into having the bill pro-rated to have them taken down. The number to call at National Grid is 1-800-664-6729.

Public Comment: opened at 7:16

Richard Moore questioned Will the interest on the bond be forwarded to the finances for Hadlock?

Eugene Ouderkirk stated the June 24th financial report on the website Investment account shows it is pro-rated on the annual report as budget item 2401.

Criss Nazitsky commenting on the invasive species said that a non-governmental coalition had started it.

Seven Municipalities around the lake were in support of it. He named Lake George, Warren, and Bolton as a few. All were strongly in favor and he was looking for Fort Ann to add their name to the list of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Eugene Connell asked if there would be an agreement on the Lake Management Services for Lake Hadlock tonight. The Public Comment was closed at 7:22.

There will be no public Hearing tonight as there is no specific subject was reported by the Supervisor.

Reports by Board Committee Members:

The Highway Superintendent: Paul Winchell

A dam in Hogtown broke and it took 30 to 40 loads of fill to fix it. The 5 to 6 inches of rain we've received have made it harder to take care of situations. The debris from the tree at the library will be taken care of after the rain subsides. Mattison Rd. will probably be shut down for a day the last of June so that can be finished repair job also. He is looking into the price for black top for Farley Rd. A contract has been signed with the County for mowing. The superintendent asked if he could go out to bid for a used truck as money had been set aside for one. A resolution was made for the truck purchase was made by Bruce Whitney and seconded by Duane Burch. All were in favor and passed. A resolution was made by Duane Burch for the contract with the county for mowing and was seconded by Bruce Whitney. All were in favor and passed.

The bids will be opened at the next board meeting.

Board Member: Gretchen Stark

The recreation Committee handed out brochures. The W.F.A. Fire Aux sold strawberry shortcakes and the Seniors had a food sale. In the future the committee needs to publicize the event more. The beach permit has arrived. The beach is expected to be opened by the last week in June. Sarah Callahan introduced Heather Cox who has volunteered to help run the summer recreation.

Board Member: Al Dunbar

As permission to proceed by the state has been given, we should go out for bids for the pavilion and the Gazebo, and then hold a special meeting a week before the regular monthly meeting to discuss bids.

A discussion followed about reusing the last newspaper ad and leaving out the bid for the picnic tables.

Eugene Ouderkirk volunteered to do this and also change the date the bids are due to Friday.

June 28th at 10:00 A.M... A motion by Al Dunlop and seconded by Bruce Whitney that the Town Board meet on July 1st at 6:30 P.M. to open bids was made and was approved by all. It was noted that no late bids will be accepted.

No Historical Report was available.

New Business:

In regard to a fertilizer law for the Town of Fort Ann, it has gone to the attorneys. They do not want to rush it. It would require a SEQRA form and a public hearing. Bruce Whitney was in favor of the law but was not sure how the town could enforce it.

Criss Nazitsky said there was a decline in the water quality of Lake George, and that was the reason that people need to be educated. Gretchen Stark supported that fact but was still hesitant about a law.

Duane Burch commented that the D.E.C. needed to have input into this and we should proceed slowly, but still educate

In the Lake Management agreement there was a type o mistake which showed that the retainer was 4500 dollars and it was corrected to 4000.

Gretchen will sign the agreement. Al Dunlop motioned to accept the correction and Bruce Whitney seconded it. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

The Richardson Pond weed is bad right now. There will be a public hearing in July and a report in August. Gretchen and Duane will report to the Supervisor on this issue.

A resolution moved by Al and seconded by Gretchen for the Supervisor to sign the Memorandum regarding Aquatic Species Prevention was accepted unanimously.

Eugene Connell said red and green buoys were needed for Lake Hadlock and wanted to know who pays and who orders? The Town does not pay sales tax, a motion by Duane Burch for the town to buy the buoys was seconded by Bruce Whitney, all were in favor and passed.

Al Dunbar announced that effective tonight he was resigning from the town board. He will however continue to work on the Park to see it through. Duane Burch made the motion for Al to continue to work with Gene Ouderkirk and the motion was seconded Bruce Whitney. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The supervisor reported that after a town audit the results over all were that the towns financial state was properly accounted for.

Correspondence: The beach permit came and was given to Gretchen

Leslie Barker asked for an increase in the fee for building application package. The fee would go from \$ 5.00 to \$ 25.00. A motion was made by Gretchen Stark to increase the fee and was seconded by Al Dunlop. It was approved by Duane Burch and Supervisor Darlene Dumas, and was approved. Bruce Whitney did not approve. Reason being investors are town property owners and Fort Ann does not have a lot of big industries looking to build. Howard Dennison and Tom Jarrett felt it was not unreasonable based on what adjacent towns charge. \$ 900.00 was received from the county for the youth Commission

The attorneys Matt Fuller and Jeff Meyer have left the firm of FitzGerald Morris Baker Firth

They have decided to go into business for themselves. Matt and Jeff will still be the attorneys for the Planning Board.

The county is working on the invasive species issue.

June 15th is the county property tax sale held at the Kingsbury Fire House at 10:00 A.M.

Public Discussion: 8:20 P.M.

Richard Moore spoke of the Hadlock Dam Breach decisions. He asked the Supervisor what law have you been referring to as he did not have an answer to his questions. His letter to Attorney John Aspland had no reply, His own attorney wrote to the Supervisor. Mr. Moore wanted to know where is the 300,000 dollar grant. He noted that Attorney Asplands bills were \$204,000.

Were the loans for the dam and Goodman Rd. consolidated in the 2011 bans? And can the Supervisor meet with the Hadlock people?

Her response was yes in two weeks.

Howard Denison asked for a lap top for the planning board and the Supervisor said she would check into it. Bruce Whitney answered his questions about the missing projector he expressed concern over at the May meeting .It has been located in an office in the building.

Public Discussion ended at 8:39

Gretchen Stark made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Al Dunlop, all in favor and was passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Inez A. Mattison, Deputy Town Clerk

Town of Fort Ann, New York

Dated: June 10, 2013

Total Abstracts: GENERAL \$35,840.94 HIGHWAY: \$ 19,106.19