

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD  
DECEMBER 09<sup>TH</sup>, 2013 COMMENCING AT 7:06 P.M.

Present: DARLENE Z. DUMAS, SUPERVISOR  
DUANE A. BURCH, COUNCILMAN  
BRUCE K. WHITNEY, COUNCILMAN  
GRETCHEN R. STARK, COUNCILWOMAN  
DENNIS FLETCHER, COUNCILMAN

OTHERS PRESENT: HELEN DENNO, CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO THE  
SUPERVISOR

ABSENT: PAUL WINCHELL, SUPT. OF HIGHWAYS

RECORDING SECRETARY: INEZ A. MATTISON, TOWN CLERK

Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Duane Burch and a moment of silence was held for five deceased residents of Fort Ann.

There were no corrections to last month's minutes. A motion to accept them was made by Councilwoman Stark and second by Councilman Fletcher. The Motion was accepted unanimously by the board. Councilman Burch made the motion to pay the bills; his motion was second by Councilwoman Stark. The motion was accepted unanimously by the board.

Supervisors report: Supervisor Dumas stated she had received around 35 phone calls this month.

She has received an e-mail from the Chazon Company who was doing a report on the elevation levels of Hadlock Dam. It is still being reviewed but Thursday they are sending out the report.

There is no public Hearing Tonight.

The Public Comment agenda began at 7:11. Councilman Burch and Whitney used this time to express their appreciation to the Fort Ann Residents for the opportunity they had been given to be on the town Council and thanked them for this experience.

Councilwoman Stark thanked Eugene Ouderkirk for his work on the Water Park. She remarked it was a great job. His reply was, it was a great privilege. She also stated that she had a couple of grants in mind for February. She reminded everyone that January 11th, was the fishing derby at Hadlock Pond. There will be prizes awarded, a bon fire, and Ice fishing demonstration. The time is set for 6:00 A.M. till 1 in the afternoon.

Councilman Fletcher spoke on the abandon property on Morgans Lane. He is concerned that it is left unsecured and being neglected for four years takes away from surrounding properties. Maybe citizens could make the bank aware of this and things would be taken care of.

Dennis also reported that while walking his dog with a lease on Morgan's Lane, it was attacked by a Pitt-bull and a Saint Bernard. It was reported to the Dog Warden with no response.

Supervisor Dumas thanked the board for their comments. She remarked that there would be no Historical report tonight. She said she had three resolutions to submit to the board for their approval or disapproval.

The first Resolution #48 authorizing the town attorneys to draw up a resolution to the state requesting the States approval in removing three parcels from the Hadlock District after all legal issues have been resolved . The resolution was moved by Dennis Fletcher and second by Duane Burch and was approved unanimously.

Resolution # 49 is to send R.F P.s for the attorney for the town. The resolution was moved by Dennis Fletcher and second by Duane Burch. It was approved unanimously by the board.

Resolution # 50 The resolution was for the town to send out R.F.P.s for an attorney for the Planning Board. This resolution was move by Gretchen Stark and second by Duane Burch. It was approved unanimously by the board.

New Business: The Board gave its approval to wave the public hearing for Chris Tyler and his wife as they purchased a new Mobil home to replace an existing older one and wish to have the new one moved back further on their property on Dewey's Bridge Rd. It has the approval of the planning board. The motion to wave the public meeting was offered by Bruce Whitney, second by Dennis Fletcher and approved by the board.

Sherif Jeff Murphy in a letter to the Supervisor reported he felt that the speed limit in the village line that is 40 to 55 miles an hour is a big danger to the kids as the school is very close and some have to cross the road.

The Dog Control Inspection was not a good report. It stated that a Vet was not called for an injured dog. It will be re- inspected in 30 days.

The basic star tax application must be re-registered by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

There is a meeting Wednesday night at 4:30 at the Rescue Squad hosted by Steve La Mere on the M.O.U. (memorandum of Understanding) on environmental Services. The information provided by Lycott on "the chances of success for vegetation", and the recommendations. A motion was made for the Supervisor to sign the M.O.U. with LaMere by Gretchen Stark and was second by Dennis Fletcher and was voted yes by the rest of the board.

Public Discussion was opened at 7:42 P.M. Debbie Camarota provided an update on the Blossom Cemetery. She was given access to all the deeds and lists of properties. They have raised \$500. For fencing. The fencing is to be provided by Walkers. The full cost is \$1200. The group is planning on fund raisers.

Richard Moore asked, if of the 23% liability on the dam issue had there been any settlement of the claims. He commented NYMIR denies coverage for upstate claims which amounted to \$800,000. He wanted to know if a declaratory judgment had been filed against them.

A statement was made about the trees on Route 149 on the right of the R.V. Park and if the town should cut them to alleviate traffic problems. They were told the trees were on private property. They were also concerned a traffic light should be installed and were told that this is a state highway and the town had no authority. This is a matter for the D.O.T. The Supervisor said she would make some calls with these concerns however.

The town Justice James Richardson thanked Duane Burch and Bruce Whitney for their loyalty and their work as Town Board Members. The Public Discussion was closed at 8:06 P.M.

Bruce Whitney wanted to make two resolutions.

Resolution # 51 Bruce moved the resolution to renovate the town clerk's office. It was second by Duane Burch. After discussion by board members as to the timing and the priority because of other more important maintenance issues that should be looked at, it was not approved by the remaining members of the board.

Resolution #52 Bruce Whitney moved the resolution that the town pay for the training for the town clerk to go to in January, and the cost being \$150.00 as well as conference in April in Saratoga Springs. This resolution was modified as there is money in the clerks budget to take care of this.

The motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Gretchen Stark and second by Dennis Fletcher. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

General: \$ 18,016.80

Highway: 84,774.24

Respectfully Submitted

Inez A. Mattison, Town Clerk