

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING HELD AT TOWN HALL,  
OCTOBER 21, 2014 COMMENCING AT 2:10 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Darlene Z. Dumas  
Councilwoman Gretchen R. Stark  
Councilman Howard Denison  
Councilman Floyd Varney  
Councilwoman Deborah Witherell

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor, Helen Denno, Town Clerk, Barbara J. Winchell, Town of Fort Ann Highway Superintendent, Paul Winchell, Dave Dumas, Gene Connell

Motion was introduced by Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilwoman Stark, to pay the bills as warranted and audited.

The following was published in the Post Star on October 15, 2014:

**TOWN OF FORT ANN  
NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the preliminary budget for the Town of Fort Ann, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015, has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk, 80 George St., Fort Ann, New York where it is available for inspection by any interested person at all reasonable hours.

Further notice is hereby given that the Fort Ann Town Board will conduct a public hearing on the proposed budget at the Fort Ann Town Hall, 80 George St., Fort Ann New York on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. Any persons may be heard in favor of or against the preliminary budget as compiled or for any item or items therein contained.

Further notice is given that pursuant to Section 113 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following town officers are hereby specified as follows:

Supervisor	- \$13,260.00
Town Clerk	- \$26,000.00
Hwy Superintendent	- \$52,277.00
Town Council (4)	- \$ 2,888.50
Tax Collector	- \$ 8,078.00
Town Justice	- \$14,138.00

Further notice is given that pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 495, The Exemption report that shows total assessed value on the final assessment roll which shows how much of the total assessed value on the final assessment roll used in the budget process is exempt from taxation is on file with the Preliminary 2015 budget.

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Supervisor Dumas called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Supervisor Dumas opened the meeting with explaining the budget process and today's public hearing will not close until the November 10, 2014 meeting at 7:00 p.m. to give the public an opportunity to speak.

Supervisor Dumas stated she received a 2% increase and wanted to thank the Town Board members.

In order to conserve funds in 2015 time will be limited as to how much part-time clerks will work to support the Town Clerk, Town Tax Collector and Court Clerk.

There has been a \$1,500.00 allocation for clerical support to Supervisor Dumas for a couple of hours a week, when needed.

The annual amount given to the American Legion has increased slightly.

A new account was created for someone to be hired in 2015 to work 20 hours a week for 16 weeks for upkeep at cemeteries.

Our budget right now is under the 2% cap which is the fiscally responsible thing to do.

Supervisor Dumas opened the public hearing at 2:20 p.m. and reminded everyone this was the opportunity for the public to speak that the town board members to listen.

Mr. Skip Bearor asked a question on a county level, out of curiosity, where is the money from the sale of the transfer stations and Pleasant Valley Infirmary?

Councilwoman Witherell thought it should be mentioned that Judge Richardson could not stay for the public hearing but approached the Town Board before the meeting to state that he really wants to see he and the Court Clerk receive the 5% increase that was asked for.

With no other comments Supervisor Dumas declared the public hearing was recessed at 2:25 p.m. until 11/10/14 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn today's meeting was made by Councilman Varney, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell.

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Barbara J. Winchell, Town Clerk

Dated: October 27, 2014

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