

TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

August 19, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Florida Town Board was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Eric Mead. Also present for the meeting were Councilman Alikonis, Councilman Robataille, Councilman Rackowski, Attorney Deborah Slezak, and Town Clerk Emily Staley. Councilman Ronald Phillips was absent.

Councilman Robataille led the salute to the flag.

Motion by Councilman Robataille and seconded by Councilman Alikonis to accept the Agenda; all in favor and passed.

Motion by Supervisor Mead and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to approve and accept minutes of July 15, 2019 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Announcements:

- Nothing at this time.

Engineering:

- Bills are coming in for the Salt Shed construction.

Attorney:

- 3 Contracts to authorize GAR to prepare the court ready appraisals for Cranesville Block, Target, Ahmed Shah, LDM Management. Each property needs a full appraisal for court. Councilman Alikonis asked if all of this information hasn't already been compiled from the revaluation of town properties. Attorney Slezak explained that the information needed for court is more thorough with the data broken down farther. The Target appraisal fee is the most expensive. Attorney Slezak pointed out that the appraisal could very well win the court case since the backbone of the case is based on the properties appraised value. Councilman Robataille wants to allow GAR to do the appraisals. Supervisor Mead said he would contact Dave Barnett of GAR and speak to him about a possible meeting to discuss the cost of the appraisals.

Planning and Zoning:

- The abandoned parcel across from Greene Trucking on Route 5S has been mowed by the Highway Department. Steve Anderson will leave the bill with the Clerk for passing on.
- Paul Slansky spoke to the Town Board about the issue of business putting signs up around Town and then not wanting to take them down. Paul asked for permission to remove the signs on his own if he reaches out and gives the owners notice and they don't comply. Attorney Slezak said she could draw up an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance in regards to this.

Building Maintenance:

- The new fence and slide gates were installed around the Highway Garage and dump station by Borderline. The wainscoting inside the hall is going to be fixed also. It has begun to pull away from the wall. Supervisor Mead asked Borderline to look at the ceiling as well around the a/c units. He noticed staining around one of the units. Steve Anderson will ask them about fireproofing the door between the kitchen and hall.
- Steve Anderson asked what options were available to replace the sign out front as it is falling apart.
- The urinal in the men's room is still not working. The handle gets stuck and then the water runs constantly until it runs the well dry if not noticed. New flush handle is needed. The injector is still needed for the pump down in the basement also.

Highway:

- Salt Shed construction is under way. Getting ready to pour concrete and set posts. \$660,000 is the total cost; \$450,000 is reimbursable through the grant. Budget amendment next month to cover the rest of the cost.

- Work is still not finished on McKinney Road. The paving done on Langley, Shellstone and Hartley Roads is not very smooth.
- Councilman Alikonis asked about an article he read in Towns and Topics regarding switching lights to LED to save money. He asked if the lighting in Fort Hunter could be changed over. Supervisor Mead pointed out that National Grid owns the poles and permission may have to be granted by them. Attorney Slezak asked Harold if he could bring the magazine to the next meeting.

Water and Sewer:

- Chlorine analyzers need to be done. Steve will ask about setting up a contract or a schedule for regular maintenance.
- Did water testing on water in the tank and it did not pass. The tank needs to be clean and a mixer installed. Prime AE designed one for the city of Amsterdam. It was the Board's agreement to clean the tank and install a mixer.

Youth:

- Clerk Staley informed the Board that the playground grant has been resubmitted for 2019/2020. An answer will not be known until December.

Veterans:

- Nothing at this time.

Old Business:

- Nothing at this time.

New Business:

1. **RESOLUTION #56** sponsored by Councilman Guy Robataille and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski authorizing Supervisor Eric Mead to sign the Cooperative Land Management Agreement on behalf of the Town of Florida with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. All in favor and passed.

Public Comment opened at 7:28pm.

No one from the public spoke.

Public Comment closed at 7:29pm.

MOTION by Councilman Robataille to audit and pay the monthly bills was seconded by Councilman Alikonis; all in favor and passed.

MOTION by Councilman Rackowski to approve the Supervisor's Report was seconded by Councilman Robataille; all in favor and passed.

MOTION By Supervisor Mead and seconded by Councilman Alikonis to enter into Executive Session @ 7:35pm; all in favor and passed.

MOTION by Councilman Rackowski to adjourn was seconded by Supervisor Mead; all in favor and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Staley
Town Clerk