

TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

April 19, 2021

7:00pm

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 Harold Alikonis, Councilman Matthew Gogis, Councilman Steve Rackowski, Councilman Guy Robataille, Attorney Deb Slezak and Town Clerk Emily Staley.

Councilman Matthew Gogis led the salute to the flag.

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

Motion by Councilman Guy Robataille and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to accept the minutes from the March 15, 2021 Public Hearing; Local Law #1 of 2021

Motion by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to approve and accept minutes of the March 15, 2021 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Announcements:

- Removing the recycling will now be charged. It has been free. The cost may be \$72.40/ton. This impacts the Town's budget and other budgets in the County.

Assessor:

- The attorney for Ahmed Shah has withdrawn his grievance.
- The tentative roll is getting ready for printing. Lisa will begin having hours for inspection of the roll in May.
- Holding grievance day in person. If there are not many people she would like to utilize the courtroom. Social distancing practices will be followed.

Engineering:

- Nothing at this time.

Attorney:

- Ahmed Shah did not have all of his information ready for court so Attorney Slezak filed a motion to dismiss and Mr. Shah's attorney said that he would write a letter to withdraw and he did.
- A 3rd letter was mailed to Josephine Schaufelburg with no response so Deb will be issuing a letter to appear in court.
- An opinion letter needs to be written regarding the grant for the new park going next to the Veteran's Memorial Park. The original abstract of title and title insurance is missing. Town Clerk will look one more time through all the old files and then a new one will be ordered.
- Moving forward with getting the title for the land for the new fire station. Just waiting for MCIDA to do their part.
- The Oathouts want to buy a parcel of land down in Lost Valley that is owned by the Town. Due to Local Law of 2001 other land cannot be sold due to being in the flood plain. Attorney Slezak said the deed for the property is a quit claim deed which means it is not guaranteed against defects in the title search. Town is liable for any issues that may arise if anyone claims the land belongs to them. Same kind of deed would be given to the Oathouts should the Town decide to sell it to them. Attorney Slezak will research if it needs to go to referendum or just Board Resolution.

Planning and Zoning:

- No change in the Schaufelberg property on Langley Road. The Frolke property taxes are paid in full. Attorney Slezak asked Paul for all the information on this that he has. Chuck Dumblewski has shown interest in buying the property as well.
- Paul informed the Town Board that he received an application from Ms. Marjorie Heacock to the Planning Board to have a Special Permit to build a second house on her property. Attorney Slezak let him know that Ms. Heacock needs to go to the ZBA. Councilman Rackowski asked Paul to check on Hartley Road; more garbage is being left. Councilman Rackowski also asked to have the DiManno situation on Snooks Corners Road moved to the attorney for review.

Building Maintenance:

- Highway Superintendent, Steve Anderson informed the Town Board that it will be approximately 400' to run wire to the new LED sign. It would be better to be able to use the sign wirelessly, that it will not work properly with that length of wire. Power will be brought from the concession stand out to the sign. Gene Bargstedt will dig the holes for the posts.
- Steve is waiting for quotes to come back for the gutters.
- Supervisor Mead stated that he would like to meet with Steve Anderson at the Town office building to go over some maintenance issues that need to be taken care of. Supervisor Mead would also like to bring in an engineer/builder to do an assessment as well. The dump shed also needs to be either repaired or replaced.

Highway:

- Roads are swept and shoulders are built up. Councilman Alikonis asked about Peck Road and Steve informed him that is a County Road. The cracked windshield is fixed; the office computer is installed.
- Planning on putting down a sub-base in the salt shed now that most of the sand/salt is gone.

Water and Sewer:

- Sewer is good; no issues.
- Water main broke before the "T" that broke that last time.
- A quote from the engineering firm should be available soon to have the tank disinfected and an agitator installed.

Youth:

- Meet to discuss getting the tennis courts at Ronald Mead Park; as well as the basketball court. Asked if a new shed could be put down at that field as well since the one there is falling apart and has been there for many years. It was also mentioned that there is no working power at the park and is it possible to have power connected. Supervisor Mead will talk with Councilman Rackowski. Hillary Erin Graff-Pongthong will be the new chairperson of the Youth Commission. She replaces Tom Krutz.

Veterans:

- Veteran's Day service is being put together now.
- The Veteran's Committee is working on getting a tank from a museum in NJ. Albert Staley & Dan Wilson went to NJ to see it and are currently working to get the tank here.
- Jeff Stark is going to paint the cannon with apprentices. Sherwin Williams has said they will donate the paint and primer needed.

Old Business:

- Nothing at this time.

New Business:

1. **RESOLUTION #46** sponsored by Councilman Guy Robataille and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis to authorize Deputy Supervisor, Steve Rackowski to sign the Agreement for Control of Grass and Brush on County Highways for the year 2021; all in favor and passed. Supervisor Eric Mead abstained.

Public Comment: Opened at 7:43pm

Steve Brown, Court Justice spoke to the Board regarding the wiring work done for the new security and door lock system. The bill came in at 2 ½ times the estimate. Judge Brown asked for an itemized breakdown of the bill and was not satisfied with what was given back to him. He does not think the bill should be paid before meeting with the installer to talk over each charge. There was more work needed than was initially quoted but not as much as the bill is for. Supervisor Mead said he would welcome a meeting with the installer and Judge Brown to go over the charges.

Public Comment: Closed at 7:51pm

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

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

MOTION by Councilman Matthew Gogis to adjourn was seconded by Councilman Guy Robataille; all in favor and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Emily Staley - Town Clerk