

# TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

May 17, 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 Harold Alikonis led the salute to the flag.

**Motion** by Councilman Guy Robataille and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to accept the Agenda; all in favor and passed.

**Motion** by Councilman Guy Robataille and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis to approve and accept minutes of the April 19, 2021 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

## Committee Reports:

### *Communications & Announcements:*

- There will be primary voting at the Town Hall on June 22 from 6am – 9pm.

### *Assessor:*

- Is the magnet/sign for Lisa's car done? She would really appreciate having some signage to identify her as a Town of Florida employee when she has to visit homes.
- Grievance Day will be held in person May 25<sup>th</sup> 4pm – 8pm in the court room.

### *Engineering:*

- Nothing at this time.

### *Attorney:*

- The issue with Josephine Schaufelberg's son using her property for a working on vehicles and storing vehicles there is going to be moving to court. A summons will be issued in the coming weeks.
- Attorney Slezak sent an explanation to the Town Board regarding the sale of Town owned land to anyone who is interested in purchasing it. There will need to be an appraisal done and the sale has to be posted in the local newspaper for 30 days and at the Town office building. Councilman Alikonis asked about having an auction to get the best price and Attorney Slezak pointed out the land in question is surrounded by 3 parcels of land that are already owned and that really only those 3 landowners would probably be interested in buying the parcel in question. The Board agreed to get an appraisal done and Attorney Slezak will work with the Assessor and Clerk to get the information needed for the June Board Meeting.
- The abstract of title will be ordered for the property that the playground is going to be going on.

### *Planning and Zoning:*

- There are nine (9) new houses going up in the Mohawk Hills development.
- Paul Slansky informed the Board that he went over to the Armer property on Hartley Road and there were two (2) men there cleaning it up. The owners of the chickens running up and down Langley Road are going to put up a fence. There was an issue with a pool install on MacDougall Road and that has been resolved.

### *Building Maintenance:*

- The frame for the sign is up. Waiting for the wiring to be completed.
- An engineer from CT Male met with Steve Anderson at the Town Hall to go over what needs to be updated and repaired.
- Bruce will fix the eaves and the damage at the dump shack and Steve Anderson asked about the repairs to the roof of the concession stand.

### *Highway:*

- Guys are working on culvert pipe replacement and touch-up of the road shoulders.
- Just received notification that CHIPS reimbursement will be three hundred fifty-five thousand dollars (\$355,000). The reimbursement amount has not been raised in years and it needed to be brought up to current costs for road maintenance.

### *Water and Sewer:*

- Eric Pareene dug up the water service for Rick Vertucci since he took a building down on land he bought on Route 5S. Water is shut-off.

*Youth:*

- Tom Krutz mowed a “maze” at Ron Mead Park in Minaville.
- Hillary Erin Graff-Pongthong met with a gentleman who does tennis court resurfacing. He will get a quote back to her but did say that the tennis courts are a complete tear-out and replace. All new drainage is needed etc. Supervisor Mead said part of the study from CT Male includes redoing the basketball and tennis courts at the park.
- Steve Anderson said the concession stand needs to be emptied out. The fryers still have grease in them and the refrigerators are running with minimal food in them.

*Veterans:*

- The wiring is done for the new cameras. A booster has been added to help with picture quality. If anyone wants access let Emily know and she will add names to the list for access.
- Tank was delivered last week. Waiting for the concrete to cure to be able to move it up onto the pad.
- Work on the cannon has been delayed for a bit. Rich Romeo patched the worst spots. The Painter’s Union is going to paint the cannon.
- Still have plans for the placement of the cannon but are holding off on putting anything out for bids until the tank is settled.

*Old Business:*

- Nothing at this time.

*New Business:*

The Town Board interviewed two (2) candidates for the position of Zoning Enforcement Officer, to replace Paul Slansky who is moving into the job of Fire Inspector for the Town. The two (2) candidates were; Bill Gilston and Matt Bearcroft. Both showed great aptitude for the job. Only one candidate holds all the certificates of training from NYS to be a Code Enforcement Officer and that person is Matt Bearcroft. The Board agreed that having the certificates is a positive for hiring someone and agreed to offer the position to Matt Bearcroft.

**MOTION** by Councilman Matt Gogis and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis to add Matt Bearcroft’s name to **RESOLUTION #50**. All in favor and passed.

1. **RESOLUTION #47** sponsored by Councilman Guy Robataille and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to remove Paul Slansky, 254 Main Street, Fort Hunter from the appointed position of Town of Florida Code Enforcement Officer, effective Monday, May 17, 2021; all in favor and passed.
2. **RESOLUTION #48** sponsored by Supervisor Eric Mead and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to remove George King, 167 Queen Anne Road, Amsterdam as Town of Florida Fire Inspector effective immediately due to his retirement from the position; all in favor as passed.
3. **RESOLUTION #49** sponsored by Councilman Steve Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Guy Robataille to appoint Paul Slansky, 254 Main Street, Fort Hunter as Town of Florida Fire Inspector for the remainder of the year 2021, and effective Monday, May 17, 2021; all in favor and passed.
4. **RESOLUTION #50** sponsored by Councilman Guy Robataille and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to appoint Matt Bearcroft, 259 Log City Road, Amsterdam as Town of Florida Code Enforcement Officer for the remainder of the year 2021, and effective Monday, May 17, 2021; all in favor and passed.

*Public Comment:* Opened at 7:43pm

Mark Quiri, Queen Anne Road informed the Board that the guardrail on the corner of Fort Hunter Road and Queen Anne makes it very hard to turn right out of Queen Anne without swinging out into the other lane. Could this be fixed? Supervisor Mead stated that this is on the County DPW’s list of things to re-configure and it will be done this season.

*Public Comment:* Closed at 7:45pm

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

**MOTION** by Councilman Matthew Gogis to approve the Supervisor’s Report was seconded by Councilman Guy Robataille; all in favor and passed.

**MOTION** by Councilman Matthew Gogis to adjourn was seconded by Supervisor Mead; all in favor and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Emily Staley - Town Clerk