

TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

September 20, 2021

7:00pm

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Florida Town Board; was called to order at 7:26pm a after Public Hearing was held by Supervisor Eric Mead. Also present for the meeting were Councilman Harold Alikonis, Councilman Matthew Gogis, Councilman Steve Rackowski, Councilman Mark Quiri, Attorney Deb Slezak and Town Clerk Emily Staley.

Councilman Matthew Gogis led the salute to the flag.

Motion by Councilman Steve Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to amend the Agenda to add **RESOLUTION #54** authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign the road use agreement with High River Energy; **RESOLUTION #55** SEQRA determination for the Daniel Street re-zone request; **RESOLUTION #56** to discuss and approve/disapprove of the rezone request for Daniel Street; SBL#55.14-2.11; **RESOLUTION #57** to approve a land lease agreement between the Oathouts and the Town of Florida to lease land owned by Town of Florida on Lost Valley Road to the Oathouts; all in favor and passed.

Motion by Councilman Steve Rackowski and seconded by Supervisor Eric Mead to accept the Agenda as amended; all in favor and passed.

Motion by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to approve and accept minutes of the August 16, 2021 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Announcements:

- Supervisor Mead spoke about the tentative Budget for 2022. He asked Board members to review and contact him with any changes or questions. There is no dollar amount in the insurance line as he has not been notified what the premium increase will be. He will be waiting for the water/sewer numbers to come in through November before completing those budget lines. He met with Steve Anderson last week to discuss the Highway budget. Will set a workshop meeting for October if anyone wants to review the budget numbers.
- Clerk Emily Staley updated the Board on her research for an evaluation of the Town's cyber security. She had a quote from USM Solutions for \$2948. Supervisor Mead asked if they have a state contract number; if not we have to get three other quotes. Rudy Horlbeck said he has a contact number for an internet security business out of Albany he will share with Emily.
- Amanda Bearcroft put her resignation in as Secretary/Consultant to the Planning Board as of December 31. Supervisor Mead said that a new Secretary will be needed and either Emily can take the position or they will hire someone new.

Assessor:

- Lisa Jablonski asked the Board if they had a firm answer regarding doing a partial revaluation of the Town. Supervisor Mead said there was nothing on the Agenda for discussion or vote so not at this time.

Engineering:

Supervisor Mead stated that there would be discussion under New Business.

Attorney:

- Target withdrew their Tax Certiorari case.
- The Schaufelburg matter is scheduled to be reviewed by the Court on September 23.
- Abstract for the Town land is in. Amanda Bearcroft spoke with Attorney Slezak and informed her that the land for the park needs to be subdivided off. Attorney Slezak will be speaking with CT Male on Tuesday regarding this.

Planning and Zoning:

- John Sampone said he still needs his computer. Supervisor Mead said he will call Dan Colon and see where it is.

Building Maintenance:

- Steve Anderson informed the Board that the shed at the dump has been repaired and the roof at the pump station will be done this week as well.

Highway:

- Mohr Road is the last road in the Town to be paved. It will not be able to be done for two years.
- Two employees are retiring in 2022; June & July. Both positions are full-time and Steve would like to get people hired and trained before the other ones leave. Open to Town residents first and then to anyone outside the Town. Need a Class B license with air brake endorsement, pass a DOT drug test and physical. Steve will work with the Clerk to get the jobs posted.
- A new truck needs to be ordered now. Delivery of any new trucks is 24 – 30 weeks out if you order by November 1, 2021. Still waiting on the 10 wheeler to be delivered. The cost of a new truck is \$43,392 with a plow. Sold the other truck for \$38,000 at auction earlier this year so it will cost around \$6,000 for the new truck. The Board agreed Steve can place the order.

Water and Sewer:

- The quote for a new sewer pump was incorrect last month. It was quoted as \$10,036 and the cost is actually \$11,189. This is needed as a spare pump because there currently is not a spare available. To fix the other pump it will cost \$7,992 and a new pump costs \$13,181 and there are two pumps to a pit. The pumps that are there currently are the original pumps and they are well over 10 years old. The Board decided that new pumps should be ordered.
- Steve needs to meet with the engineers regarding issues found with the water tank after cleaning.

Youth:

- Halloween will be a truck or treat again this year in the Village of Minaville. Working with the Fire Department and church to get people across Route 30 safely. It will take place from 4:30pm to 6:30pm on October 30, 2021.

Veterans:

- The tank will be pressure washed this week and painted by the painter's union apprentices on September 25.
- Cannon is painted and the Veteran's Park Committee will begin the process of getting bids for the work to place the cannon at the Veteran's Memorial Park. Working on the informational display as well. The rock at the point in Minaville will be moved as well and placed on a footing. Todd at Letter Memorial said he would polish up the plaque that is attached to the rock.

Old Business:

Nothing at this time

New Business:

1. **RESOLUTION #54** sponsored by Councilman Mark Quiri and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to authorize Supervisor Eric Mead to sign the Road Use and Crossing Agreement for a solar generating facility in the Town of Florida. This agreement is required under Article 10. Attorney Deborah Slezak reviewed and approved the agreement as well; all in favor and passed.
2. **RESOLUTION #55** sponsored by Councilman Steve Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri approving the determination that the proposed Zone Amendment on Daniel Street will have no significant adverse impact on the environment, and, therefore, an environmental impact statement will not need to be prepared; a negative declaration is issued; Attorney Deborah Slezak read part I & II during the meeting; All in favor and passed.
3. **RESOLUTION #56** sponsored by Supervisor Eric Mead and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri to approve the Zone Amendment request by Bohler Engineering on behalf of Structure Development for Daniel Street SBL# 55.14-2-11 to change the parcel from R1 to IBP; all in favor and passed.

Roll call:

Councilman Gogis	Aye
Councilman Rackowski	Aye
Councilman Alikonis	Aye
Councilman Quiri	Aye
Supervisor Mead	Aye

Adopted: 4 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions

Discussion regarding the Zone Amendment was had before the approval. Councilman Mark Quiri asked if they couldn't use the R&L Carrier building that is currently empty and for sale. The use for the building is not the same. Don't need the docks for deliveries. Will not be doing engine or motor work; mostly suspension and paint. No vehicles to the back of the building; may have vehicles on display out

in front of the building and the plan is to plant a berm of trees to the back and side of the building to assist with blocking the neighbor's view of the building. Lighting will be primarily to the front and sides of the building but no lighting to the rear and noise should be at a reasonable level for a business such as this. Performance work is not a regular occurrence; it can happen on occasion but most of the work is body work. The property is owned by Matt; not seeking approval before purchase. Still have to go through Planning Board approvals so the Zone Amendment is only the first of many steps to be completed. The Town Board was declared Lead Agency for SEQRA at last meeting.

4. **RESOLUTION #57** sponsored by Councilman Steve Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to authorize Supervisor Eric Mead to sign a lease agreement with the Oathout family of Lost Valley for land owned by the Town of Florida SBL# 117.9-1-12 in Lost Valley along Pond Road. Attorney Deborah Slezak will provide the lease documents when finished; all in favor and passed.

Public Comment: Opened at 8:21pm

Michael Soto, 245 Main Street Fort Hunter – issue with the drainage in front of his house. Supervisor Mead explained to him that is a County issue and they are waiting for the supplies to come in and then to have the main power available to get the work done. It is on the schedule to be done.

Public Comment: Closed at 8:25pm

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

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

MOTION by Councilman Matthew Gogis to adjourn was seconded by Supervisor Eric Mead; all in favor and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Emily Staley - Town Clerk