

TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

December 20, 2021

7:00pm

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Florida Town Board; was called to order at 7:03pm by Deputy Supervisor Steve Rackowski. Also present for the meeting were Councilman Matthew Gogis, Councilman Mark Quiri, and Town Clerk Emily Staley. Supervisor Eric Mead and Councilman Harold Alikonis were absent.

Councilman Mark Quiri led the salute to the flag.

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

Motion by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri to accept the minutes from the Public Hearings held for Local Laws #2 & #3 of 2021 held on December 20, 2021 at 6:45pm; all in favor and passed.

Motion by Councilman Mark Quiri and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to approve and accept minutes of the November 15, 2021 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Announcements:

- Bill VanGorder from NBT Insurance was present to go over the Town's insurance coverage through NYMIR.

Assessor:

- Nothing at this time.

Engineering:

- Nothing at this time.

Attorney:

- Nothing at this time.

Planning and Zoning:

- Lisa Jablonski and Emily Staley asked the Board how to deal with people calling for information on a property on the corner of Merry Road and Peck Road. The current owners have a travel trailer on the premises that needs to be removed per a Zoning Board of Appeals motion and agreement and potential buyers keep calling the Assessor's and Clerk's offices asking for a work around. Aside from the Zoning Enforcement Officer can they reach out to Attorney Slezak for a solution?
- Paul Slansky, Fire Inspector, gave report on his fire inspections in the Town. He visited the former Strevy Apartments and met with the head of maintenance. Aside from missing some fire extinguishers the building passed inspection. There was a small structure fire at Cady Company on Route 161. Someone had left an electrical heating unit plugged in and the outlet burned out.

Building Maintenance:

- Nothing at this time.

Highway:

- Both new Highway employees started. Christian Furman has been out with Don Schaufelberg and Mike Taberski has been out with Jim Kietzmann.
- The grader was sold for \$4,500.
- The new tractor from United Ag & Turf will be in sometime in June.

Water and Sewer:

- New sewer pump is in. Alarms are working. Waiting for hydrant parts to come in.

Youth:

- Visit with Santa had 104 kids. Small group sessions were done. Had crafts, snacks and time with Santa. A survey for future activities was done and the most popular thing was skiing and tubing for the winter.
- The City of Amsterdam has an ice rink at Veteran's Field on Locust Avenue.
- Looking to have a Youth Advisory Board and also for a few members to replace the three that resigned the end of the year.

Veterans:

- Waiting to finalize the plan for the placement of the cannon. The rock is now in the Highway garage.
- Planning for a Super Bowl Sunday sub sale. Sausage and peppers, meatball and steak subs with sides.

Old Business:

Nothing at this time.

New Business:

1. **RESOLUTION #72** sponsored by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri, to appoint Jayme King, 177 Sulphur Springs Road, Amsterdam to the Board of Assessment Review for the Town of Florida for a term of five (5) years to begin immediately and end on September 30, 2026; all in favor and passed.
2. **RESOLUTION #73** sponsored by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri to set a Special Meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 4th 2022 at 5:45pm, to discuss Town Clerk's hours of operation, at 214 Fort Hunter Road; all in favor and passed.
3. **RESOLUTION #74** sponsored by Councilman Mark Quiri and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to set the Organizational Meeting for the year 2022 to be held on Tuesday, January 4th 2022 at 6:00pm at 214 Fort Hunter Road; all in favor and passed.
4. **RESOLUTION #75** to accept the Justice Court Audit performed by Rebecca Countertermine, of Elma's Tax Service, for both Justice Stephen M. Brown and Justice Louis P. Carleo III will be moved to the January 17th Meeting Agenda for consideration. Councilman Matthew Gogis would need to abstain from voting and therefore a vote cannot be called.

Public Comment: Opened at 7:48pm

No one from the public commented.

Public Comment: Closed at 7:49pm

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

MOTION by Councilman Matthew Gogis 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 Councilman Mark Quiri; all in favor and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Emily Staley - Town Clerk