

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF FLORIDA
January 4, 2021

The Organizational Meeting of the Town of Florida Town Board was called to order at 6:00pm by Supervisor Mead. Also present for the meeting were Councilman Harold Alikonis, Councilman Steve Rackowski and Town Clerk Emily Staley. Councilman Robataille and Councilman Matthew Gogis were absent.

RESOLUTION #1

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO FILE THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Rackowski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Supervisor is authorized to file the Annual Financial Report with the State and that the Board accepts this as the report to the Town.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Alikonis and carried.

RESOLUTION #2

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

RESOLUTION BY Supervisor Mead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Recorder is established as the official newspaper for the Town of Florida, for the year 2021, in which all legal notices and news items will be published.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Alikonis and carried.

RESOLUTION #3

RESOLUTION SETTING THE MEETING NIGHT

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Rackowski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the third Monday of each month will be the regular Town Board meeting night and the meeting will commence at 7:00 PM.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Alikonis and carried.

RESOLUTION #4

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH DEPOSITORIES

RESOLUTION BY Supervisor Mead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following depositories for the Town funds be established which enables the Town Officials, Clerk, Justices and Supervisor to utilize the services of NBT Bank.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Alikonis and carried.

RESOLUTION #5

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO INVEST IDLE FUNDS

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Alikonis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Supervisor is authorized to invest idle town funds according to the pre-established investment policy.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Rackowski and carried.

RESOLUTION #6

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO DEPOSIT MONEY INTO AN INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNT

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Rackowski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Tax Collector is authorized to deposit moneys into an interest bearing account in a NY State approved bank per the resolution passed by the County.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Alikonis and carried.

RESOLUTION #7

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR AND THE TAX COLLECTOR TO UTILIZE DATA PROCESSING

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Alikonis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Supervisor and the Tax Collector are authorized to use the services of Montgomery County Data Processing Department for tax collection, as well as water and sewer bills for the year 2021.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Rackowski and carried.

RESOLUTION #8

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING BOARD OF HEALTH

RESOLUTION BY Supervisor Mead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Board of the Town of Florida is the Board of Health and that Matthew Gogis is the President and Emily Staley is the Secretary of said board.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Alikonis and carried.

RESOLUTION #9

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Rackowski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Deborah Slezak of Cioffi, Slezak and Wildgrube of Schenectady, NY be appointed as attorney for the Town of Florida for the year 2021.

The Resolution was seconded by Supervisor Mead and carried.

RESOLUTION #10

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Alikonis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Emily Staley, 489 Youngs Corners Road, Amsterdam, NY is appointed Registrar of Vital Statistics for the year 2021.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Rackowski and carried.

RESOLUTION #11

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Alikonis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Lisa Jablonski, 593 Youngs Corners Road, Amsterdam, NY is appointed Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for the year 2021.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Rackowski and carried.

RESOLUTION #12

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Rackowski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT John Sampone, 798 Langley Road, Amsterdam, NY is appointed Building Code Enforcement Officer of the Town of Florida to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

The Resolution was seconded by Supervisor Mead and carried.

RESOLUTION #13

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ZONING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Rackowski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Paul Slansky, 254 Main Street, Fort Hunter, NY is appointed Zoning Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Florida to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Alikonis and carried.

RESOLUTION #14

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT HISTORIAN

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Alikonis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Timothy Sievers, 110 Abraham Road, Amsterdam, NY is appointed Town Historian for the year 2021.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Rackowski and carried.

RESOLUTION #15

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT TOWN OFFICIAL TO OVERSEE THE YOUTH

RESOLUTION BY Supervisor Mead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councilman Rackowski is appointed as a Special Committee to oversee the Youth Recreation Commission.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Alikonis and carried.

RESOLUTION #16

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AN ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Rackowski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Keith Rackowski, 292 Fort Hunter Road, Amsterdam, NY is appointed Animal Control Officer for the Town of Florida for the year 2021.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Alikonis and carried.

RESOLUTION #17

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT BOOKKEEPER

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Rackowski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Sandra Mead, 322 Snooks Corners Road, Amsterdam, NY is appointed Bookkeeper for the Town of Florida for the year 2021.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Alikonis and carried.

RESOLUTION #18

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH SALARIES FOR THE YEAR 2021

RESOLUTION BY Supervisor Mead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the salaries for the year 2021 are as follows:

Town Attorney	Deborah Slezak	\$16,000.00
Supervisor	Eric Mead	\$13,050.00
Bookkeeper	Sandra Mead	\$ 9,200.00
Clerk of Water	Sandra Mead	\$ 1,000.00
Clerk of Sewer	Sandra Mead	\$ 250.00
Councilman (4 each)	Harold Alikonis	\$ 4,125.00
	Steven Rackowski	\$ 4,125.00
	Matthew Gogis	\$ 4,125.00
	Guy Robataille	\$ 4,125.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Emily Staley	\$23,000.00
Deputy Clerk of Water	Emily Staley	\$ 1,000.00
Deputy Clerk of Sewer	Emily Staley	\$ 250.00
Deputy Clerk	Lisa Jablonski	\$14.00 per hr
Town Justice	Steven Brown	\$16,500.00
	Louis Carleo	\$16,500.00
Assessor	Lisa Jablonski	\$ 21,000.00
Highway Superintendent	Steven Anderson	\$51,662.00
Sewer Administrator	Steven Anderson	\$ 3,000.00
Water Administrator	Steven Anderson	\$ 1,000.00
Animal Control Officer	Keith Rackowski	\$ 4,768.00
		Plus \$50.00 per rabies call
Building Code Enforcement Ofcr	John Sampone	\$13,838.00
Zoning Enforcement Officer	Paul Slansky	\$ 6,175.00
Fire Code Inspector		\$ 2,000.00
Historian	Timothy Sievers	\$ 100.00
Health Officer	Dr. Rao	\$ 500.00
Dumpster Attendant	Donald Cooper	\$16.40 per/hr
Court Clerk	Jennifer Phillips	\$20.75 per/hr
Court Clerk PT	Shelly VanMeer	\$15.50 per/hr
Cleaner PT	Patricia Gardner	\$14.35 per/hr
	Tina Anderson	\$14.35 per/hr
Custodian	Bruce Villa	\$17.40 per/hr
Full-Time EMO	Paul Slansky	\$24.27 per/hr
	Gary Auspendmyer	\$24.27 per/hr
	Josh Auspendmyer	\$23.95 per/hr
	James Kietzmann	\$23.95 per/hr
	Donald Schaulfelburg	\$22.72 per/hr
Part-Time EMO		\$17.40 per/hr
Part-Time Laborer		\$17.40 per/hr
Planning Board Chairman	Michael Taylor	\$ 750.00
Planning Board Members (7 each)		\$ 500.00
Secretary/Consultant – Plng Brd	Amanda Bearcroft	\$ 1,000.00

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Rackowski and carried.

RESOLUTION #19

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PAY PERIODS

RESOLUTION BY Supervisor Mead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Board establishes that hourly employees and the Highway Superintendent and Town Clerk and Deputy Clerks are to be paid bi-weekly, and all others are paid monthly, with the exception of the Historian, Health Officer and Planning Board Members.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Rackowski and carried.

RESOLUTION #20

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH MILEAGE RATE FOR TOWN OFFICIALS

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Alikonis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Board establishes the rate of \$0.56 per mile as the reimbursement rate for Town Officials who use their personal vehicles for Town business, with vouchers submitted at least every three months.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Rackowski and carried.

RESOLUTION #21

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWN OFFICIALS TO ATTEND THE ASSOCIATIONS OF TOWNS CONVENTION

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Alikonis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town Officials are authorized to attend the Associations of Towns Convention in New York City in person or virtually.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Rackowski and carried.

RESOLUTION #22

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT ALL DEPARTMENTS NOTIFY THE TOWN BOARD WHEN MAKING EXPENDITURES

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Alikonis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT all Departments are directed to notify the members of the Town Board prior to making any expenditures of an unusual or costly nature, and obtaining the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer. Further be it resolved that the Highway Superintendent is authorized up to \$1000.00.

The Resolution was seconded by Supervisor Mead and carried.

RESOLUTION #23

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO ATTEND SCHOOLING

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Rackowski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Highway Superintendent is authorized to attend one school in June and the Convention in September, as provided in the Budget, as well as the Association of Towns Convention in New York City in February.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Alikonis and carried.

RESOLUTION #24

RESOLUTION APPOINTING RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICER

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Alikonis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Clerk is appointed Records Management Officer for the year 2021.

The Resolution was seconded by Supervisor Mead and carried.

RESOLUTION #25

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

RESOLUTION BY Supervisor Mead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Donald Cooper, 123 Sweet Lane, Amsterdam, is appointed Deputy Town Clerk, and is authorized to collect for charges at the Town Waste Facility. Also that Lisa Jablonski, 593 Youngs Corners Road, Amsterdam, is appointed Deputy Town Clerk to collect Clerk Fees, Taxes and carry the Election materials.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Rackowski and carried.

RESOLUTION #26

RESOLUTION FOR COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Rackowski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following Committees be established:

- Planning & Zoning – Matt Gogis and Eric Mead
- Building Maintenance – Steven Rackowski and Harold Alikonis
- Solid Waste – Eric Mead and Matt Gogis
- Records Management – Guy Robataille and Eric Mead
- Highway Department – Entire Town Board
- Seniors – Matt Gogis and Guy Robataille
- Community & Economic Development – Eric Mead and Steven Rackowski
- Water & Sewer – Entire Town Board
- Labor Negotiations – Harold Alikonis and Steven Rackowski
- Contract Agreements – Guy Robataille and Harold Alikonis
- Youth – Steve Rackowski and Matt Gogis

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Alikonis and carried.

RESOLUTION #27

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPUTY SUPERVISOR

RESOLUTION BY Supervisor Mead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Steven Rackowski is appointed Deputy Supervisor for the year 2021, also given signatory authority for Town Payroll and Town Expenses.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Alikonis and carried.

RESOLUTION #28

RESOLUTION APPOINTING CONTACT PERSON FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING PROGRAM

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Rackowski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Emily Staley, Town Clerk, is appointed Designated Contact Person and Eric Mead, Town Supervisor, Alternate Contact Person for the Drug and Alcohol Testing Program.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Alikonis and carried.

RESOLUTION #29

RESOLUTION APPOINTING HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO OVERSEE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

RESOLUTION BY Supervisor Mead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Steven Anderson, Highway Superintendent is appointed to oversee the buildings and grounds for the Town of Florida with jurisdiction namely for the Main Town Barn and Hall facilities, ball diamonds and fields, dumpsite, as well as the Town of Florida Office Building. He will be responsible for reporting to the Town Board on such.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Rackowski and carried.

RESOLUTION #30

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Alikonis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Rudy Horlbeck, 653 Shellstone Road, Amsterdam, NY is re-appointed as a member of the Planning Board. Term of Office 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2028.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Rackowski and carried.

RESOLUTION #31

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT DEPUTY CLERK OF THE WATER AND SEWER

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Alikonis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Emily Staley is appointed Deputy Clerk of the Water and Sewer, and she is to be compensated \$1,250.00 for this year 2021.

The Resolution was seconded by Supervisor Mead and carried.

RESOLUTION #32

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT CLERK OF THE WATER AND SEWER

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Alikonis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Sandra Mead is appointed Clerk of the Water and Sewer, and she is to be compensated \$1,250.00 for this year 2021.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Rackowski and carried.

RESOLUTION #33

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING BOARD

RESOLUTION BY Supervisor Mead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Michael Taylor, 140 State Highway 5S, Pattersonville, will be Chairman of the Planning Board for the year 2021.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Alikonis and carried.

RESOLUTION #34

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT GARY AUSPELMYER AS DEPUTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Rackowski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Gary Auspelmyer, 126 Devendorf Road, Amsterdam, NY is appointed Deputy Highway Superintendent for the year 2020 and he is to be paid \$20 per week/\$40 per pay period for the year 2021.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Alikonis and carried.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion from Councilman Alikonis and seconded by Supervisor Mead at 6:42pm.