

TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

February 15, 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 and Town Clerk Emily Staley.

Councilman Matthew Gogis 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 Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Guy Robataille to approve and accept minutes of the January 18, 2021 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Announcements:

- Supervisor Mead informed the Board that the grant money for the salt shed was transferred into the Town's account.

Assessor:

- Lisa introduced Jayme King as her nomination for the 3rd BAR member. Jayme gave some background on himself and his experience. The Town Board agreed that he would be a good addition to the BAR and asked him if he would also be interested in serving on the Planning Board. He will stop in to see the clerk when he has a minute.

Engineering:

- Nothing at this time.

Attorney:

- Deb reviewed and updated the Employee Policy. Emily will review and accept the changes and get a clean copy to the Board before the next meeting. Emily will touch base with Sandy regarding the Sexual Harassment training that needs to be done.
- Deb is still communicating with the LaBate's lawyer regarding the sewer issue at their property; still no resolution. It is up to the homeowner to prove there is no failure not the Town's to prove there is.
- Still no response from Schaufelberg on Langley Road regarding the illegal auto salvage business. Deb will send one more letter and then it will be brought to court.
- The Town's appraisal for Ahmed Shah is complete but he has not had one done for himself. The Town will not share their information with him until he has his own all set.
- Deb needs to speak with Eric regarding the sewer use law. Steve informed the Board that since he went door to door to each business there have been no problems with anymore garbage in the pump lines.
- Supervisor Mead would like a local law prohibiting heavy truck traffic on Fort Hunter and Denise Roads in the Town. Tractor trailers going to Dollar General and Target are not using commercial gps devices and this is a safety issue on those roads. In order for the sheriff's office to issue tickets a local law has to be passed and the Town Board can set the fee. The public hearing will be set for next month and Deb will have the law ready for that meeting. Councilman Gogis has a resident who volunteered to count the heavy truck traffic for the next month to give a more accurate count.

MOTION by Councilman Guy Robataille and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to *amend* the Agenda to add **RESOLUTION #40** set Public Hearing for 6:45pm on March 15, 2021 on Local Law #1 of 2021 Prohibiting Heavy Truck Traffic on certain highways in the Town of Florida. All in favor and passed.

MOTION by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis to accept the Agenda as amended. All in favor and passed.

Planning and Zoning:

- Tiemanns on Bean Hill Road are subdividing their land up to give parcels to their children. Most of the land will be given to kids who already have land that abuts the parcels and a couple of parcels are going to children who don't live in the town.

- Councilman Gogis stated that he is going to ask the Planning Board to review the language in the Zoning Ordinance in regards to signs.

Building Maintenance:

- The lights for the refuse site are at the Highway garage. Waiting for the weather to break to install them. Steve asked about a sign to be made listing the holidays the dump is closed also no parking signs in front of the gate. There are issues with people blocking the gate and Don cannot get to the gate to open it without parking in the road. It was discussed making the Highway gate electronic opening so Don could enter through there instead.
- The men's restroom urinal will be fixed in the next week or so. Steve Kirk has the parts.

Highway:

- Steve has a quote from Henderson for a new truck. Waiting for a quote from Tracey.
- Got a price from Larry for a new air compressor. Champion 7.5H \$4,575. Do we have an account with Total Tool or Fastenal? Northern Hydraulics and Grainger also sell compressors.

Water and Sewer:

- No recent pump outs.
- The letter that was sent to the owner of the vehicle who damaged the fire hydrant on Route 5S was returned undeliverable. No other address is available.

Youth:

- There will be a meeting in March.

Veterans:

- Cannon from the point is currently being sandblasted by Rich's Sandblasting in Broadalbin. When that is done, Broadalbin Manufacturing will take it and replace the steel that eroded away from the base and then it will be sent back to sandblasting and then primed and painted. Rudy handed out the rendering to the Town Board that the Veteran's Committee picked as the placement for the cannon. When the construction drawings are done Rudy will bring them to the Board.
- Drive-thru breakfast March 21 from 8am – 12 noon. Tickets are \$8. Egg and cheese sandwich with choice of meat (ham, bacon, sausage), potatoes and coffee and orange juice.

Old Business:

- Employee Policy – Deb added Sexual Harassment protocol. Harold asked about employee evaluations? Eric said he will forward a blank one from the County. The Board wants to see the cleaned up version before making any approvals. It will be put on the April agenda for approval.

New Business:

1. **RESOLUTION #37** sponsored by Councilman Steve Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Guy Robataille to re-appoint Ms. Lee Ann Salisbury, 125 Fort Hunter Road to the Town of Florida Board of Assessment Review for a term to begin on February 15, 2021 and ends on September 30, 2024; all in favor and passed.
2. **RESOLUTION #38** sponsored by Supervisor Eric Mead and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to re-appoint Ms. Cynthia Gaugler, 349 Bean Hill Road, to the Town Florida Board of Assessment Review as Chairwoman for a term to begin on February 15, 2021 and ends September 30, 2025; All in favor and passed.
3. **RESOLUTION #39** sponsored by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to appoint Mr. Jayme King, 177 Sulphur Springs Road to the Town of Florida Board of Assessment Review for a term to begin February 15, 2021 and end September 30, 2026; All in favor and passed.
4. **RESOLUTION #40** sponsored by Councilman Guy Robataille and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to set Public Hearing for Local Law #1 of 2021; Prohibiting Heavy Truck Traffic On Certain Town Roads for Monday, March 15, 2021 at 6:45pm; All in favor and passed.

Public Comment: No public comment.

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

MOTION by Councilman Matthew Gogis to adjourn was seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis; all in favor and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Emily Staley - Town Clerk