

TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

January 17, 2022

7:00pm

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Florida Town Board; was called to order at 7:00 pm by Deputy Supervisor Steve Rackowski. Also present for the meeting were Councilman Harold Alikonis, Councilman Matthew Gogis, Councilman Mark Quiri, Attorney Deb Slezak and Town Clerk Emily Staley. Supervisor Eric Mead was absent.

Councilman Matthew Gogis led the salute to the flag.

Motion by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri to amend the Agenda to add **RESOLUTION #43** to set the Public Hearing to Amend Local Law #2 of 2021 to correct the SBL #55.-2-18 for Monday, February 21, 2022 at 6:45pm; all in favor and passed.

Motion by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri to accept the Agenda as amended; all in favor and passed.

Motion by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri to approve and accept the minutes from the December 20, 2021 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

Motion by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to approve and accept minutes of the January 4, 2022 Special Meeting; all in favor and passed.

Motion by Councilman Mark Quiri and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to accept the 2022 Organizational Minutes from January 4, 2022; all in favor and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Announcements:

- Scott McKay resigned from the Zoning Board of Appeals effective December 31, 2021. Clerk Emily Staley will reach out to the people who expressed interest in the Zoning Enforcement Officer position.

Assessor:

- Lisa explained the order from Governor Hochul regarding senior exemptions and that they can be accepted without seniors having to come in person to turn in paperwork and will not be denied if they don't turn paperwork in. Since all paperwork was mailed before the order was issued the Town Board will take no action to change anything.

Engineering:

- Nothing at this time.

Attorney:

- The Town Justice position in question. Attorney Slezak and Supervisor Mead have a conference call scheduled with Matt Chivers the OCA rep to see what the options are for the seat.
- The court matter for Schaufelberg is set for the upcoming week. Still receiving complaints about cars being moved in and out.
- Discussion over the dedication of the roads in Mohawk Hills Development. Attorney Slezak is still waiting for the letter of release of mortgage and the bond for the top coat. A fence is still needed around the retention pond as well.

Planning and Zoning:

- On-going issue with the property at the corner of Merry & Peck Roads. Attorney Slezak asked Clerk Staley to send her the resolution from the ZBA.

Building Maintenance:

- Need Bruce to salt the walkway at the far entrance.
- The Court requested brighter lights for the front entrance, Steve will look into new lights. He will go to Amsterdam Electric.

Highway:

- Two trucks broke down. One is fixed and one needs a new drive chain.
- Two trucks slide off the road in the ice storm but with no damage or injury.
- Grader was sold and is paid for.

Water and Sewer:

- Water and sewer was just disconnected for two houses on Route 5S.
- A mixer is needed for the water tank. DOH has notified Amsterdam and Clerk Staley will forward the email to the Town Board. Steve brought prices for a mixer for the Board to review. Councilman Alikonis asked for the representative from Barton & Loguidice to come and talk about the options for a mixer.

Youth:

- Nothing at this time.

Veterans:

- Nothing at this time.

Old Business:

- Discussion regarding the Town Clerk's hours and increasing the compensation for an increase in hours. The current hours are 20 hours a week and they would be increased to 32 hours. **Motion** by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Mark Quiri to Amend the Agenda to add **RESOLUTION #44** to set the Public Hearing, for Monday, February 21, 2022 at 6:50pm, to discuss increasing the Town Clerk's salary from \$27,000 to \$38,000; all in favor and passed.

New Business:

1. **RESOLUTION #41** sponsored by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri to accept the Justice Court Audit performed by Rebecca Countermine, of Elma's Tax Service, for both Justice Stephen M. Brown and Justice Louis P. Carleo III; all in favor and passed. Councilman Matthew Gogis abstained.
2. **RESOLUTION #42** to appoint Jim Kietzmann, 839 Thayer Road, Amsterdam, as Deputy Water/Sewer Administrator for the year 2022 has been moved to the February Agenda.
3. **RESOLUTION #43** sponsored by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri to set the Public Hearing for Monday, February 21, 2022 at 6:45pm, for Local Law #1 of 2022 to Amend Local Law #2 of 2021 to correct the SBL #55.-2-18; all in favor and passed.
4. **RESOLUTION #44** sponsored by Councilman Mark Quiri and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis to set the Public Hearing for Local Law #2 of 2022, increase Town Clerk's salary from \$27,000 to \$38,000, for Monday, February 21, 2022 at 6:50pm; all in favor and passed.

Public Comment: No public comment.

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

MOTION by Councilman Harold Alikonis to review and approve the Supervisor's Report at the February Board Meeting 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 8:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Emily Staley - Town Clerk