

# TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

February 21, 2022

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 Mark Quiri, Attorney Deb Slezak and Town Clerk Emily Staley.

Councilman Harold Alikonis led the salute to the flag.

**Motion** by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to accept the Agenda; all in favor and passed.

**Motion** by Councilman Mark Quiri and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to approve and accept the minutes from the January 17, 2021 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

## **Committee Reports:**

### *Communications & Announcements:*

- An audit of the Town's financials has not been done in ten (10) years. Sandy Mead has said they should be done and she will look for a company to do this.
- After an insurance company review it was pointed out that the Town needs to update its cyber security measures. The Assessor, Bookkeeper, Building Inspector and Town Clerk need new computers. A firewall is needed and then Wi-Fi can be installed. The Town Clerk will work on this.

### *Assessor:*

- Nothing at this time.

### *Engineering:*

- A mixer is needed for the water tank. Steve Anderson brought detailed information. Cost between \$15,960 - \$17,960. The money raised from O & M fees will cover this expense.
- Notices were mailed out informing residents who get their water from the tank that levels of trihalomethanes were higher than allowed.

### *Attorney:*

- Deb Slezak informed the Board that no elected official may be given a stipend. The current Town Justice may have his salary increased while he covers the vacant position left by the retiring of Lou Carleo III, until a new Justice is elected in November.
- No conflict for Prime AE to represent the Town and the County of Montgomery in doing a review of a subdivision of land on Route 5S. The Town is not objecting to the subdivision and therefore no conflict is seen. Prime AE is very familiar with the area for the water/sewer district.
- Schaufelburg matter is still not resolved. Zoning Officer, Matt Bearcroft informed Attorney Slezak that he reached out to Ms. Schaufelburg's attorney with no success. There are six (6) cars between two parcels. The Zoning Ordinance states that any more than one unregistered vehicle may be left on a parcel. No junkyard or scraping of cars is allowed in an agricultural district.
- Attorney Slezak is researching zoning for cannabis facilities. According to Ag & Markets it is considered manufacturing and not agricultural products.

### *Planning and Zoning:*

- Need an engineer to review the site plan documents for the Borrego Solar wind turbine project. Barton and Loguidice were suggested.
- A fee needs to be set for electric vehicle charging stations. Also need to change the fee for housing developers who do large subdivisions. Need to set zoning and fees for cannabis growing facilities; Attorney Slezak is working on the research for this.
- Matt Bearcroft is working on a couple of issues. L. DiManno is cleaning his parcel up.

### *Building Maintenance:*

- Nothing at this time.

### *Highway:*

- Josh's truck is down. Will not run. Filters will be changed, and hopefully that will fix the issue.
- The new truck came in at Henderson and had to go right to Tracey for a power steering leak.



in number equal to at least ten per centum of the total number of votes cast for governor at the last gubernatorial election in such Town.

SECTION 3. Validity. The invalidity of any provision of this Local Law shall not affect the validity of any other provision of this Local Law which can be given effect without such invalid provision.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Office of the Secretary of State as provided in Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

**Adopted:**       \_\_5\_\_ Ayes \_\_0\_\_ Nays \_\_0\_\_ Abstentions

**Roll Call Vote:** Supervisor Mead - Aye  
                  Councilman Alikonis – Aye  
                  Councilman Rackowski – Aye  
                  Councilman Quiri – Aye  
                  Councilman Gogis – Aye

3. **RESOLUTION #47** sponsored by Supervisor Eric Mead and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to Amend the 2022 Operating Budget for the Town of Florida to increase Clerk P.S. A1410.1 from twenty seven thousand dollars (\$27,000) to thirty eight thousand dollars (\$38,000) per Local Law #2 of 2022; A Local Law Establishing the 2022 Salary of Certain Town Officials; all in favor and passed.
4. **RESOLUTION #48** sponsored by Councilman Mark Quiri and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to amend the 2022 Operating Budget for the Town of Florida to increase revenues from Non-Property Tax Distribution, A1120.1 to five hundred forty five thousand three hundred eleven dollars and twenty-four cents (\$545,311.24); all in favor and passed.
5. **RESOLUTION #49** sponsored by Councilman Steve Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to Amend the 2022 Operating Budget for the Town of Florida to move fifty-four thousand eight hundred thirty-four dollars and sixty-four cents from the General Fund Balance to A1001.1 for payments on a Fire Contract with Florida Volunteer Fire Department; all in favor and passed.
6. **RESOLUTION #50** sponsored by Supervisor Eric Mead and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to Amend the 2022 Operating Budget for the Town of Florida to increase Sanitary Sewer Personal Salary, SS8120.1, from two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to three thousand dollars (\$3,000); all in favor and passed. Supervisor Mead explained this was an oversight in the budget for Steve Anderson’s compensation for Water/Sewer Administration.
7. **RESOLUTION #51** sponsored by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to Amend the 2022 Operating Budget for the Town of Florida to increase Sewer Rents, SS2120.9, from four hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$415,000) to four hundred sixteen thousand dollars (\$416,000); all in favor and passed.
8. **RESOLUTION #52** sponsored by Councilman Mark Quiri and seconded by Supervisor Eric Mead to Amend the 2022 Operating Budget for the Town of Florida to increase Source Power Pumps Personal Salary, SW8320.1, from zero dollars to one thousand dollars (\$1,000); all in favor and passed. Supervisor Mead explained that this was an oversight in the budget for Steve Anderson’s compensation for Water/Sewer Administration.
9. **RESOLUTION #53** sponsored by Councilman Steve Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri to Amend the 2022 Operating Budget for the Town of Florida to increase Metered Water Sales, SS2140.8, from seven hundred seven thousand dollars (\$707,000) to seven hundred eight thousand dollars (\$708,000); all in favor and passed.

*Public Comment:* No public comment.

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

**MOTION** by Councilman Steve Rackowski to accept 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 8:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Emily Staley - Town Clerk