

TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

March 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 arrived at 7:06pm, Councilman Mark Quiri, Attorney Deb Slezak and Town Clerk Emily Staley.

Councilman Mark Quiri led the salute to the flag.

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

Motion by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri to approve and accept the Public Hearing minutes from the February 21, 2022 Hearings; all in favor and passed.

Motion by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri to approve and accept the minutes from the February 21, 2021 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Announcements:

- Nothing at this time.

Assessor:

- Home sales still up in the Town. Will have a better idea of where the numbers are at for valuation after April 1. Will not be at 100%.

Engineering:

- Design agreement is signed with CT Male for the Highway Garage HVAC. Supervisor Mead asked if the Town Board would like to move forward with the bid process.
- Mold assessment in the basement was done and there are no signs of mold. Waiting for the air sampling to be done. A "white" glove test was done and an air flow/oxygen monitor testing was done and that report was good. Board agreed to have the air quality test done.

Attorney:

- Attorney Slezak is waiting for the next court date for Schaufelburg. Also waiting for Matt Bearcroft to be able to do an in person, onsite inspection.
- Still working on the dedication of the road in Mohawk Hills.
- Will reach out to the County Attorney to have the lease from Verizon transferred to the Town.

Planning and Zoning:

- 9 parcel subdivision on Shellstone Road is heading to the ZBA. Issue with the frontage being less than 250'.
- Still in need of 2 members for the Planning Board and an alternate member and also one member for the ZBA. Town Clerk will put an ad in The Recorder.

Building Maintenance:

- Storage space above the hall is cleaned. Lisa and Emily will do through the files that are left. Insulation is back in the ceiling.
- Pieces of pipe have been placed on top of the ball field fence.

Highway:

- Josh's truck is now fixed. It was the ammonia sensor.
- There has been a \$7,000 increase in the price of steel for the new truck from Henderson with the plow and box.

Water and Sewer:

- The Board directed Steve Anderson to purchase the advanced control board for the water tank mixer. It contains the GFCI outlet and the ability to add surge protection for the board and the mixer.

Youth:

- Easter Egg hunt is planned for April 9th at 1:30pm at Ron Mead Park in Minaville. There will be a roped off section for kids under 5 and baskets, a bike, scooters. Hillary will reach out to Keith Waters and see if his baseball group would like to attend.
- Hillary also mentioned starting a T-ball league and/or a recreation league at Ron Mead Park for the summer.
- Planning a bus trip to Boston for late June or July.
- Two Youth Advisors have been attending meetings. Emma Chatterton and Ross Sanders. Also two Town residents have expressed a desire to join the Youth Commission; Vickie Jennings and Katie Fritz. This will be put on the April Agenda. Supervisor Mead would like to add Keith Waters as a member to be in charge of the ball field to be able to make purchases on behalf of the Town.
- Councilman Steve Rackowski said he would work on getting prices for a new shed at Ron Mead Park for the Youth Commission.
- Hillary asked if there were any terms for Youth Commission members so that there could be regular turn over for people who might want to be involved. She will also work on putting together by-laws for the Board to review.
- Supervisor Mead brought up that the playground equipment at Ron Mead Park needs to be removed as well. It is an insurance liability.
- A contract needs to be drawn up between the Town and the Adirondack Eagles Baseball Team; Attorney Slezak will work on that as well. Attorney Slezak will also reach out to Amanda Bearcroft and see what needs to be done as far as the playground grant the Town received.

Veterans:

- Still waiting for cement work prices to come in.
- Planning on a breakfast for the Father's Day.

Old Business:

Councilmen Matthew Gogis asked what was going to be done to fill the vacant Justice seat. Supervisor Mead will speak with Board of Elections and Justice Court Administration.

New Business:

1. **RESOLUTION #54** sponsored by Supervisor Eric Mead and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to appoint Josh Auspelmyer, 126 Devendorf Road, Amsterdam, as Deputy Water/Sewer Superintendent for the year 2022; all in favor and passed.
2. **RESOLUTION #55** sponsored by Councilman Steve Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri authorizing the Highway Superintendent, Steve Anderson to spend CHIPS money in the amount of one hundred sixty seven thousand six hundred forty-four dollars and twenty-three cents (\$167,644.23) for primary work and general repairs upon 39.39 miles of Town Highways; including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet, and boardwalks or the renewals thereof; all in favor and passed.
3. **RESOLUTION #56** sponsored by Supervisor Eric Mead and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to authorize the Town Supervisor, Eric Mead, to sign the agreement for Civil and Environmental Engineering Review Services with Barton and Loguidice for a wind turbine project proposed by Borrego Solar for lands on YMCA Road, as recommended by the Town of Florida Planning Board at their March 6th, 2022 meeting; all in favor and passed.

Public Comment: No public comment.

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

MOTION by Councilman Harold Alikonis to accept the Supervisor's Report was seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski; 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 8:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Emily Staley - Town Clerk