

# TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

April 18, 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 Harold Alikonis led the salute to the flag.

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

**Motion** by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis to approve and accept the minutes from the March 21, 2021 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

## **Committee Reports:**

### *Communications & Announcements:*

- Nothing at this time.

### *Assessor:*

- Nothing at this time.

### *Engineering:*

- Invitation to bid for the HVAC system at the highway garage will be live on the website Tuesday. Bids will be opened at the Town Clerk's office on May 17 @ 2pm.

### *Attorney:*

- Attorney Deb Slezak spoke with Lecce Law Firm about the requirements to complete the process for the road dedication in the Mohawk Hills Subdivision. Both ponds have to be cleaned out and fencing installed and two catch basins need to be cleaned out as well. Letter of credit for approximately \$92,000 with a 20% escalation factor built in due to the cost of fuel and materials rising.
- Research done on whether the Town can go from two Town Justices to one and the answer is yes. Either up for Permissive Referendum through a Local Law or as an addendum on the November ballot for the Town's people to vote. There is the suggestion of talking to the Attorney General's office due to the timing of the next election and when the term would start. Attorney Slezak will email her opinion to the Town Board and put this discussion on for the May meeting. Councilman Harold Alikonis suggested the Board members with questions speak to Justice Steve Brown. Councilman Matthew Gogis asked about getting the terms staggered and what would that take; Councilman Steve Rackowski is concerned that if something happens to our current single justice who would cover. Attorney Slezak said she would look into how to make the terms staggered.

### *Planning and Zoning:*

- Planning Board May meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday instead of the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday. This is due to the fact that the declaration of Lead Agency for SEQRA needed to have a 30 day waiting period and the period was short by two days. The ZBA is moved to Tuesday the 10th.
- John Hutchison was present and interested in speaking to the Town Board about the vacant seat on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Board will meet with him on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the office building.

### *Building Maintenance:*

- Black bags can be used for garbage. Prior ban was because the place accepting the trash would not allow black bags and tickets used to be used in the bags before.

### *Highway:*

- Nothing at this time.

### *Water and Sewer:*

- Nothing at this time.

*Youth:*

- Easter Egg Hunt was rescheduled to April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.

*Veterans:*

- Father's Day Breakfast fundraiser on June 19.
- Received three quotes for the cannon concrete work and walkway. For complete package it would be approximately \$28,000. Albert Staley and Rudy have discussed doing the work for the foundation and having the walkway work done by an outside company. The footing for the stone needs to be 4' deep and 3' wide to hold the weight of the stone with the plaque on it. Need it to be below the frost line. Councilman Harold Alikonis asked if the plaque could be placed on a standalone panel instead of the rock and Rudy said it is the original stone and plaque from when the cannon was initially dedicated and they should stay together. Rudy asked if the Town Board would be willing to assist with some of the cost because the Veteran's Committee has spent about \$6,000 of its own money that it raised through fundraisers over the last couple of years to move the cannon and get it cleaned up and painted. The Board asked for a more detailed breakdown of the costs and bids.

*Old Business:*

- Nothing at this time.

*New Business:*

1. **RESOLUTION #57** sponsored by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri to appoint Katie Fritz, 354 Dunlap Road, Amsterdam, as a member of the Town of Florida Youth Commission; all in favor and passed.
2. **RESOLUTION #58** sponsored by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri appointing Vickie Jennings, 199 Buhmaster Road, Amsterdam, as a member of the Town of Florida Youth Commission; all in favor and passed.  
Discussion over the length of the terms for members and Attorney Slezak said she believes that members of the Youth Commission would fall under the non-for-profit rules for board members; and they have no set terms as not-for-profits are generally governed by volunteer boards.
3. **RESOLUTION #59** sponsored by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to Amend the 2022 Operating Budget for the Town of Florida to increase Assessor Personal Services, A1355.1, from twenty three thousand dollars (\$23,000) to twenty six thousand dollars (\$26,000) from Contingency Account, A1990.4 to correct an error; all in favor and passed.
4. **RESOLUTION #60** to refer the PUD pre-application, filed by Bohler Engineering on behalf of WinStanley Enterprises for lands along Route 30, Thruview Road and Belldons Road in the Town of Florida, to the Town of Florida Planning Board for review at its May 9<sup>th</sup> 2022 meeting was moved to the May 16<sup>th</sup> Town Board Agenda. The Board had questions and would like a representative from Bohler to attend the meeting. Attorney Deb Slezak explained what a PUD was and the Town Board's role.
5. **RESOLUTION #61** sponsored by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri to authorize Deputy Highway Superintendent, Steve Rackowski to sign the Agreement for Control of Grass and Brush on County Highways for the year 2022; 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 Harold Alikonis; all in favor and passed.

**MOTION** by Councilman Mark Quiri to accept 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 Mark Quiri; all in favor and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Emily Staley - Town Clerk