

TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

June 20, 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 Mark Quiri and Councilman Steve Rackowski, Attorney Deb Slezak and Town Clerk Emily Staley.

Councilman Harold Alikonis led the salute to the flag.

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

Motion by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to approve and accept the minutes from the May 16, 2021 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Announcements:

- Supervisor Mead received an email from Pattersonville Telephone Co regarding the extension of high speed internet services in the Town.

Assessor:

- Still working to streamline the permitting process. Councilman Alikonis asked how can the Town be brought back to 100% valuation. Lisa explained again that the Town would have to do a whole Town adjustment with outside help. Another collection of data would have to happen.

Engineering:

- Bids for the highway garage heating system were opened and only one bid was received for a cost of \$118,600. Heaters would be delivered until December/January which means they would not finish installation until Spring. CT Male had estimated the cost to be \$60,000-\$70,000 not over \$100,000. The recommendation is to reject the bid and reconfigure. The Board agreed with that decision and Supervisor Mead will let Rich at CT Male know.
- Steve Anderson asked about getting the façade on the Town Hall repaired. That needs to go out to bid as well to be ready for next year.
- Discussion to put the office building work out to bid now. Board agrees to put the work to bid; Eric will let Rich at CT Male know.

Attorney:

- Attorney Deb Slezak informed the Board that the Schaufelberg court hearing was cancelled last month due to Covid. She will ask the court to levy fines if the property is not cleaned up in short order.
- Attorney Slezak also informed the Board that an Article 78 proceeding has been filed on behalf of John & Grace Kimber regarding their denial of their special use permit for a wedding venue in a barn on their property. She will review the documents and have a report next month.
- Attorney Slezak will also send the information on the process to abandon a road.

Planning and Zoning:

- PUD public hearing is scheduled for July 11. Wind turbine project is currently waiting for reports on studies in order to move forward. Land & Lakes 9 lot subdivision was approved for Shellstone Road.

Building Maintenance:

- The Town Clerk and the Court Clerk have asked to have the bushes out front pulled up.

Highway:

- New 10 wheel truck is in.
- Scheduled to start road Thursday if the weather holds. Currently cutting back the overgrowth along the right-of-ways.
- Truck sold at auction. Supervisor Mead thinks it sold too low. Town of Charleston Supervisor called and offered \$50,000. Reject the bid and if there is a fee add it to the cost of the sale. The Board agreed to reject the bid.

- New John Deere tractor is at Stephenson Equipment. It will be ready in about 3 weeks. Old one will be sold at auction.
- New pick-up truck is not yet in; it was ordered October 2021.

Water and Sewer:

- New pipe locator was delivered last week and has been used at Target.
- New mixer should be delivered tomorrow and installed Thursday.
- Amazon pump station alarm needs to be upgraded. Currently don't know what the alarm is for and some things need to be dealt with immediately and others can wait. Cost \$3,721 for the upgrade; Board agrees.

Youth:

- Nothing at this time.

Veterans:

- Father's Day Breakfast fundraiser on June 19 was successful. Steady attendance, good help. Grateful for everyone who helped serve, cook and prep. Garden Bug donated flowers to give away and to raffle off.
- Working on alternate methods to get the pad for the cannon and rock placement. Albert Staley has some ideas for a pre-cast block to set in a pre-dug hole. The walkway will connect to the pad so it needs to be stable.

MOTION by Supervisor Eric Mead and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis to amend the Agenda to remove **RESOLUTION #68**; all in favor and passed.

MOTION by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to accept the Agenda as amended; all in favor and passed.

Old Business:

- Nothing at this time.

New Business:

1. **RESOLUTION #65** sponsored by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri to appoint Nicholas Armour, 151 Langley Road, Amsterdam, as a member of the Town of Florida Planning Board for a term of three (3) years, to fulfill the unexpired term of Rich Romeo, who resigned, beginning July 1, 2022 until December 31, 2024; all in favor and passed.
2. **RESOLUTION #66** sponsored by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski, to appoint Stephen Viele, 423 Langley Road, Amsterdam as an alternate member of the Town of Florida Planning Board, beginning July 1, 2022; all in favor and passed.
3. **RESOLUTION #67** sponsored by Councilman Steve Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri to Amend the 2022 Operating Budget for the Town of Florida, to transfer six thousand eighty three dollars (\$6,083) from Contingency A1990.4, to Planning P.S. A8020.1; to cover salaries for Planning Board members and the Secretary; all in favor and passed.

Public Comment: No public present.

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

MOTION by Councilman Matthew Gogis to accept the Supervisor's Report was seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis; 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 8:13pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Emily Staley - Town Clerk