

# TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

September 19, 2022

7:00pm

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Florida Town Board; was called to order at 7:01 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 Matthew Gogis to accept the Agenda; all in favor and passed.

**Motion** by Councilman Mark Quiri and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis to approve and accept the minutes from the August 15, 2022 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

## **Committee Reports:**

### *Communications & Announcements:*

- Correspondence from Alliance for Florida Farmland.

### *Assessor:*

- Stating field work.

### *Engineering:*

- Contract from Barton & Loguidice for Town Designated Engineer services (TDE) for Dollar General Fresh project.

### *Attorney:*

- The judge in the Schaufelberg matter issued an ACOD for the case. Mr. Schaufelburg needs to comply with zoning and have no issues for 6 months and the case will be dismissed. Having a hard time building a case due to the complaints being anonymous.
- Planned Unit Development (PUD) application is moving through the process. The Planning Board is holding a working meeting on September 28 at 6:30 to review all documents and public comment. There will be no public comment. The Board decided that they were not comfortable giving a report at the September meeting. After the Planning Board issues its report this moves onto the Town Board to schedule the public hearing and approve/disapprove. The wind turbine application and documents will also be discussed.

### *Planning and Zoning:*

- Dollar General has applied for a cold storage/fresh foods distribution center to be built on Route 5S.
- Gerald Podolec was present to request to be appointed as Zoning Enforcement Officer. An interview is scheduled for Monday, September 26, 2022 at 6:30pm.

### *Building Maintenance:*

- Sand barn is stained.
- Concrete pads that the dumpsters sit on needs to be replaced. Will close the dump on a Wednesday night and do the work possibly the day before. Notice will be posted.
- Four (4) lights are out on the ball field. It was suggested to go to LED lights. Cheaper to operate. Harold Clune gave Steve Anderson an estimate for all new lights. There are four (4) lights per pole and four (4) poles at a cost of approximately \$2,100 per light for a total of approximately \$31,264. The Board wanted time to review the 2023 budget numbers and discuss at October's meeting.
- Steve asked for a drag for the field. It would cost approximately \$4,600 for one. The Board wanted to discuss with Eric what the contract with the Adirondack Eagles states.

### *Highway:*

- Changed out the oil pan in the #6 truck. Did routine maintenance.
- Sand barn is full.
- Mower is built and should be arriving within the week. Will take some time to learn the controls. Has a joystick control instead of levers.

*Water and Sewer:*

- Need to get a quote for inside tank protector.
- Dollar General pump station rotating assembly is leaking.

*Youth:*

- Summary of events from the summer and upcoming.
- Movie night in the Old Town Hall was well received; planning for another one.
- Boston Aquarium trip was a full bus; planning another bus trip.
- Halloween Trunk or Treat in Minaville
- Early December will be Santa's visit.
- Updated newsletter for Fall/Winter

*Veterans:*

- The monument rock has been placed.
- Planning to have refreshments and music after the Veteran's Day Service.
- Turned in the budget request to the Town Board for 2023.
- Cannon is ready to be placed just need to get the concrete work done for that.

*Old Business:*

- Nothing at this time.

*New Business:*

1. **RESOLUTION #75** sponsored by Councilman Mark Quiri and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to authorize Town of Florida Deputy Supervisor, Steve Rackowski, to sign the proposal/contract from Barton & Loguidice for engineering services, as needed, for the review of Dollar General's proposed application to the Planning Board for a cold storage distribution center on Route 5S in the Town of Florida; all in favor and passed.
2. **RESOLUTION #76** sponsored by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis, to authorize the Deputy Supervisor, Steve Rackowski, to sign the proposal/contract for the Network Refresh & Enhancement for the Town Clerk, Bookkeeper, Assessor, Building Inspector and other Town support staff and departments located at the office building; all in favor and passed.

*Public Comment:* Opened at 7:25pm

Sarah Cornett, 5615 State Highway 30, FOIL request was done from the City of Amsterdam regarding any meetings for a water/sewer extension and nothing was found regarding any meetings with any representatives of the PUD. No aldermen, city engineer nor the mayor's office.

*Public Comment:* Closed at 7:29pm

**MOTION** by Councilman Harold Alikonis to audit and pay the monthly bills was seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri; 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 8:08pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Emily Staley - Town Clerk