

TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

November 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 Mark Quiri, Attorney Deb Slezak and Town Clerk Emily Staley. Councilman Steve Rackowski was absent.

Councilman Matthew Gogis 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 Supervisor Eric Mead and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis to approve and accept the minutes from the October 17, 2022 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

Motion by Councilman Mark Quiri and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to approve and accept the minutes from the 2023 Operating Budget Public Hearing held on November 9, 2022; all in favor and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Announcements:

- Letter of resignation from the Planning Board from Rudy Horlbeck, effective December 31, 2022.
- Letter of resignation from the Planning Board from Michael Taylor, effective December 31, 2022.
- Regarding the suggestion of a moratorium from Alliance for Florida Farmland, Supervisor Mead said he has sought legal advice from outside the Town and is getting input and direction from that counsel.

Assessor:

- Nothing at this time.

Engineering:

- Nothing at this time.

Attorney:

- Attorney Slezak informed the Town Board that the Schaufelberg case is adjourned in contemplation of dismissal (ACOD). If he can follow the conditions for one year it will be dismissed.
- Betina Courtens has asked for mediation under the Right To Farm Law regulations. Jerry Podolec, our new Code Enforcement Officer visited her house and has stated that she is following the suggestions and is keeping her chickens confined and has fencing to do so. A committee needs to be put together. Supervisor Eric Mead suggested Councilman Matthew Gogis be one of the committee members as liaison. Attorney Slezak said she will draft a letter to the two parties involved and get names to appoint a mutually agreed upon person for both of them and she will bring that information to the December Board Meeting.

Planning and Zoning:

- Jerry is out and about the Town familiarizing himself with the roads and taking notes.
- The letter drafted by the Planning Board regarding the Nadler/Francisco PUD, was forwarded to FMBF Attorney to review, and Attorney Michael Crowe informed Supervisor Eric Mead that the letter needs to have more information. Being a negative report it must be more concise.
MOTION by Councilman Mark Quiri and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to send the negative recommendation from the Planning Board regarding the Nadler/Francisco PUD back to the Planning Board for a review. All in favor and passed. The applicant is aware of the extension of the timeline. Supervisor Mead explained that this is not starting over; it is just a review and a rewrite for more information.
- Supervisor Eric Mead would like to designate Barton & Loguidice as TDE (Town Designated Engineer) for 2023 to assist with upcoming projects and planning issues in the Town. Escrow will be needed for larger projects but it would be helpful to have a planning expert to assist with questions and advice for the Planning Board.

Building Maintenance:

- Dumpster pads have been poured.
- Councilman Matthew Gogis asked about fixing the trim and panels on the Town Hall walls.

Highway:

- Western Star is back at the highway garage until the parts come.
- The tractor sold for \$47,900 and the truck sold for \$44,300. This money will go into the Highway General Fund for equipment.
- Need to replace the 2010 mower tractor. Money is available.
- A ball field grader is needed to grade the field. Cost of \$4,409. The ball field is being used and it would be easier to drag the field with this. Supervisor Eric Mead stated that the Adirondack Eagles ball team has expressed their desire for a multi-year contract. Board agreed for Steve to order the field drag.
- Steve Anderson asked about the road dedication. Winter is coming and Hodorowski will be responsible for the plowing and sanding of Jackie Court and any other roads that have not been dedicated to the Town.

Water and Sewer:

- Letter from the NYSDOH regarding the level of Trihalomethanes. Supervisor Mead will find out what else needs to be done to resolve this.
- Waiting for parts for the Dollar General pump station

Youth:

- Approximately 300 people came to trunk or treat.
- Movie night was last Friday and there were about 10 or so families.
- There are just over 100 youth signed up for Christmas on December 3rd.
- Supervisor Mead asked Hillary if she was interested in staying on as Chairperson for 2023.

Veterans:

- Nothing at this time.

Old Business:

- Nothing at this time.

New Business:

1. **RESOLUTION #81** sponsored by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis to authorize Town Supervisor, Eric Mead, to sign the Dog Shelter Service Agreement between the Montgomery County SPCA and the Town of Florida, effective for the period beginning January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024; all in favor and passed.
2. **RESOLUTION #82** sponsored by Councilman Mark Quiri and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis, to pass the 2023 Town of Florida Operating Budget, which a public hearing was held on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 6:00pm; all in favor and passed.

Public Comment: Opened at 7:37pm

Ken Moritz, 270 Belldons Road, glad the moratoriums are being looked at. Documents are out of date for zoning and comprehensive plan. Visual impact of the wind turbine is huge and the residents would be more than happy to assist in providing information.

Bill Bonner, 410 Fuller Road, agrees with Ken Moritz's statement. Supports the Town Board and is grateful for them listening.

Mike Jennings, 189 Burhmaster Road, B71.22 sitting on the governor's desk to not use agricultural land classified as 1 – 4 for development and solar.

Kristeen Jaracz, 221 Fuller Road, glad the Town is looking at the moratoriums. The land needs to be protected.

Public Comment: Closed at 7:45pm

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

MOTION by Councilman Mark Quiri and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to accept the Supervisor's Report; 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 8:11pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Emily Staley - Town Clerk