

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF FLORIDA
January 3, 2023

The Organizational Meeting of the Town of Florida Town Board was called to order at 6:01pm by Supervisor Eric Mead. Also present for the meeting were Councilman Harold Alikonis, Councilman Matthew Gogis, Councilman Mark Quiri, Councilman Steve Rackowski and Clerk Emily Staley. .

RESOLUTION #1

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO FILE THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Matthew Gogis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Supervisor is authorized to file the Annual Financial Report with the State and that the Board accepts this as the report to the Town.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis

RESOLUTION #2

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Mark Quiri

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Recorder is established as the official newspaper for the Town of Florida, for the year 2023, in which all legal notices and news items will be published.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis

RESOLUTION #3

RESOLUTION SETTING THE MEETING NIGHT

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Harold Alikonis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the third Monday of each month will be the regular Town Board meeting night and the meeting will commence at 7:00 PM.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri

RESOLUTION #4

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH DEPOSITORIES

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Matthew Gogis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following depositories for the Town funds be established which enables the Town Officials, Clerk, Justices and Supervisor to utilize the services of NBT Bank.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis

RESOLUTION #5

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO INVEST IDLE FUNDS

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Harold Alikonis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Supervisor is authorized to invest idle town funds according to the pre-established investment policy.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis

RESOLUTION #6

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO DEPOSIT MONEY INTO AN INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNT

RESOLUTION BY Supervisor Eric Mead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Tax Collector is authorized to deposit moneys into an interest bearing account in a NY State approved bank per the resolution passed by the County.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri

RESOLUTION #7

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR AND THE TAX COLLECTOR TO UTILIZE DATA PROCESSING

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Matthew Gogis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Supervisor and the Tax Collector are authorized to use the services of Montgomery County Data Processing Department for tax collection, as well as water and sewer bills for the year 2023

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis

RESOLUTION #8

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING BOARD OF HEALTH

RESOLUTION BY Supervisor Eric Mead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Board of the Town of Florida is the Board of Health and that Matthew Gogis is the President and Emily Staley is the Secretary of said board.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis

RESOLUTION #9

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Harold Alikonis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Fitzgerald, Morris, Baker, Firth located in Glens Falls, NY be appointed as attorney firm for the Town of Florida for the year 2023.

The Resolution was seconded by Supervisor Eric Mead

RESOLUTION #10

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Matthew Gogis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Emily Staley, 489 Youngs Corners Road, Amsterdam, NY is appointed Registrar of Vital Statistics for the year 2023.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri

RESOLUTION #11

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Harold Alikonis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Lisa Jablonski, 593 Youngs Corners Road, Amsterdam, NY is appointed Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for the year 2023.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski

RESOLUTION #12

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Matthew Gogis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Tim Miller, 36 Stella Lane, Amsterdam, NY is appointed Building Code Enforcement Officer of the Town of Florida to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski

RESOLUTION #13

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ZONING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Steve Rackowski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Gerald Podolec, 113 Railroad Street, Fort Hunter, NY is appointed Zoning Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Florida to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski

RESOLUTION #14

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT HISTORIAN

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Matthew Gogis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Timothy Sievers, 110 Abraham Road, Amsterdam, NY is appointed Town Historian for the year 2023.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri

RESOLUTION #15

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT TOWN OFFICIAL TO OVERSEE THE YOUTH

RESOLUTION BY Supervisor Eric Mead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councilman Steve Rackowski is appointed as a Special Committee to oversee the Youth Recreation Commission.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis

RESOLUTION #16

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AN ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Matthew Gogis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Keith Rackowski, 292 Fort Hunter Road, Amsterdam, NY is appointed Animal Control Officer for the Town of Florida for the year 2023.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri

RESOLUTION #17

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT BOOKKEEPER

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Steve Rackowski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Sandra Mead, 322 Snooks Corners Road, Amsterdam, NY is appointed Bookkeeper for the Town of Florida for the year 2023.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis

RESOLUTION #18

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH SALARIES FOR THE YEAR 2023

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Harold Alikonis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the salaries for the year 2023 are as follows:

Town Attorney	FMBF	\$30,000.00 By contract
Supervisor	Eric Mead	\$13,900.00
Bookkeeper	Sandra Mead	\$10,000.00
Clerk of Water	Sandra Mead	\$ 1,000.00
Clerk of Sewer	Sandra Mead	\$ 500.00
Councilman (4 each)	Harold Alikonis	\$ 4,635.00
	Steven Rackowski	\$ 4,635.00
	Matthew Gogis	\$ 4,635.00
	Mark Quiri	\$ 4,635.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Emily Staley	\$44,000.00
Deputy Clerk of Water	Emily Staley	\$ 1,000.00
Deputy Clerk of Sewer	Emily Staley	\$ 500.00
Deputy Clerk	Lisa Jablonski	\$15.30 per hr
Town Justice	Steven Brown	\$18,250.00
	David Nicosia	\$18,250.00
Assessor	Lisa Jablonski	\$26,800.00
Highway Superintendent	Steven Anderson	\$56,130.00
Sewer Administrator	Steven Anderson	\$ 3,000.00
Water Administrator	Steven Anderson	\$ 1,000.00
Animal Control Officer	Keith Rackowski	\$ 5,070.00
		Plus \$50.00 per rabies call
Building Code Enforcement Ofcr	Tim Miller	\$14,250.00
Zoning Enforcement Officer	Gerald Podolec	\$ 6,550.00
Fire Code Inspector	Paul Slansky	\$ 2,000.00
Historian	Timothy Sievers	\$ 100.00
Health Officer	Dr. Rao	\$ 500.00
Dumpster Attendant	Donald Cooper	\$17.41 per hr
Court Clerk	Jennifer Phillips	\$21.00 per hr
Court Clerk PT	Shelly VanMeer	\$15.50 per hr
Cleaner PT	Lonna Bevins	\$15.30 per hr
	Tina Anderson	\$15.30 per hr
Custodian	Bruce Villa	\$18.44 per hr
Full-Time EMO	Paul Slansky	\$26.40 per hr
	Gary Auspelmyer	\$25.63 per hr
	Josh Auspelmyer	\$25.80 per hr
	Michael Taberski	\$22.92 per hr
	Christian Furman	\$22.92 per hr
Part-Time Laborer/EMO		\$18.54 per hr
Planning Board Chairman		\$ 1,500.00
Planning Board Members & Alternates		\$ 1,000.00
Secretary – Planning Board	Emily Staley	\$ 4,000.00

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski

RESOLUTION #19

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PAY PERIODS

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Matthew Gogis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Board establishes that hourly employees and the Highway Superintendent and Town Clerk and Deputy Clerks are to be paid bi-weekly, and all others are paid monthly, with the exception of the Historian, Health Officer and Planning Board Members who are paid annually.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri

RESOLUTION #20

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH MILEAGE RATE FOR TOWN OFFICIALS

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Steve Rackowski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Board establishes the rate of \$0.66 per mile as the reimbursement rate for Town Officials who use their personal vehicles for Town business, with vouchers submitted at least every three months.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis

RESOLUTION #21

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWN OFFICIALS TO ATTEND THE ASSOCIATIONS OF TOWNS CONVENTION

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Matthew Gogis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town Officials are authorized to attend the Associations of Towns Convention in New York City in person or virtually.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski

RESOLUTION #22

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT ALL DEPARTMENTS NOTIFY THE TOWN BOARD WHEN MAKING EXPENDITURES

RESOLUTION BY Supervisor Eric Mead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT all Departments are directed to notify the members of the Town Board prior to making any expenditures of an unusual or costly nature, and obtaining the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer. Further be it resolved that the Highway Superintendent is authorized up to \$1000.00.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis

RESOLUTION #23

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO ATTEND SCHOOLING

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Steve Rackowski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Highway Superintendent is authorized to attend one school in June and the Convention in September, as provided in the Budget, as well as the Association of Towns Convention in New York City in February.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri

RESOLUTION #24

RESOLUTION APPOINTING RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICER

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Harold Alikonis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Clerk is appointed Records Management Officer for the year 2023.

The Resolution was seconded by Supervisor Eric Mead

RESOLUTION #25

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Harold Alikonis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Donald Cooper, 123 Sweet Lane, Amsterdam, NY is appointed Deputy Town Clerk, and is authorized to collect for charges at the Town Waste Facility. Also that Lisa Jablonski, 593 Youngs Corners Road, Amsterdam, NY is appointed Deputy Town Clerk to collect Clerk Fees, Taxes and carry the Election materials.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis

RESOLUTION #26

RESOLUTION FOR COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Matthew Gogis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following Committees be established:

- Planning & Zoning – Matt Gogis and Eric Mead
- Building Maintenance – Steven Rackowski and Harold Alikonis
- Solid Waste – Eric Mead and Matt Gogis
- Records Management – Mark Quiri and Eric Mead
- Highway Department – Entire Town Board
- Seniors – Matt Gogis and Mark Quiri
- Community & Economic Development – Eric Mead and Steven Rackowski
- Water & Sewer – Entire Town Board
- Labor Negotiations – Harold Alikonis and Steven Rackowski
- Contract Agreements – Mark Quiri and Harold Alikonis
- Youth – Steve Rackowski and Matt Gogis

The Resolution was seconded by Supervisor Eric Mead

RESOLUTION #27

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPUTY SUPERVISOR

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Steve Rackowski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councilman Harold Alikonis, 357 McKinney Road, is appointed Deputy Supervisor for the year 2023, also given signatory authority for Town Payroll and Town Expenses.

The Resolution was seconded by Supervisor Eric Mead

RESOLUTION #28

RESOLUTION APPOINTING CONTACT PERSON FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING PROGRAM

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Harold Alikonis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Emily Staley, Town Clerk, is appointed Designated Contact Person and Eric Mead, Town Supervisor, Alternate Contact Person for the Drug and Alcohol Testing Program.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski

RESOLUTION #29

RESOLUTION APPOINTING HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO OVERSEE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Mark Quiri

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Steven Anderson, Highway Superintendent is appointed to oversee the buildings and grounds for the Town of Florida with jurisdiction namely for the Main Town Barn and Hall facilities, ball diamonds and fields, dumpsite, as well as the Town of Florida Office Building. He will be responsible for reporting to the Town Board on such.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis

RESOLUTION #30

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD

MOTION by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to table RESOLUTION #30 until such time as new members are interviewed and the Town Board is ready to appoint at a future Town Board meeting. All in favor and passed.

RESOLUTION #31

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT CLERK OF THE WATER AND SEWER

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Matthew Gogis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Sandra Mead, is appointed Clerk of the Water and Sewer, and she is to be compensated \$1,500.00 for this year 2023.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri

RESOLUTION #32

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT DEPUTY CLERK OF THE WATER AND SEWER

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Harold Alikonis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Emily Staley, is appointed Deputy Clerk of the Water and Sewer, and she is to be compensated \$1,500.00 for this year 2023.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski

RESOLUTION #33

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING BOARD

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Matthew Gogis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Stephen Viele, 423 Langey Road, Amsterdam, NY will be appointed as a Chairman of the Planning Board for the year 2023.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri

RESOLUTION #34

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT DEPUTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Harold Alikonis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Gary Auspelmyer, 126 Devendorf Road, Amsterdam, NY is appointed Deputy Highway Superintendent for the year 2023 and he is to be paid \$20 per week/\$40 per pay period for the year 2023.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri

RESOLUTION #35

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT TOWN OF FLORIDA FIRE INSPECTOR

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Matthew Gogis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Paul Slansky, 254 Main Street, Fort Hunter, NY is appointed Fire Inspector for the Town of Florida for the year 2023.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski

RESOLUTION #36

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH STANDARD WORK DAYS FOR THE NYS & LOCAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS IN THE TOWN OF FLORIDA

RESOLUTION BY Supervisor Eric Mead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Florida hereby established the standard work days for the NYS & Local Retirement System for elected and appointed officials based on their record of activities as turned into the Town Clerk's office.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski

RESOLUTION #37

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT CHAIRMAN OF THE ZBA

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Matthew Gogis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Richard List, 321 McDougall Road, Pattersonville, NY, is appointed as Chairman of the Town of Florida Zoning Board of Appeals for the year 2023.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri

RESOLUTION #38

RESOLUTION TO SET THE DAY AND TIME FOR THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Matthew Gogis

BE IT RESOLVED that the second Monday of each month will be the regular meeting for the Town of Florida Zoning Board of Appeals and the meeting will commence at 7:00pm at 214 Fort Hunter Road, Amsterdam, NY.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski

RESOLUTION #39

RESOLUTION TO SET THE DAY AND TIME FOR THE PLANNING BOARD MEETING

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Harold Alikonis

BE IT RESOLVED the first Monday of each month will be the regular Town of Florida Planning Board meeting night and the meeting will commence at 7:00 PM at 167 Fort Hunter Road, Amsterdam, NY.

The Resolution was seconded by Supervisor Eric Mead

RESOLUTION #40

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT CHAIR PERSON TO THE YOUTH COMMISSION

RESOLUTION BY Councilman Steve Rackowski

BE IT RESOLVED that Hillary Erin Graff-Pongthong is appointed as Chairperson of the Town of Florida Youth Commission for a term of one year beginning 1/1/2023 through 12/31/2023.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24pm with a motion from Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Supervisor Eric Mead.

Respectfully Submitted by
Emily Staley
Town Clerk