

TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

February 20, 2023

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 Steven Rackowski and Deputy Town Clerk Lisa Jablonski. Councilman Matthew Goigs, Councilman Mark Quiri, Town Clerk Emily Staley and Attorney Mike Crowe were absent.

Councilman Harold Alikonis led the salute to the flag.

Motion by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to accept the Agenda; all in favor and passed.

Motion by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to approve and accept the minutes from the January 16, 2022 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Announcements:

- Nothing at this time.

Assessor:

- Nothing at this time.

Engineering:

- Furnaces at the Highway Garage need to be replaced. Eric will reach out to CT Male for proposals.

Attorney:

- Nothing at this time.

Planning and Zoning:

- Multiple appoints to be done tonight for the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Building Maintenance:

- Bruce Villa has been working on repairs at the "Old" Town Hall.
- Replacing the lights over the ball field will cost approximately \$750 per light for a total cost of approximately \$22,000.

Highway:

- Nothing at this time.

Water and Sewer:

- DOT is going to replace approximately 750 feet of water main.

Youth:

- Keith Waters is asking if the Town will donate to the baseball program again this year. The Town Board agreed to give \$600.

Veterans:

- Nothing at this time.

Old Business:

- Nothing at this time.

New Business:

1. **RESOLUTION #46** a Resolution sponsored by Councilman Steve Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign the Certificate of Abandonment for Devendorf Road in the Town of Florida; all present in favor and passed.
2. **RESOLUTION #47** a Resolution sponsored by Supervisor Eric Mead and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski, to appoint Paul “Scott” Marshall, 198 Fuller Road, Amsterdam as a member of the Town of Florida Planning Board for a term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2029; all present in favor and passed.
3. **RESOLUTION #48** a Resolution sponsored by Councilman Steve Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis to appoint Dan Roth, 406 Queen Anne Road, Amsterdam as a member of the Town of Florida Planning Board for a term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2029; all present in favor and passed.
4. **RESOLUTION #49** a Resolution sponsored by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski, to appoint Jayme King, 177 Sulphur Springs Road, Amsterdam as 1st Alternate member to the Town of Florida Planning Board for a term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2023; all present in favor and passed.
5. **RESOLUTION #50** a Resolution sponsored by Councilman Steve Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis to appoint Cindy Shultz, 6070 State Highway 30, Amsterdam as 2nd Alternate member to the Town of Florida Planning Board for a term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2023; all present in favor and passed.
6. **RESOLUTION #51** a Resolution sponsored by Supervisor Eric Mead and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis to appoint Matthew Bunker, 6419 State Highway 30, Amsterdam as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2027; all present in favor and passed.
7. **RESOLUTION #52** a Resolution sponsored by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to appoint Richard List, 321 McDougall Road, Pattersonville as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2025; all present in favor and passed.
8. **RESOLUTION #53** a Resolution sponsored by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Supervisor Eric Mead to appoint Tom Nelson, 783 Pattersonville Road, Pattersonville as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2025; all present in favor and passed.
9. **RESOLUTION #54** a Resolution sponsored by Councilman Steve Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis to appoint Frank Staley 489 Youngs Corners Road, Amsterdam as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2025; all present in favor and passed.
10. **RESOLUTION #55** a Resolution sponsored by Supervisor Eric Mead and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis to appoint Sam Burseese, 168 Queen Anne Road, Amsterdam as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2025; all members present in favor and passed.
11. **RESOLUTION #56** a Resolution sponsored by Councilman Steve Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis to appoint Nathan Staley, 437 Bullshead Road, Amsterdam as 1st Alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2027; all present in favor and passed.
12. **RESOLUTION #57** a Resolution sponsored by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to appoint William Bonner, 410 Fuller Road, Amsterdam as 2nd Alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2027; all present in favor and passed.
13. **RESOLUTION #58** a Resolution sponsored by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to set the salaries of the Planning Board members and Alternates at \$1,000 per year to be paid monthly; and the salary of the Planning Board Chairman at \$1,500 to be paid monthly; all present in favor and passed.
14. **RESOLUTION #59** a Resolution sponsored by Councilman Steve Rackowski and seconded by Supervisor Eric Mead to set the salaries of the Zoning Board of Appeal’s members and Alternates at \$100 per meeting; to be paid when the Zoning Board of Appeals meets; all present in favor and passed.
15. **RESOLUTION #60** a Resolution sponsored by Councilman Steve Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis to amend the 2023 Town of Florida Operating Budget to transfer \$9,500 from Contingency Account A1990.4 to Planning P.S. A8020.1 to add the amount of the Planning Board member’s and alternate member’s and Chairman’s salaries to the 2023 Town of Florida Operating Budget; all present in favor and passed.

16. **RESOLUTION #61** a Resolution sponsored by Supervisor Eric Mead and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis to authorize the Town of Florida Supervisor to sign the agreement with Barton & Loguidice for engineering services for the Water/Sewer study in Hamlet of Fort Hunter; all present in favor and passed.

Supervisor Mead explained that an RFQ was published in the Recorder and Barton and Loguidice were the only firm to respond.

Public Comment:

Betina Courtens, 127 Langley Road – asked if the Town Board would consider updating the sign ordinance in the Zoning book. She collected signatures on a petition of Town residents who favor such an update. Supervisor Mead said he would forward the information to Attorney Mike Crowe for his review and advice. Betina also expressed that she was not interested in mediation through the Right To Farm Law at this time. The current situation between her neighbor and her family does not warrant that. She will let Councilman Gogis know.

Public Comment: Closed

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

MOTION by Councilman Steve Rackowski, and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis accept the Supervisor's Report; all present in favor and passed.

MOTION by Councilman Harold Alikonis to adjourn was seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski; all in favor and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Emily Staley - Town Clerk