

TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

April 17, 2023

7:00pm

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Florida Town Board; was called to order at 7:00 pm by Deputy Supervisor Harold Alikonis. Also present for the meeting were Councilman Steven Rackowski, Councilman Mark Quiri, Councilman Matthew Gogis and Town Clerk Emily Staley. Supervisor Eric Mead and Attorney Mike Crowe were absent

Councilman Matthew Gogis led the salute to the flag.

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

Motion by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri to approve and accept the minutes from the March 20, 2023 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Announcements:

- The Planning Board is holding a Special Meeting on Wednesday, April 26 at 6pm to rewrite their recommendation on the Nadler/Francisco PUD to the Town Board.

Assessor:

- Tentative Roll for 2023 will be coming out May 1, 2023 and the Assessor will be available for office hours.

Engineering:

- Nothing at this time.

Attorney:

- Attorney Mike Crowe is traveling for work and is not able to attend. He did send a draft of the updates to the solar ordinance and wind turbine ordinance. Deputy Supervisor Harold Alikonis asked the Board to look over the drafts and let either he, Supervisor Mead or Attorney Crowe know if there need to be any additions or changes. Surrounding communities ordinances and regulations in regards to wind and solar were reviewed and our ordinance was strengthened with some items that were not in the original. There will be stringent requirements that need to be followed.

Planning and Zoning:

- Nothing at this time.

Building Maintenance:

- Toilets at the Town Hall overflowed. Barnacles in the sewer line to the septic. Seem to be good now.
- Adirondack Eagles ball team would like to build batting cages out in left field outside the fence. They will buy all the supplies and do all the work. That section of grass will need to be mowed by hand. Board was ok with the team doing that.

Highway:

- Working on cleaning up the roads, repairing the road edges and sweeping.

Water and Sewer:

- Nothing at this time.

Youth:

- 65 youth attended Easter this year. Movie night planned for May 26th. Working to organize 2 Amsterdam Mohawk's game nights and a bus trip. No confirmed dates yet.

Veterans:

- Father's Day Breakfast planned for June 18, 2023 8-12. Tickets and posters are being printed.
- Working on the cannon informational panel, landscaping plan and regular maintenance.

- Memorial Day Service, May 28, 2023 at 2pm.
- Grateful for all the help that the Highway Department has given with storing and setting the cannon.

Old Business:

- Councilman Matthew Gogis mentioned the Connect All Initiative being pushed by the Governor’s office. The issue is if one house in the supposed service area has service it is “assumed” that all houses in that area are connected as well. People need to contact the PSC to report that they are not connected.

New Business:

1. **RESOLUTION #64;** a Resolution sponsored by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski authorizing the Deputy Supervisor, of the Town of Florida, to sign the Agreement for Control of Grass and Brush on County Highways for the period beginning June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024; all present in favor and passed.
2. **RESOLUTION #65;** a Resolution sponsored by Councilman Mark Quiri and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski, approving the payment terms and conditions of a certain pilot agreement to be entered into between Montgomery County Industrial Development Agency and DG Distribution Northeast, LLC, D/B/A Dollar General Corporation in connection with the DG Distribution Northeast, LLC, D/B/A Dollar General Corporation Project; all present in favor and passed.

Public Comment: Opened at 7:17pm

Ken Moritz, 270 Belldons Road asked about the state of the moratoriums that were requested for wind and solar and the PUD. Will there be any? Deputy Supervisor Harold Alikonis stated there will be no moratoriums on wind or solar; the updates are very simple. He cannot speak to the PUD.

Betina Courtens, 127 Langley Road, asked if there has been any movement with updating the sign ordinance.

Vanessa Curry, 6244 State Highway 30s, asked if there were any plans to replace the playground equipment taken down from the park in Minaville by the firehouse.

Natale Alessandro, 51 Broadway Ext, asked if a noise ordinance could be put in place in the zones that are R1. There are issues with neighbors being very loud well into the night; music, screaming, cursing.

Public Comment: Closed at 7:23pm

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

MOTION by Councilman Matthew Gogis to adjourn was seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski; all in favor and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Emily Staley - Town Clerk