

TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

August 21, 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, Attorney Mike Crowe and Town Clerk Emily Staley. Supervisor Eric Mead was absent.

Councilman Matthew Gogis led the salute to the flag.

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

Motion by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to approve and accept the minutes from the July 17, 2023 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Announcements:

- Jason Ballard and Jeremy Hughes were present from Barton & Loguidice to update the board on the water tank issues and solutions and where in the grant process the Town is for updates to water and/or sewer for Fort Hunter. In Fort Hunter the houses are very close together and the lots are small; septic and wells are close also. The water tank holds 3 million gallons and there is about 10-15 days before turnover occurs and this is causing a chemical reaction with the disinfection by-products. Solutions would be to lower the water level in the tank for better turnover; place an aerator in the tank to push the water up to the top and then a blower to blow on the water to dissipate the chemical by-product into the air. This would cost about \$375,000. To run water to Fort Hunter the cost would be about \$7.5million dollars and a grant from EFC would cover about 60%. If an income-based grant is applied for as well, it would push the reimbursement up to 75%. Sewer reimbursement is lower (25%) and the cost is around \$10.2 million for a gravity system and \$8.4 million for a low pressure system. To qualify for any income-based grants an income survey would need to be done of the residents who live in Fort Hunter. You can do one without the other, it would be deciding which system is the critical need at this time? The Town's score will be out in October and the tank improvements will be included in the report.
- David Jordan, Executive Director of Montgomery County Office for the Aging gave a talk about the services that are available for seniors through the organization. They deliver hot meals to seniors Monday through Friday, assist with home chores, give rides to appointments, and also offer legal services. Their goal is to help seniors stay in their own residence for as long as possible. He is very grateful for the money the Town gives to the program.

Assessor:

- Working on field work and transfers.

Engineering:

- Nothing at this time.

Attorney:

- Attorney Mike Crowe asked the Board to have any additional changes to the drafts of the local laws to update the Zoning Ordinance to him by September 1. This way the Clerk can post the most recent documents for the public to be able to comment on during the Public Hearing to be held in September.

MOTION by Councilman Mark Quiri and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to set the Public Hearing for the three (3) updates to the Zoning Ordinance for Monday, September 18, 2023 to begin at 6pm and held at 15 minute increments; all in favor and passed.

- Attorney Crowe reviewed the status of the Nadler/Francisco PUD. If all information regarding their appeal to the Town Board has been confirmed then the Town Board can review it and the information can also be posted to the website for the public to review on September 1. The representatives for this PUD will be at the September 18 meeting and the Board can plan to schedule the public hearing for this to be held in October.

MOTION by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri to accept the timeline for the Nadler/Francisco PUD review and public hearing as laid out by Attorney Michael Crowe; all in favor and passed.

Planning and Zoning:

- Chairman Steve Viele informed the Board that there will be a meeting held September 11, 2023. He will not be in attendance but Nicholas Armour, Deputy Chairman, will run the meeting and Steve will be sure to have all of his notes available before that time.

Building Maintenance:

- A new refrigerator was purchased for the baseball field concession stand.
- The front of the town office building is all planted and mulched.

Highway:

- Nothing at this time.

Water and Sewer:

- Nothing at this time.

Youth:

- Bounce house for the library summer program last day. 100 kids attended the summer reading program. It was a great program.
- NYC bus trip had 54 go. 25 youth and 29 adults. Hoping to be able to get 2 buses for a trip next year.
- Started a beginners T-ball skills clinic. A total of 10 kids came to play and work on skills. Focusing right now on ages 4 – 7 but will take any child who needs some beginner skills coaching. Needed new equipment; helmets, balls. Talking with other teams to avoid conflicts. There is an advisory panel of 10 adults who have coached previously and/or played. Would like to be a part of the talks with the Adirondack Eagles ball team in the future to be able to coordinate with them and be aware of their schedule and plans. Rotterdam Little League donated equipment for the Town to use and they were helpful with the first couple of clinics.
- Hillary would like the Board to consider some kind of background check service for the future. Especially for any adults that would be coaching. The Board agreed it would be a good idea.
- Halloween Trunk or Treat event will be held on October 28, again in the village of Minaville. Time to be announced.
- November 17 or 18 will be a family movie night.
- Christmas celebration will be held on December 2.

MOTION Deputy Supervisor Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to appoint TJ Sumigray, 340 Bean Hill Road, as member of the Town of Florida Youth Commission; all in favor and passed.

Veterans:

- Working to finish the cannon area and the informational panel by Veteran's Day.
- 1/3 of the concrete walkway will be sealed this year.
- The concrete around the main flag pole needs to be repaired.
- 9-11 Service will be on September 10th at 2pm. Veteran's Day service will be in November but no date and time set yet.
- Albert Staley and Dan Wilson had an opportunity to talk with the Historian at the Watervliet Arsenal about the cannon. The barrel was not longer than it is. The barrel was made at the Arsenal and the cannon was made in Massachusetts around 1893 and is one of only 8 left in the country.
- The Youth Commission has offered to help clean out the basement and move the rest of the Veteran's items over as well.

Old Business:

- Nothing at this time.

New Business:

1. **RESOLUTION #68** was sponsored by Councilman Mark Quiri and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to authorize the Deputy Town Supervisor to sign the contract with Barton & Loguidice for continued engineering services to address the TTHMs compliance issues and

continued administrative reporting requirements on a time and expenses basis, not to exceed an additional fee of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) after the current amount due is paid. All present in favor and passed.

2. **RESOLUTION #69** was sponsored by Councilman Steve Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri to accept the bid from Adirondack Mechanical Corporation in the amount of sixty-five thousand five hundred dollars (\$65,500), for the replacement of three (3) Truck Bay Heaters as outlined in the quote given to Highway Superintendent Steve Anderson; all present in favor and passed.

Public Comment: Opened at 7:50pm

No comment from the public.

Public Comment: Closed at 7:50pm

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

MOTION by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowsk to accept the Supervisor's Report; 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 8:13pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Emily Staley - Town Clerk