

TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

February 21, 2024

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 Matthew Gogis, Councilman Mark Quiri, Councilman Steve Rackowski and Town Clerk Emily Staley. Councilman Harold Alikonis and Attorney Mike Crowe were absent.

Councilman Matthew Gogis led the salute to the flag.

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

Motion by Councilman Mark Quiri and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to approve and accept the minutes from the January 15, 2024 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Announcements:

- Request for sponsorship for the Fonda Little League program for this year. The Town Board donates every year.

Assessor:

- Accepting exemption paperwork now. Starting field work in the Spring.

Engineering:

- Nothing at this time.

Attorney:

- Nothing at this time.

Planning and Zoning:

- Steve Viele, Planning Board Chairman announced the Public Hearing for the final DEIS will be at the March meeting.
- Carter Powell from Solar Liberty was present to speak to the Town Board regarding a solar project proposed for land on Route 5s. This project will encompass 5.02 acres and will be 2mw A/C and 2.4mw D/C. There are non-jurisdictional wetlands and there will be under an acre of actual disturbance of land, so no SWPP is required. The power will be sold to the grid. Discussion by the Town Board to make the recommendation to the Planning Board at the March 18th meeting so the Board has time to review the packets and send to the Attorney for review.
- Need to schedule interviews for a new Zoning Enforcement Officer. Emily will forward the names and contact details to the board; Matt has a tentative job description.
- The zone change request for Joe Stone will be finalized at the March meeting. SEQRA will be done at that time as well.

Building Maintenance:

- Gutters need to be replaced at the Town Hall. The façade also needs to be repaired and updates to the kitchen need to be done as well. No architect is needed for any of those items.
- Quotes are needed for sealing both parking lots and restriping the lines.

Highway:

- Steve would like the Highway Garage parking lot paved. It would be about \$700/ton for 3" modified binder. Councilman Rackowski asked what the difference would be if it was 4". Supervisor Mead said the County could add the Town to the contract black-top bids for pricing.
- \$5,000 for trade of the Kubota. It is 37 horsepower 16/17 years old. Board agreed to let Steve Anderson order a new tractor.

Water and Sewer:

- Another letter needs to be sent to businesses on Route 5s regarding items being flushed into the sewer system.
- Barton and Loguidice is moving forward with the water extension grant in Fort Hunter. Hoping to receive a million dollars.

Youth:

- Supervisor Mead spoke with Keith Waters about a baseball team in the Town. The team is called the Town of Florida Cobras, and they are under a new league as well. The uniforms will be camouflage to fit in with Veteran's Park as well. Keith asked if the Town would be willing to purchase jerseys for about 10 – 20 kids. The Board agreed to the purchase and are happy that there will be a team using the field regularly again this year and it will be a Town specific team.
- Fonda Little League has sent a flyer for support again this year. The Town donates each year because there are kids who live in the Town that play on the Fonda team. The Board agreed to donate again this year.
- Supervisor Mead has applied for a \$50,000 grant from the County for ball field improvements. This is a matching grant. This money will be used to build dugouts for the teams. This has been talked about previous and having this grant money will help with the cost.

Veterans:

- Nothing at this time. Meetings will start again in March.

Old Business:

- Nothing at this time.

New Business:

Motion by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri to Amend the Agenda to change the February Town Board Meeting date from Monday, February 19, 2024 to Wednesday, February 21 at 7pm; all in favor and passed. The majority of the Town Board will be in NYS for the Association of Towns training conference.

Motion by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to accept the Agenda as Amended; all in favor and passed.

1. **RESOLUTION #42** a Resolution sponsored by Councilman Steve Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri to appoint Frank Staley, Youngs Corners Road, Amsterdam, NY as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the year 2024; all in favor and passed.
2. **RESOLUTION #43** a Resolution sponsored by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to request NYS Department of Transportation to conduct a speed survey on Pattersonville Road with the intent to lower the speed limit on Pattersonville Road from the Schenectady County line to Kruger Road; all in favor and passed. There have been multiple calls about speeding on Pattersonville Road and a request has to be made to DOT for a study and lower speed limit.
3. **RESOLUTION #44** a Resolution sponsored by Supervisor Eric Mead and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to approve the Town of Florida Fire Department's request to install a waste holding tank, in place of a traditional septic tank, for the new fire house to be built on Bullshead Road in the Town of Florida; all in favor and passed. There are no regulations in our Zoning Ordinance in regard to this, so that is why it came to the Town Board. It is the same as a septic; it will just need to be pumped out.

Public Comment: Opened at 7:33pm

No one present from the public spoke.

Public Comment: Closed at 7:34pm

MOTION by Councilman Steve Rackowski to audit and pay the monthly bills was seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri; 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 Supervisor Mead; all in favor and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Emily Staley - Town Clerk