

# TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

July 15, 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 and Councilman Steve Rackowski, Attorney Mike Crowe and Town Clerk Emily Staley. Councilman Mark Quiri and Councilman Harold Alikonis were absent.

Councilman Steve Rackowski led the salute to the flag.

**Motion** by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to accept the Agenda; all in favor and passed.

**Motion** by Councilman Steve Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to approve and accept the minutes from the June 17, 2024 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

## Committee Reports:

### *Communications & Announcements:*

- Broadband Study update. The County has submitted for grants today for the study to be conducted. This grant is a matching grant; the County will hire a firm and the Town will have to match the cost.
- The speed study was done by NYSDOT on Pattersonville Road between Kruger Road and the County Line and the speed limit will be lowered to 45mph.

### *Assessor:*

- Nothing at this time.

### *Engineering:*

- Barton and Loguidice Engineers has submitted a proposal at a cost of one hundred nine thousand dollars (\$109,000) for the scope of the work to replace the culvert on Powerhouse Road. The shoulder is degrading because the culvert has collapsed under the road. The Army Corps of Engineers, DEC and SHPO could be involved because of the old power plant, unless an alternative plan can be proposed. This would be a spring construction start. Powerhouse is a dead end road so there won't be much traffic during construction. Councilman Matthew Gogis and Councilman Steve Rackowski are ok with moving this forward.

**MOTION** by Supervisor Eric Mead and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to amend the Agenda to add **Resolution #63** giving the Supervisor permission to sign the contract with Barton and Loguidice for the proposal to replace the culvert on Powerhouse Road over the Schoharie Creek; all in favor and passed.

**MOTION** by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to accept the Agenda as amended; all in favor and passed.

### *Attorney:*

- The New Leaf wind turbine EIS is moving forward. July 22, 2024 at 6pm a Special Meeting is scheduled to finish amending it. The language needs to be cleaned up and the wording of some of the statements. After that is completed and accepted by the Planning Board as their document then it goes out to all interested and involved agencies for their review and comments.

### *Planning and Zoning:*

- Nothing at this time.

### *Building Maintenance:*

- Gutters to be repaired next week.

### *Highway:*

- Nothing at this time.

### *Water and Sewer:*

- Cathodic protection for the water tank were part of the proposal and scope presented by Barton and Loguidice for the water extension. Barton & Loguidice have said that they will put out the survey to see how many residents would be interested in water extension. If not enough

residents want water then possibly just a fire suppression loop could be done. Some residents don't want the burden of the debt and some don't mind.

*Youth:*

- Bus trip to NYC to the Bronx Zoo and/or the Botanical Gardens is set for July 20<sup>th</sup>. The Youth Commission is reserving two buses and both buses are close to full.
- Has there been any response regarding going through the County's service for background checks?

*Veterans:*

- Nothing at this time.

*Old Business:*

Supervisor Mead will be getting AED devices through the County.

*New Business:*

1. **RESOLUTION #63** a Resolution sponsored by Councilman Steve Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to authorize the Town Supervisor, to sign the Barton and Loguidice proposal to replace the culvert over the Schoharie Creek on Powerhouse Road; all in favor and passed.

*Public Comment:* Opened at 7:18pm

No Public Comment

*Public Comment:* Closed at 7:19pm

**MOTION** by Councilman Matthew Gogis 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 Matthew Gogis to accept the Supervisor's Report; all present in favor and passed.

**MOTION** by Councilman Matthew Gogis to adjourn was seconded by Supervisor Eric Mead; all in favor and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Emily Staley - Town Clerk