

TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

October 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 Harold Alikonis, Attorney Mike Crowe and Town Clerk Emily Staley. Councilman Steve Rackowski was absent.

Supervisor Eric Mead led the salute to the flag.

MOTION by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to adopt the Agenda. All present in favor and passed.

MOTION by Councilman Mark Quiri and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to approve and accept the minutes from the September 16, 2024 Board Meeting; all present in favor and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Announcements:

- Nothing at this time.

Assessor:

- Nothing at this time.

Engineering:

- There will be a meeting for the culvert project on Powerhouse Road this Wednesday.

Attorney:

- In the franchise agreement contract there is language regarding Spectrum having to indemnify the Town if there is a claim. The Town will have ten (10) days to notify Spectrum if a claim occurs. A checklist should be created should this happen.
- Supervisor Mead informed Attorney Mike Crowe that \$40,000 was put into the budget for attorney fees. Should there be a need, at a later date in 2025, to increase that amount the Board can discuss it at that time.

Planning and Zoning:

- Nothing at this time.

Building Maintenance:

- The voltage regulator went bad on the generator at the Highway Garage and caused a surge. Approximately twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) worth of receipts for damage to the Highway Garage and Town Hall have been turned in to date. Quote received to repair/replace the a/c in the hall came in at \$25,000. Insurance will reimburse the Town. The hall will have to be blocked out for reservations to make all necessary repairs. Possibly April/May.

Highway:

- Roads are done.

Water and Sewer:

- Nothing at this time.

Youth:

- Halloween will be October 26th. 150 Youth are signed up and there will be 15 trunkers. The Garden Bug will donate 75 mums and pumpkins to decorate the road. Della Vale Farms is donating pumpkins as well.
- December 1st will be the Christmas with Santa.
- Keith Waters informed the Board that the last game will be October 20th. Supervisor Mead said there will be grant monies available for batting cages and he would be working on that with Keith.

Veterans:

- Veteran's Day Service will be Sunday, November 11 at 1pm

Old Business:

Started the budget process. Preliminary budget has been passed out. Public Hearing will be November 7th. There is an increase in the budget, approximately \$200,000 from last year. Increases in water/sewer, employee raises, tax revenue sharing and fire department contracts drove that amount. If any Councilmen would like changes, they need to be to Supervisor Mead before November 7th. The Fire Department's reimbursement is the same as in the past; \$104,950 from the fund balance. Supervisor Mead was going to offset the Fort Hunter lighting district increase from Fund Balance but Attorney Mike Crowe said it is not possible to use those funds for that purpose.

Supervisor Mead is waiting for the AEDs to be delivered to the County and then they will be installed.

New Business:

1. **RESOLUTION #64**, a Resolution sponsored by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to accept the dedication of the remaining roads in the Mead Subdivision from Mohawk Hills LLC; all in favor and passed.
2. **RESOLUTION #65**, a Resolution to set the Public Hearing for the Franchise Agreement between the Town of Florida and Spectrum for Monday, October 21, 2024, at 6:45pm; all in favor and passed.

Public Comment: Opened at 7:22pm

Judith Phettaplace, 122 Joann Way, asked about purchasing the small piece of land between here property and the retention pond. Currently owned by the developer and will be conveyed to the Town. Need to verify that the pond and land around it is not part of the storm water management. Ms. Phettaplace would like to put a small garden there.

Public Comment: Closed at 7:25pm

MOTION by Supervisor Eric Mead to go into Executive Session at 7:26 was seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski; all in favor and passed.

No action taken.

MOTION by Councilman Matthew Gogis to leave Executive Session at 7:54pm was seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri; all in favor and passed.

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 Mark Quiri 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 8:06pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Emily Staley - Town Clerk