

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 into date. The 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 #66**, sponsored by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri authorizing the transfer of funds in the amount of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) from A1990.4 Contingency Account to A1620.2 Buildings Equipment Account to cover the cost of surge damage from generator at the Old Town Hall; all present in favor and passed.
2. **RESOLUTION #67**, sponsored by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri authorizing the transfer of funds in the amount of \$63,900 (sixty-three thousand nine hundred dollars) from DA Highway Fund Balance to DA5130.2, Machinery Equipment Fund for the purchase of 2 loaders for the Town Highway Department; all present in favor and passed.
3. **RESOLUTION #68**, sponsored by Supervisor Eric Mead and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to set the Public Hearing regarding the 2025 Preliminary Budget, for Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 6:00pm at 214 Fort Hunter Road; all present in favor and passed.
4. **RESOLUTION #69**, sponsored by Councilman Mark Quiri and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis authorizing Elma's Tax Service to complete the 2024 audit of the Town of Florida Justice Court's books; all present in favor and passed.
5. **RESOLUTION #70**, sponsored by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign the Franchise Agreement between the Town of Florida, New York, and Spectrum Northeast, LLC; all present in favor and passed.

Public Comment: Opened at 7:17pm

Vanessa Curry asked if anything was going to be done with the tennis courts at Ron Mead park in the future. Supervisor Mead said that it would be back up for review in the Spring.

Public Comment: Closed at 7:18pm

MOTION by Councilman Harold Alikonis to audit and pay the monthly bills was seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis; 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 Councilman Harold Alikonis; all in favor and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Emily Staley - Town Clerk