

TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

December 16, 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. Present for the meeting were Councilman Harold Alikonis, Councilman Matthew Gogis, Councilman Steve Rackowski, Councilman Mark Quiri, Attorney Mike Crowe and Town Clerk Emily Staley.

Councilman Harold Alikonis led the salute to the flag.

MOTION by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski 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 November 18, 2024 Board Meeting; all present in favor and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Announcements:

- Nothing at this time.

Assessor:

- Working on getting exemption paperwork mailed out.

Engineering:

- Nothing at this time.

Attorney:

- Will be discussing possible litigation during Executive Session.
- Zoning Officer would like to do inspections on properties that are in violation of the Zoning Ordinance. Attorney Mike Crowe explained that he has the same limitations that police officers do. If an offense is suspected, you need a warrant to enter onto a property. If you see the violation, then you can enter the property. If you can see it from the public right of way then you can investigate. If there are any questions contact Mike and he will research and assist with the process if a warrant is needed.

Planning and Zoning:

- Carm is still issuing permits for new builds. 11 new buildings being built in the Town. Doing several inspections.

Building Maintenance:

- Fire alarms are being designed by Johnson Controls. Awaiting final sign off from the engineer.

Highway:

- The 1 ton high pressure fuel pump blew and metal shavings went into the motor. Waiting for a new one to be delivered.
- Hoping to replace the pick-up truck. Waiting until 2025; money is in the budget.

Water and Sewer:

- New hot water heater was installed in the pump house under the cabinets..

Youth:

- Christmas with Santa and Tony's Polka band.
- Keith Waters reported that the ball team had a great season and are looking to expand to a 9u team in the Spring. Grateful to the Town for all of the support.

Veterans:

- Nothing at this time.

Old Business:

The question was brought up regarding High River Energy and maintaining access to the sola fields and substation after a snow storm. No one plowed after the storm at Thanksgiving. Attorney Crowe will look

at the Town's Zoning Ordinance says for large scale utility and responsibilities. Supervisor Mead said he will send Dave Boxhold an email regarding this as well.

Councilman Alikonis asked if anyone from the Alliance could please pick up the stray signs that are around the Town regarding the wind turbine. Vanessa Curry said she would do that.

New Business:

1. **RESOLUTION #72**, sponsored by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri authorizing the Deputy Town Supervisor to sign the Agreement for Control of Snow and Ice on County Highways beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026; all present in favor; Supervisor Eric Mead abstained.
2. **RESOLUTION #73** sponsored by Councilman Steve Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign the Fire Contract with the Florida Volunteer Fire Department; all present in favor.
3. **RESOLUTION #74** sponsored by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri to accept the Justice Court Audit done by Rebecca Countermine of Elma's Tax Service, for Justice Stephen M Brown and Justice David Nicosia; all present in favor; Councilman Matthew Gogis abstained.
4. **RESOLUTION #75** sponsored by Supervisor Eric Mead and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to set the 2025 Organizational Meeting for Thursday, January 2, 2025 at 6pm, at 214 Fort Hunter Road; all present in favor.

Public Comment: Opened at 7:18pm

No one from the public spoke.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Possible litigation

MOTION by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to enter into Executive Session at 7:19pm.

MOTION by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Supervisor Eric Mead to exit Executive Session at 7:33pm.

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 Mark Quiri and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis 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 7:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Emily Staley - Town Clerk