

# TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

January 20, 2025

7:00pm

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Florida Town Board; was called to order at 7:00 pm by Deputy Supervisor Harold Alikonis. Also present for the meeting were Councilman Matthew Gogis, Councilman Mark Quiri, Councilman Steve Rackowski, Attorney Michael Crowe and Town Clerk Emily Staley. Supervisor Eric Mead was absent.

Councilman Steve Rackowski 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 December 16, 2024 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

**Motion** by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to approve and accept the minutes from the January 2, 2025 Organizational Meeting; all in favor and passed.

## Committee Reports:

### *Communications & Announcements:*

- Nothing at this time.

### *Assessor:*

- Exemption paperwork is coming in.

### *Engineering:*

- Nothing at this time.

### *Attorney:*

- Attorney Michael Crowe explained that the deed for the Mohawk Hills roads needs some changes made to it. The attorney for the owner will make those changes.
- Moving forward with the Code Enforcement action in court at the February meeting.

### *Planning and Zoning:*

- Nothing at this time.

### *Building Maintenance:*

- Nothing at this time.

### *Highway:*

- Waiting for Henderson to diagnose the electrical issue in one of the trucks.
- Steve spoke about quotes for a new 1 ton pickup truck. \$59,995 from Greenwich Ford, \$64,000 from another Ford dealer, \$59,200 from Chevy but with no remote start and only a ¾ ton. Greenwich Ford has a 3 year bumper to bumper warranty. In years past trucks were only kept for two years and traded in so they still held value. This is the first time that a truck has been kept for three years. The Board agreed to allow Steve to purchase the truck from Greenwich Ford.  
**MOTION** by Councilman Steve Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri to amend the Agenda to add Resolution #44 to authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase a truck from Greenwich Ford at a cost of \$59,995. All in favor and passed.
- The 1 ton dump truck sold for \$28,800 at auction. The Board agreed to the sale price. Steve will let the auction house know.

### *Water and Sewer:*

- Nothing at this time.

### *Youth:*

- Registration is open for baseball. Need to get a load of dirt for the field and working to get a lower price than last time a load was needed.

### *Veterans:*

- Nothing at this time.

*Old Business:*

- Nothing at this time.

*New Business:*

1. **RESOLUTION #41** a Resolution sponsored by Deputy Supervisor Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis authorizing the Highway Superintendent, Steve Anderson, to spend CHIPS money in the amount of three hundred eighty-five thousand nine hundred ninety-three dollars (\$385,993) for primary work and general repairs upon 39.49 miles of Town Highways; including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or the renewals thereof; all in favor and passed.
2. **RESOLUTION #42** a Resolution sponsored by Councilman Steve Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri authorizing the Town Supervisor/Deputy Supervisor to sign the Dog Shelter Service Agreement between the Montgomery County SPCA and the Town of Florida for the period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2026; all in favor and passed.
3. **RESOLUTION #43** a Resolution sponsored by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Deputy Supervisor Harold Alikonis appointing Lee Ann Salisbury, 125 Fort Hunter Road, to the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) in the Town of Florida for a term of five (5) years beginning January 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2029; all in favor and passed.
4. **RESOLUTION #44** a Resolution sponsored by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to authorize Highway Superintendent Steve Anderson to purchase a new 1 ton Ford F-350 from Greenwich Ford for a price of fifty-nine thousand, nine hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$59,995); all in favor and passed.

*Public Comment:* Opened at 7:15pm

Vanessa Curry, 6244 State Highway 30, could not find the signs that Councilman Harold Alikonis spoke about at the last meeting. She will keep an eye out for any and pick them up if she sees them.

Bill Bonner, 410 Fuller Road, asked for verification of the term for Lee Ann Salisbury to the BAR.

*Public Comment:* Closed at 7:18pm

**MOTION** by Councilman Mark Quiri to audit and pay the monthly bills was seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis; all present in favor and passed.

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

**MOTION** by Councilman Matthew Gogis to adjourn was seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri; all in favor and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Emily Staley - Town Clerk