

TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

February 24, 2025

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 Harold Alikonis, Councilman Matthew Gogis, Councilman Mark Quiri, Councilman Steve Rackowski, Attorney Michael Crowe and Town Clerk Emily Staley.

Councilman Harold Alikonis led the salute to the flag.

Motion by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri to accept the Agenda; 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 20, 2025 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 20, 2025 Organizational Meeting; all in favor and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Announcements:

- Nothing at this time.

Assessor:

- Exemption paperwork is coming in. Reaching out to farmers for their exemption paperwork.

Engineering:

- The representatives for the proposed Amazon distribution/warehouse are researching the options for a PILOT agreement. Christian Bertram from Barton & Loguidice is assisting the Planning Board with this application.

Attorney:

- Nothing at this time.

Planning and Zoning:

- Carmen is having issues with the new building in the Mohawk Hills development and poor construction. Eric has spoken with him and Carmen has spoken with the builder and the new builder is making efforts to comply.

Building Maintenance:

- Emily Staley, Town Clerk, gave the board a quote to replace the carpeting in the Town Office Building. The quote was \$24,403.45 for the entire first floor minus the bathrooms. This included pulling up the old carpet, scraping the adhesive up, prep, furniture moving, new coving and carpet squares. Supervisor Mead will get contact information for Flooring Environment, who is under state contract, and does work at the County. Another quote is needed due to audit purposes and if one of the quotes is from a company under state contract then the Town can go with them without needing to get more quotes.
- Supervisor Mead presented a quote for a new fire alarm system for the Old Town Hall. Due to the electrical surge from the generator the fire alarm system was totally damaged. Insurance paid for part of the cost. This is a total replacement and an upgrade. This new system will be tied into the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office. Stamped engineered plans are included in this cost. Councilman Alikonis asked if a request could be sent to the insurance to ask for more money to cover the cost of the new system since it is so much money. Supervisor Mead said he would reach out to our representative and ask.

Highway:

- Steve Anderson gave a quote for a new bolt supplier for the Town Highway Garage. Fastenal has not been responsive so he would like to change to Kimball Midwest. The Board had no issue with the change. Supervisor Mead said that Kimball should not take any of Fastenal's items out.

Water and Sewer:

- The control panel alarm is failing at the Dollar General pump station, and the pump station needs to be painted by Amazon. There is money in the O & M budget for this. These stations are 20 years old so this is overdue. Supervisor Mead said he would reach out to Steve with any questions the Board has.

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. April 18th is the first game.
- Supervisor Mead is waiting to hear how much the Town is getting toward the batting cages from the County Youth Bureau grant.

Veterans:

- Nothing at this time.

Old Business:

- Councilman Matthew Gogis asked about the mats for the tennis courts down at Ron Mead Park. Is the Board going to move forward with this project? There was debate over how to fix the surface. Should it be paved, sealed or dug up and re-done completely. There is room for one tennis court and two pickleball courts. More discussion next month.

New Business:

1. **RESOLUTION #44** a Resolution sponsored by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis for the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway Nomination and Corridor Management Plan Adoption; all in favor and passed. Supervisor Mead explained that the Underground Railroad went through Montgomery County and the County is trying to get a designation for this.

Public Comment: Opened at 7:24pm

Vanessa Curry, 6244 State Highway 30, asked if one of the businesses on Route 5s could be approached about sponsoring playground equipment for Ron Mead Park to encourage residents to use it. Supervisor Mead said he will reach out to see how that could be done.

Public Comment: Closed at 7:29pm

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

MOTION by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri 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 7:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Emily Staley - Town Clerk