

TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

August 18, 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 and Councilman Steve Rackowski Attorney Mike Crowe and Town Clerk Emily Staley.

Supervisor Eric Mead asked for a moment of silence in memory of Legislator Dan Wilson who passed away tragically in a plane crash.

Motion by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri to accept the Agenda; all in favor and passed.

Motion by Councilman Steve Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri to approve and accept the minutes from the July 21, 2025, Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Announcements:

- Speed limit studies have been done and the limit on Burber Road has been approved for change.
- Budget process has begun. Please notify Supervisor Mead of any requests or changes by the September meeting.

Assessor:

- Nothing at this time.

Engineering:

- Barton and Loguidice to send final design for the culvert replacement on Powerhouse Road to Highway Superintendent Steve Anderson.

Attorney:

- Attorney Mike Crowe spoke about the request from Zoning & Codes Enforcement Officer Cliff Oathout to amend the violation and enforcement portion of the Zoning Ordinance. The Town of Amsterdam successfully updated their law regarding junk vehicles and garbage. The current language is causing issues for our Town Justices to be able to enforce with regards to misdemeanors and authority to enforce. Trying to streamline the process. The amendments will be made at the September meeting.
MOTION by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Supervisor Eric Mead to amend the Agenda to add Resolution #58 to amend the Town of Florida Zoning Ordinance and set a Public Hearing regarding such for Monday, September 15, 2025, at 6:45pm, all in favor and passed.
- Serious issue with the house at 3676 Maple Avenue in Fort Hunter. The house's roof has collapsed in. The house is being foreclosed on by the County and the next-door neighbor would like to buy it and will take the house down and expand his property. If the property becomes compliant then no action will need to be taken in court.
- The definition of junkyards can be amended to make the enforcement job easier. Also need to address the issue of garbage, not just cars. Attorney Crowe will share a hard copy and look at the Town of Amsterdam's Law.

Planning and Zoning:

- Cliff Oathout would like the changes to the Zoning Ordinance to be moved along.
- Carmen says work is moving along with inspections etc.
- Representatives of the construction company working in Mohawk Hills subdivision were present to discuss the four (4) Stop Work Orders that were issued for non-compliance. It appears that the original site plan filed by ABD has not been followed. The elevation of driveways and houses is too high. The builder has been asked to show that he is in compliance with the elevations. Attorney Crowe stated that they can seek a variance of the site plan for each individual site with mitigation measured filed as well. They can request the Town's Engineer to review the site plan as well and assist with mitigation measures. McDonald Engineering was the original engineer to do the topography maps. The actual site plan elevation is causing issues with runoff and there could be future issues with safety. One house on the corner is high, and they based their grading

on that house for the next group of houses. That corner house has the driveway put on the other street so as not to have the driveway cut down to elevation. The sites will be cleaned up and barrier for silt runoff will be placed as well.

Building Maintenance:

- The board reviewed the quote from Flooring Environment to replace all of the carpets in the building and the tile in the bathrooms.
MOTION by Councilman Steve Rackowski and seconded by Supervisor Eric Mead to approve the contract; all present in favor and passed.
- The ballfield lights will be replaced in September.
- MOSA will be closing on August 25th for five (5) weeks to repair the tip floor and replace the building. All commercial hauling will need to go to Randall. The residential tip side will be open just not the commercial side.
- Old Town Hall will be fixed on the outside. Posts out front will be re-wrapped but painting may not be able to be done this year due to weather conditions. It will cost approximately \$50,000 to repair. The work is being done by West Wind Contractors and Supervisor Mead will speak to them about remodeling the kitchen as well.

Highway:

- Paving of roads will hopefully be done by the end of this week.
- Steve Anderson explained that the price for material for the Highway yard is \$42,800 from Gabriel. The lot will need to be milled, and spots filled in first.

Water and Sewer:

- CL-17 analyzer tubes need to be replaced. The cost is \$8,598 for two units with labor.
- Amazon pump station is cleaned and painted.

Youth:

- Baseball season has gone very well. Looking to start a 3rd division for 13 – 16-year-olds. Keith has requested that the outfield fence be moved out as well as the scoreboard.

Veterans:

- Town would like to do something to memorialize Dan Wilson and his commitment to the Town and the community. Possibly a bench or talk with them to get a plaque and entry way board with space for names and/or pictures for the future.

Old Business:

- Nothing at this time.

New Business:

1. **RESOLUTION #57** sponsored by Supervisor Eric Mead and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski, to appoint Lisa Jablonski, 593 Youngs Corners Road, Amsterdam, NY as Assessor for the Town of Florida; with a term of six (6) years, beginning on October 1, 2025, and ending on September 30, 2031; all present in favor and passed.
2. **RESOLUTION #58** sponsored by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis to set the Public Hearing for Local Law #1 of 2025, Amending the Town of Florida Zoning Ordinance, for Monday, September 15, 2025 at 6:45pm; all present in favor and passed

Public Comment Opened at 7:50pm

- Debbie Oathout, Lost Valley Road asked about the Connect All Grants announcement that she saw. Supervisor Mead told her that Montgomery County did received grant money to a feasibility study and he did inform the County that the west side of Town of Florida was in desperate need of internet service.

Public Comment Closed at 7:52pm.

MOTION by Councilman Steve Rackowski 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 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 8:35.

Respectfully Submitted
Emily Staley - Town Clerk