

TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

November 17, 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, Attorney Mike Crowe and Town Clerk Emily Staley. Councilman Steve Rackowski was absent.

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

Motion by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis to accept the Budget Public Hearing minutes from November 6, 2025; all present in favor and passed.

Motion by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri to approve and accept the minutes from the October 20, 2025, Board Meeting; all present in favor and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Announcements:

- Nothing at this time.

Assessor:

- The Town's equalization rate is at 84%. The numbers for 2026 will be out in the next couple of weeks and our number is going to drop further.

Engineering:

- Nothing at this time.

Attorney:

- Attorney Mike Crowe spoke about updates to the Zoning Ordinance which have to do with junk and abandoned vehicles and now travel trailers. SEQRA needs to be reviewed and if the board is ready this can be moved forward tonight. Councilman Matthew Gogis asked if this still allows for one vehicle to be in a yard. Attorney Crowe explained that this runs parallel to the current law regarding junk yards. This includes registered but inoperable vehicles. ZEO has more authority if a vehicle is falling apart but registered. Councilman Gogis asked about vehicles being used for spare parts. Attorney Crowe explained that the owner would be in violation unless the vehicles are stored in a garage or no one complains. ZEO can use his discretion after speaking to the owner.

MOTION by Supervisor Eric Mead and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to amend the Agenda to add Resolution #63, a Resolution Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2025 Titled: A Local Law Amending the Town of Florida Zoning Ordinance By Adding Section 54.6 Vehicles, Junked and Abandoned; all present in favor and passed.

Planning and Zoning:

- Two small personal solar arrays were approved.

Building Maintenance:

- The Town received two quotes from two separate contractors for work at the "Old" Town Hall in the kitchen. Steve Anderson handed out quotes for new appliances. Supervisor Eric Mead asked the Board to set aside time to go down to the kitchen and look at it to decide about what to do. Jade Enterprises was \$156,497 and West Winds was \$129,121. There is a building committee that can be called to meet to discuss the proposals and make recommendations to the Town Board.
- Steve Anderson reported that the gutters are done and curtains may be better for the windows than the blinds. The blinds are cracked and some are broken.

Highway:

- The lot is paved and looks good

Water and Sewer:

- Nothing at this time.

Youth:

- December 6, 2025, is the Holiday Party. Early visit with Santa will take place at 4:00pm and then music and food and tree lighting will take place at 6:30pm. Tony's Polka will be playing this year.

Veterans:

- Moving along with the memorial for past members of the committee who are deceased. Letter Memorial is doing a rendering and proposal. 4' high granite monument with ceramic portraits with information about the person engraved on as well. It will be placed near the flag pole. Renderings should be available within a month or so.
- Looking for someone to seal the concrete at the park. The prior business has closed.
- Working on getting a new website and Facebook page up and running.

Old Business:

- Local Law #2. Enforcement hearing notice will stay the same as the current process in Article II Section 54..

New Business:

1. **RESOLUTION #62** sponsored by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis to approve the 2026 Town of Florida Operating Budget, for which a Public Hearing was held on Thursday, November 6th at 6:00pm at 214 Fort Hunter Road; all present in favor and passed.
2. **RESOLUTION #63** sponsored by Supervisor Eric Mead and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri to adopt Local Law No. 2 of 2025 Titled: A Local Law Amending the Town of Florida Zoning Ordinance By Adding Section 54.6 Vehicles, Junked and Abandoned; all present in favor and passed.

Public Comment Opened at 7:44pm

- Kristeen Jaracz, 221 Fuller Road, Amsterdam, NY – Ron Mead Park in Minaville is not a true park. Not handicap accessible, no parking. Can everything be moved up near the baseball field at 214 Fort Hunter Road. Also, can the text messaging be utilized on a more regular basis to notify of public hearings and other events.

Public Comment Closed at 7:46pm.

MOTION by Councilman Matthew Gogis to audit and pay the monthly bills was seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis; 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 Supervisor Eric Mead; all in favor and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08.

Respectfully Submitted
Emily Staley - Town Clerk