

TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

December 15, 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 Steve Rackowski, Attorney Mike Crowe and Town Clerk Emily Staley. Councilman Mark Quiri was absent.

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

Motion by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis to approve and accept the minutes from the November 17, 2025, Board Meeting; all present in favor and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Announcements:

- Town Clerk, Emily Staley spoke about updating the Town's website and said that she had gotten two quotes. One from CivicPlus and the other from TMMB Enterprises. CivicPlus is a large company that does websites for businesses and governments. TMMB is the current provider of our IT support and has installed our new computers, firewall and backup systems. After some discussion the Town Board agreed to go with TMMB. The Clerk will notify TMMB.

Assessor:

- Nothing at this time.

Engineering:

- Nothing at this time.

Attorney:

Nothing at this time. Discussion for Executive Session.

Planning and Zoning:

- Nothing at this time.

Building Maintenance:

- Supervisor Eric Mead and Councilman Harold Alikonis met to go over the bid specs. Supervisor Mead reached out to West Wind and asked them for a breakdown of materials which they provided. Difference in price between West Wind and Jade is labor cost. Planning to close the Town Hall kitchen February 2 through the 1st week of March. Steve Anderson will order the cooler, dishwasher and steam tables.
- Councilman Harold Alikonis asked for the sewer/septic system be looked at. He stated that the hall smells like sewer and it has gotten worse. Steve Anderson will call Adirondack Septic and see if they can take a look at things.
- Councilman Steve Rackowski asked about replacing the garage doors at the Highway Garage. Supervisor Mead said that once the kitchen was completed then they could look at moving on to other projects. The Town Board agreed to move forward with hiring West Wind for the kitchen renovations.

MOTION by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to amend the Agenda to add Resolution #65 authorizing the Supervisor to sign the contract with West Wind Contractors in the amount of one hundred twenty-nine thousand two hundred twenty-one dollars (\$129,121) for kitchen renovations at 167 Fort Hunter Road; all present in favor and passed.

Highway:

- Steve Anderson handed out quotes for a code scanner for the trucks. Instead of calling and having them towed to a garage, they could scan them in house and possibly fix the issues if they are simple. Discussion regarding what vehicles it will cover and what it won't. Steve will find out what vehicles the code reader will work on.

- Councilman Matthew Gogis asked if the Town could be liable if the roads are not plowed and someone gets into an accident. He asked about the contract between the Town and the County regarding the Town plowing and maintaining County roads within the Town of Florida. Attorney Mike Crowe explained that people name everyone they can in a lawsuit and see what is successful.

Water and Sewer:

- Nothing at this time.

Youth:

- Very successful Christmas Party/visit with Santa. 75 kids registered and about 225-250 attended. Councilman Steve Rackowski stopped in with his wife and said it was a good event. He had one complaint about them hanging things on the wall. He did not inspect the walls but thought it should be mentioned after the walls were just painted.
- Councilman Matthew Gogis brought up the idea of creating a checklist for after events to be able to keep deposits or part of a deposit. Discussion regarding what will be on the checklist and how it will be enforced and who will do it. Councilman Gogis said he will research other venues policies and create one for the Town.
- Steve Anderson informed the Board that he measured the ball field to see if pushing the fence out was going to be feasible, and it is not going to be. There is not enough room from the 3rd baseline or 1st baseline out to the County right of way.

Veterans:

- Nothing at this time.

Old Business:

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New Business:

1. **RESOLUTION #64** sponsored by Councilman Steve Rackowski and seconded by Supervisor Eric Mead to set the 2026 Organizational Meeting for Monday, January 5, 2026 at 6:00pm at 214 Fort Hunter Road in the lower meeting room; all present in favor and passed.
2. **RESOLUTION #65** sponsored by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with West Wind Contractors in the amount of one hundred twenty-nine thousand two hundred twenty-one dollars (\$129,121) for kitchen renovations at 167 Fort Hunter Road; all present in favor and passed.

Public Comment: 7:40pm. There was no comment from the public.

Executive Session: Contract discussion with Attorney

MOTION by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to enter Executive Session at 7:41pm

MOTION by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis to exit Executive Session at 8:03pm

MOTION by Councilman Steve Rackowski to audit and pay the monthly bills was seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis; 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 Supervisor Eric Mead; all in favor and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23.

Respectfully Submitted
Emily Staley - Town Clerk