

TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

February 23, 2026

7:00pm

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Florida Town Board; was called to order at 7:01 pm by Supervisor Eric Mead. Also present for the meeting were Councilman Matthew Gogis, Councilman Mark Quiri, Councilman Harold Alikonis, Councilman Steve Rackowski, Attorney Mike Crowe and Town Clerk Emily Staley.

Councilman Matthew Gogis 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 Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to approve and accept the minutes from the January 19, 2026, Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Announcements:

- Supervisor Eric Mead spoke about two donation requests that were received by the Clerk. One is a yearly request from Fonda Fultonville Little League. This is the league that the Town of Florida Cobras baseball team is part of. The Board agreed to donate six hundred dollars (\$600). The second request was from the Fonda Fair Board for three hundred dollars (\$300) to pay for benches constructed by students from schools in Montgomery County. The money will go toward the cost of the supplies and the municipalities' name will be put on a name plate that will go on the bench. The Board agreed to donate the money for this as well. Both requests will be put on the Abstract for payment in March.

Assessor:

- Working to get exemptions entered and hoping for some clear days to do field work.

Engineering:

- Nothing at this time.

Attorney:

- The Resolution that was made in 2024 dedicating the additional roads in Mohawk Hills to the Town needs to be updated/amended per request from NYS DOT. That will be on March's Agenda.
- Councilman Matthew Gogis asked what the procedure is if the Town has surplus equipment that people are interested in having after the old items were replaced. He was asking if equipment that was donated to the Town can be given away with no charge if it has little to no value. Attorney Crowe said he will investigate that. The range, steam table and griddle from the "old" Town Hall have been replaced with new and the Town would like to sell them. Can advertise on the website and post it on the bulletin board. All items will need to be identified as surplus then can be advertised. Attorney Crowe will do research about the donated item and let the Board know.

Planning and Zoning:

- Councilman Harold Alikonis asked what is going to be done regarding the junk cars issue that is happening in the Town currently. Still an eyesore and is unacceptable. The Town Board strengthened the ordinance to deal with this issue, and something needs to be done. Attorney Crowe explained that enforcement can be strengthened by going to the Supreme court in the County. This can be costly and time-consuming. The Board has authorized Attorney Crowe to move forward with taking the matter to Supreme Court. He will reach out to the Zoning Enforcement Officer and explain what he needs to do to move forward.

Building Maintenance:

- Town Hall kitchen remodel is almost complete. Installing the roll-up doors at the takeout windows this week. Highway Superintendent, Steve Anderson, went to Albany to pick-up the new dishwasher to replace the one that was delivered because the wiring would need to be replaced if he didn't. Also, the griddle that was delivered was damaged so he will bring back the new one to replace that one. The kitchen should be done by next weekend.

- A new air vent has been installed next to the urinal in the men's bathroom to try to help eliminate the septic smell. If that does not work, then the line will have to be smoke bombed to try to find the leak.

Highway:

- Quotes were presented for the purchase of the new 6-wheeler and 10-wheeler trucks for the Board to review. Steve informed the Board that it will be at least two years before the trucks are delivered. Supervisor Eric Mead told the Board that the money is in the budget for these purposes. A second truck is needed to be purchased so that when mowing one of the other highway employees doesn't have to drive another worker to the mower and then pick him up when he is done. There is also money available for the purchase of a new zero turn mower. The Town Board approved all the purchases.

Water and Sewer:

- The electric panel at the Dollar General pump station has been replaced. Not sure if the Amazon pump station is done.

Youth:

- Nothing at this time.

Veterans:

- Rudy Horlbeck attended and told the Town Board that he met with Attorney Mike Crowe and talked about the paperwork required for the items on loan to the Veteran's Park. Everything is all set.
- Waiting for Spring to be able to do maintenance in the park.
- Memorial stone for Dan Wilson is ordered.
- Kim Graff and a few other members are working on organizing the basement room for display of veteran's artifacts.

Old Business:

- Councilman Harold Alikonis asked if the marquee sign out front could be repaired.

New Business:

1. **RESOLUTION #44** a Resolution sponsored by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis to allow the Town of Florida Supervisor to sign Task Authorization No. 6 in the amount of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) for services provided by Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for engineering services on behalf of the Town for the MSV1/Amazon project; all in favor and passed.
- 2.

Public Comment: Opened at 7:45pm

No comment from the public

MOTION by Councilman Steve Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri to remove the voucher for payment request from the SPCA in the amount of \$1,812.50 until the Board has met with the SPCA board regarding issues with dog acceptance from the Town; all in favor and passed.

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

Respectfully Submitted
Emily Staley - Town Clerk