

TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

January 15, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Florida Town Board was called to order at 7:01 pm by Supervisor Mead. Also present for the meeting were Councilman Phillips, Councilman Alikonis, Councilman Robataille, Councilman Rackowski, Attorney Slezak and Town Clerk Staley.

Councilman Phillips led the salute to the flag.

Motion by Councilman Phillips and seconded by Supervisor Mead to adopt the Agenda; all in favor and passed.

Motion by Councilman Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to approve and accept the public hearing minutes from Local Law #4-2017 Right to Farm Law held on December 18, 2017; all in favor and passed.

Motion by Councilman Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to approve and accept minutes of December 18, 2017 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

Motion by Councilman Robataille and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to accept the minutes from the 2018 Organizational meeting of January 3, 2018; all in favor and passed.

Motion by Councilman Robataille and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to add item #7 to the Agenda to refer the Zone Change to Montgomery County Planning Board for their review; all in favor and passed.

Attorney Slezak pointed out that there is a typographical error in the Fire Department budget contract and a new public hearing will need to be held before the contract can be approved and signed.

Motion by Supervisor Mead and seconded by Councilman Alikonis to change **RESOLUTION #37** to say set public hearing for 2018 Fire Protection District Contract; all in favor and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Announcements:

- Supervisor Mead stated that the committee to plan the Town's 225th Anniversary celebration met last week to begin the planning. Skeeter Creek is reserved, there will be a DJ, food, craft vendors, bounce houses, beer tent. The celebration is June 16, 2018 11am – 11pm.

Engineering:

- JME is working on the drawings for the Town Hall renovation project. Supervisor Mead will be meeting with Jack McDonald to go over the plans.
- The Town received a three hundred and forty thousand dollar (\$340,000) grant toward the building of a new salt storage facility. As soon as the grant application is notarized and sent to the County then solicitation for an engineering firm can begin.

Attorney:

- Attorney Slezak just confirmed that the Public Hearings were held for the Right to Farm Law and the Zone Amendment.

Planning and Zoning:

- Paul Slansky informed the Board that he turned the issue of Brian Leffler and his inability to clean up his property over to Attorney Slezak. He has now turned his attention to Adirondack Tree Service on Route 30. He has been attempting to get a hold of Tim Twardzik with little success. Paul said he will stop by Tim's father's house and speak with him.
- John Sampone met with the City of Amsterdam's water department and they re-calibrated the meters for the new houses in the Mohawk Hills sub-division.
- John Sampone handed out final year reports for all permits he did in 2017.

Committee Reports Con’t:

Building Maintenance:

- Steve Anderson called Bruce to replace the door sweeps at the Town Hall.

Highway:

- Highway Superintendent Steve Anderson informed that Board that there was approximately seven thousand (7,000) gallons of untreated diesel fuel delivered to the Town Garage. The mistake was caught in time though before the fuel gelled up.
- Highway Superintendent Anderson requested that he be allowed to purchase gas powered cutting saw and a set of torches for the highway garage shop. He gave quotes to Supervisor Mead to show the Board. Councilman Alikonis asked what would they need the gas powered saw for? Highway Superintendent Anderson said for cutting out black top and pipes. One is really needed. All the pricing quotes that he turned in were very close and Supervisor Mead said he has no issue with the purchase. He informed Steve that the torches are well within the limit of an allowable expense of one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Councilman Alikonis asked why some of the saws had such a broad price range. Highway Superintendent Anderson informed him and the Board that some of them are for both metal and concrete and only one is for concrete. The Board had no objection to Steve purchasing whichever saw he felt was needed.

Water and Sewer:

- Quote for pump station at Dollar General.
- Supervisor has spoken with Rich Miller from the City of Amsterdam Water Treatment to meet over maintenance issues.

Youth:

- There will be a tubing trip scheduled within the next month.

Veterans:

- Nothing at this time.

Old Business:

- Nothing at this time.

Motion by Supervisor Mead and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to add **RESOLUTION #36** Negative Declaration of the SEQR to the Agenda; all in favor and passed.

New Business:

1. **RESOLUTION #36** sponsored by Supervisor Mead and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to accept a Negative Declaration of the SEQR that was read into the minutes by Supervisor Mead in regards to Local Law #1 of 2018 – Right to Farm Law. All in favor and passed.
2. **RESOLUTION #37** sponsored by Councilman Phillips and seconded by Councilman Alikonis to adopt Local Law #1 of 2018 – Right to Farm Law. All in favor and passed.

Adopted: __5__ Ayes __0__ Nays __0__ Abstentions
Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Mead - Aye
 Councilman Alikonis – Aye
 Councilman Rackowski – Aye
 Councilman Robataille – Aye
 Councilman Phillips – Aye

3. **RESOLUTION #38** sponsored by Supervisor Mead and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to set Public Hearing date for a second review of the 2018 Agreement for the Fire Protection District with the Florida Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. with corrections made. All in favor and passed.
4. **RESOLUTION #39** sponsored by Councilman Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Robataille authorizing the Town of Florida Supervisor to sign the contracts for snow and ice control/removal on county roads with Montgomery County. All in favor and passed. Supervisor Mead abstained.

5. **RESOLUTION #40** sponsored by Councilman Robataille and seconded by Councilman Rackowski appointing Richard Romeo, 361 Langley Road, Amsterdam as Deputy Chairman of the Town of Florida Planning Board for the year 2018. All in favor and passed.
6. **RESOLUTION #41** sponsored by Councilman Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Robataille to change the Board meeting date in February from Monday, February 19th to Monday, February 12th at 7:00pm, to allow the Town Board to attend the NYS Association of Towns Annual Meeting/Training in New York City. All in favor and passed.
7. **RESOLUTION #42** sponsored by Supervisor Mead and seconded by Councilman Alikonis to amend the 2018 Operating Budget to increase appropriations A1355.4 by eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) for completion of the Town revaluation project. This was an oversight that GAR was not paid in full. All in favor and passed.

Motion by Councilman Phillips and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to refer the zone change request to Montgomery County Planning Board for their consideration and recommendation; all in favor and passed.

Public Comment opened at 7:30pm.

- Rich Romeo, 361 Langley Road, Amsterdam, pointed out to the Town Board that the Planning Board has seven (7) members and no alternate. He asked whether any effort had been made to find an alternate to the Board. Supervisor Mead informed him that an advertisement went into The Recorder last year with no interest. Clerk Staley will put another advertisement in.

Public Comment Closed @ 7:40pm.

MOTION by Councilman Robataille to audit and pay the monthly bills was seconded by Councilman Rackowski; all in favor and passed.

MOTION by Councilman Phillips to approve the Supervisor's Report was seconded by Councilman Robataille; all in favor and passed.

MOTION by Councilman Phillips to adjourn was seconded by Councilman Rackowski; all in favor and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Staley
Town Clerk