

# TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

February 12, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Florida Town Board was called to order at 7:00 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 Rackowski led the salute to the flag.

**Motion** by Councilman Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Robataille 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 the Amendment to the Town of Florida Zoning Ordinance on January 15, 2018; all in favor and passed.

**Motion** by Councilman Phillips and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to approve and accept the public hearing minutes from the 2018 Agreement for the Fire Protection District with the Florida Volunteer Fire Department on January 15, 2018; Councilman Robataille abstained; all others in favor and passed.

**Motion** by Councilman Robataille and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to approve and accept minutes of January 15, 2018 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

## Committee Reports:

### *Communications & Announcements:*

- Chad Putnam and Nydia Hall from New Choices were present to inform the Town Board of a new Federally funded program called the COTI Project to combat addiction in Montgomery County. New Choices is an organization out of Schenectady with a satellite office in Fort Plain and one starting up in Amsterdam. There is a clinician, RN & case manager on staff at each site. People with addiction issues can come to the office or someone can meet with them at their homes or wherever they feel comfortable. There is help available for the families. They are working with St. Mary's addiction services to be able to refer people for longer term treatment if necessary. There is help for the underinsured and non-insured in the community. Brochures and cards were left with the Supervisor and Clerk for display.

### *Legislative:*

- Nothing at this time.

### *Engineering:*

- Nothing at this time.

### *Attorney:*

- Attorney Slezak informed the Board that the tax search on Hill & Markes owned property is moving toward conclusion
- Paul Slansky is also working with her on two matters of non-compliance with the zoning ordinance that have been on-going.
- Clerk Staley will forward the acknowledgement from the Secretary of State for the two new laws that were passed.

### *Planning and Zoning:*

- Paul Slansky stated that he caught up with Tim Twardzik and said Tim was not happy. He feels the Town is being critical and he wants to meet with the Planning Board.
- Supervisor Mead asked Clerk Staley to advertise to fill the alternate spot on the Planning Board.
- John Sampone is finishing up reports for the state. Patti is working once again on updating the files on the computer.
- John continues to work on the houses that need to be torn down. Making some progress with a couple. It's very expensive for people to do this.

## Committee Reports Con't:

### *Building Maintenance:*

- Supervisor Mead, Highway Superintendent Anderson and McDonald Engineering met at the Town Hall to discuss the plans for the upcoming renovations. A hole was drilled in the floor to see what was underneath. Entire floor has be torn up. Bathrooms will be reconfigured. There will be a reconfiguration of the stairs in the garage section to allow for storage space up in the mezzanine area. Should be some more information coming in the next month or so.
- Door sweeps are fixed in the kitchen. Fire alarm is fixed. Steve fixed the drain in the men's room.

### *Highway:*

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> new truck was delivered today.
- 2016 Ford is up for trade-in. Would get more than twenty eight thousand (\$28,000) at Auctions International.

**Motion** by Councilman Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to amend the Agenda to add **RESOLUTION #46** authorizing the Highway Superintendent to purchase a new Ford F-250 ext. cab truck including plow with stainless steel blade for six hundred dollars (\$600) more for a total cost of thirty eight thousand two hundred forty four dollars (\$38,244). All in favor and passed.

- Highway Superintendent Anderson and Supervisor Mead went to look at a salt storage shed in Hoosick. Waiting for final information regarding the grant.

### *Water and Sewer:*

- Supervisor Mead has a meeting with Rich Miller from City of Amsterdam regarding their taking over the pump stations in Town of Florida.
- Ahmed Shah has contacted Eric regarding the Town assisting him in running water/sewer to his trailer park on Route 5S. He stated the DOH told him the well water is contaminated and he will need to hook-up to public water. The Town is not able to assist him with this. The County is able to assist in a private endeavor such as this. The suggestion was he should drill another well.

### *Youth:*

- There will be tubing March 4<sup>th</sup> at Oak Mountain. A bus has been rented.

### *Veterans:*

- Nothing at this time.

### *Old Business:*

- Nothing at this time.

### *New Business:*

1. **RESOLUTION #43** sponsored by Councilman Phillips and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to sign the Fire Protection Contract with the Town of Florida Volunteer Fire Department. Councilman Robataille abstained; All others in favor and passed.
2. **RESOLUTION #44** sponsored by Councilman Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Robataille to authorize the Highway Superintendent, Steven Anderson, to sell the 1985 Oshkosh through Auctions International. All in favor and passed.
3. **RESOLUTION #45** sponsored by Councilman Phillips and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to appoint Paul Slansky, 149 Railroad Street, Fort Hunter, as Deputy Highway Superintendent at a rate of forty dollars (\$40) per pay period for the year 2018. All in favor and passed.
4. **RESOLUTION #46** sponsored by Councilman Robataille and seconded by Councilman Alikonis authorizing the Highway Superintendent, Steven Anderson to purchase a new Ford F-250 ext. cab truck including plow with stainless steel blade for six hundred dollars (\$600) more for a total cost of thirty eight thousand two hundred forty four dollars (\$38,244) . All in favor and passed.

### *Public Comment opened at 7:42pm.*

- Nothing at this time.

### *Public Comment Closed @ 7:43pm.*

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

**MOTION** by Councilman Robataille to approve the Supervisor’s Report was seconded by Councilman Alikonis; 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 8:06pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Staley  
Town Clerk