

TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

May 21, 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 Rackowski, Councilman Alikonis, Councilman Phillips, Councilman Robataille and Town Clerk Staley.

Councilman Alikonis led the salute to the flag.

Motion by Councilman Robataille and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to amend the Agenda to remove **RESOLUTION #57** due to the SEQR not being prepared and delivered by Attorney Slezak. This item will be moved to the June 16th Agenda. All in favor and passed.

Motion by Councilman Phillips and seconded by Councilman Alikonis to adopt the Agenda as modified; all in favor and passed.

Motion by Councilman Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to accept the Public Hearing minutes from April 16, 2018; all in favor and passed.

Motion by Councilman Robataille and seconded by Councilman Alikonis to approve and accept minutes of April 16, 2018 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Announcements:

- Nothing at this time.

Legislative:

- Nothing at this time.

Engineering:

- Rich Homernick and Jeff Trzeciak were present to give the scope and tentative schedule of completion regarding the “Old” Town Hall renovations. As soon as asbestos testing is completed bid requests will be published in the local newspaper and work can begin as soon as mid to late August and be finished at or around Thanksgiving. One bathroom will be available at all times for any events that are scheduled to take place during the renovation. Supervisor Mead asked for an updated cost sheet.

Attorney:

- Nothing at this time.

Planning and Zoning:

- Supervisor Mead addressed the two zoning change requests that have come before the Town Board. He stated that outside counsel is going to be hired to assist the board with the recent requests that have come up. Both zone change requests need to be started over. There are issues with the way paperwork was done and both SEQRs are incorrect. More information will be forthcoming.

Building Maintenance:

- Nothing at this time.

Highway:

- Nothing at this time.

Water and Sewer:

- Supervisor Mead is continuing to work on putting together a sewer contract for the city of Amsterdam.

Youth:

- Nothing at this time.

Veterans:

- Memorial Day Service .

Old Business:

- Supervisor Mead asked if anyone would make a motion to put the zone change for lands on Thayer Road and Route 5s up for Resolution and vote. No motion was made.

New Business:

1. **RESOLUTION #56** sponsored by Councilman Phillips and seconded by Councilman Robataille to adopt Local Law #2: The Procurement Policy for the Town of Florida; All in favor and passed.
2. **RESOLUTION #57** by Councilman Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Robataille to approve the mowing contracts on highways for 2018 between Montgomery County Executive and the Town of Florida; All in favor and passed. Supervisor Eric Mead abstained.
3. **RESOLUTION #58** sponsored by Councilman Phillips and seconded by Councilman Rackowski authorizing the Town Clerk to purchase software and retain the design and installation services of BAS at a cost of three thousand three hundred dollars (\$3,300) for the purpose of creating and maintaining the Town's own website; All in favor and passed.

Public Comment opened at 7:22pm.

- Scott McKay, Hartley Road asked the Board to consider a moratorium on all solar farms and all building projects not involving single family homes, reviewing the Comprehensive Plan and sending out another survey asking the residents what direction the Town should move in.
- Jason Downing, Main Street, Fort Hunter. Illegal ramp built in the Town by an employee. Action needs to be taken.
- Ed Berry, Church Street, Fort Hunter. News on NY Rising money? Supervisor Mead spoke about going into Phase II. Documents are being signed by the County Executive. Three (3) properties are being torn down, culverts will be rebuilt, one property will be fixed, park is proposed. The berm build-up that was asked for was pulled by the Canal Corporation. Mr. Berry is disappointed that more will not be done to stabilize the creek bank that caused the severe flooding.
- Dottie Carey, Bullshead Road. Not please by solar projects
- April Marcellino, Fuller Road. Would like to understand the process of an Article 10 and what the steps are.
- Joe Slezak, Fuller Road agrees with Scott McKay. Would like to be considered for a committee if one is formed.
- Michelle Harrington, Klapmeyer Road, agrees with Scott McKay.
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Public Comment Closed @ 7:44pm.

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

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

MOTION by Councilman Phillips to adjourn was seconded by Councilman Robataille; all in favor and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Staley
Town Clerk