

TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

August 20, 2018

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 Phillips; Councilman Alikonis, Councilman Rackowski and Councilman Robataille, Attorney Slezak and Town Clerk Staley. Councilman Phillips led the salute to the flag.

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

Motion by Councilman Phillips and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to approve and accept minutes of July 16, 2018 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Announcements:

- Postcards were mailed out to homes in the Town from High River Energy re: August 29th open house.

Legislative:

- Nothing at this time.

Engineering:

- Nothing at this time.

Attorney:

- Gary Francisco has now been to Court twice. His public defender has been encouraging him to comply and clean up the property. Another court date is set for September 4th at 7pm.
- VitaBlends came to the Planning Board with a “concept” site plan for their proposed project on Route 5S in the Town. There is an issue with their current entrance. The Planning Board asked them to change their plan to put the entrance across from Dollar General’s entrance to be able to utilize the traffic light instead of creating an entrance up the road. Their representative said he would take the suggestion back and re-work the plans with them.

Planning and Zoning:

- Paul Slansky stated he is following up with on-going code issues in the Town. He and John Sampone are going to be doing site visits for properties.
- John Sampone is almost done with his yearly schooling. He will need a new file cabinet for next year due to running out of room. Supervisor Mead suggested he order it in November. Patti is just about finished entering all of the older building permit information into the system. John has asked about getting an updated data file each year so that he knows the new owners and addresses of properties so when he does permits he can have all the correct information. He will contact Greg Oliver to speak with him regarding this.

Building Maintenance:

- The softball field was worked up by the Highway Department.
- Swings are off, need to take care of the bleachers at the lower park and the softball field at the Town Building. Also need a new rules of the playground sign made up and posted.
- A/C is fixed in the kitchen.
- No timeline for the library to install their shed. Board Meeting is in September and it will be discussed then.
- The drawing/specs book was sent to John Sampone and he is reviewing it.

Highway:

- Joanne Way needs a fence around the retention pond in Phase II. The Town will not plow the road until it takes ownership when that phase is completed.
- The roads have been milled up, had calcium added and put back down. Two coats of oil and stone to be done next.

Water and Sewer:

- Nothing at this time.

Youth:

- Nothing at this time.

Veterans:

- Nothing at this time.

Old Business:

- Nothing at this time.

New Business:

1. Opened bids submitted for the Salt Shed Grant RFP. Two packets were submitted. One from Chazen Companies and another from Barton and Loguidice. The Board decided to schedule a sit down to review both packets on August 24th at 4pm.
2. **RESOLUTION #63** sponsored by Councilman Robataille and seconded by Councilman Rackowski authorizing the placement of a “No Thru Truck Traffic” sign on County Highway #145, aka Fort Hunter Road, in the Town of Florida. All in favor and passed.
3. **RESOLUTION #64** sponsored by Councilman Robataille and seconded by Councilman Rackowski authorizing the placement of a “No Thru Truck Traffic” sign on Denise Road in the Town of Florida. All in favor and passed.

MOTION by Councilman Robataille and seconded by Councilman Alikonis to amend **RESOLUTION #65** to change the transfer of funds from DA5130.2 to DA5112.2 to reflect the transfer from DA5112.2 to DA5130.2. All in favor and passed.

4. **RESOLUTION #65** sponsored by Councilman Rackowski and Councilman Phillips authorizing the transfer of one hundred eleven thousand, four hundred ninety-four dollars (\$111,494) from DA5112.2 to DA5130.2. All in favor and passed.

Public Comment opened at 7:37pm.

- Vijay Puran, 895 Bullshead Road, Amsterdam asked about a moratorium on solar farms.
- Ed Berry, 131 West Church Street, Fort Hunter, asked about 106 Brown Place and what was the status with the property.

Public Comment Closed @ 7:40pm.

MOTION by Councilman Robataille and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to enter Executive Session at 7:41pm.

Discussion regarding employee health insurance.

MOTION by Councilman Robataille and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to exit Executive Session at 8:00pm

MOTION by Councilman Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Robataille to set Special Meeting date for the awarding of the Salt Shed RFP for September 4, 2018 at 5:00pm at 214 Fort Hunter Road. All in favor and passed.

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 8:31pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Staley
Town Clerk