

# TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

## October 15, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Florida Town Board was called to order at 7:23 pm by Deputy Supervisor Steven Rackowski. Also present for the meeting were Councilman Phillips, Councilman Robataille, Attorney Slezak and Town Clerk Staley. Supervisor Mead and Councilman Alikonis were absent

Councilman Robataille led the salute to the flag.

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

**Motion** by Councilman Robataille and seconded by Councilman Phillips to approve and accept minutes of September 24, 2018 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### *Communications & Announcements:*

- Sandy Mead was present to let the Board know about the change in the cost for insurance. CDPHP went up 2.3% with the same benefits and no deductible. No large increase in the vision plan for families.
- NYS has mandated sexual harassment training for all employees. Benetech offers a free webinar that takes approximately 30 minutes. This has to be done by October of 2019. A written policy also has to be in place at that time. Attorney Slezak will review the general policy that is available and make any changes necessary for the Town. All outside vendors that come on to Town property have to have proof of sexual harassment training.
- Clerk Staley announced that the Town's website is "live" [www.townofflorida.com](http://www.townofflorida.com)

#### *Legislative:*

- Nothing at this time.

#### *Engineering:*

- Nothing at this time.

#### *Attorney:*

- Gary Francisco has been making attempts to comply with the court order to clean up his property.

#### *Planning and Zoning:*

- Councilman Rackowski asked about Merry Road. They are slow to clean up the mess on the corner of Merry and Millers Corners. He also asked Paul to check on a property on Sulphur Springs Road.

#### *Building Maintenance:*

- Town Barn gutter on the Fort Hunter Road side is buckling. Steve will make inquires as to getting it fixed.

#### *Highway:*

- Highway Superintendent, Steve Anderson stated that there are going to be issues plowing the roads that have abandoned cars parked on the shoulders. Paul Slansky stated he has spoken with the owners and gave them notice that all cars needed to be moved by November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- There was a question about fixing the potholes on the end of Simcer Road.

#### *Water and Sewer:*

- Nothing at this time.

#### *Youth:*

- Halloween Party on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 3pm had approximately 30 kids and two movie nights at Emerald Cinemas; November 21<sup>st</sup> and December 27<sup>th</sup>.

*Veterans:*

- Nothing at this time.

*Old Business:*

- Nothing at this time.

*New Business:*

1. Attorney Slezak read the SEQR and the Town Board members present answered all questions and found a negative declaration.
2. **RESOLUTION #66** was sponsored by Councilman Robataille and seconded by Councilman Phillips to set the Public Hearing for the 2019 Town of Florida Budget for Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. All in favor and passed.
3. **RESOLUTION #67** was sponsored by Councilman Robataille and seconded by Councilman Phillips to award the bid for Town Hall renovations to Borderline Excavation & Fence LLC of St. Johnsville, NY for sum not to exceed two hundred forty-seven thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$247,750). Project will be funded from the General Reserve Fund Balance. All in favor and passed.
4. **RESOLUTION #68a** was sponsored by Councilman Robataille and seconded by Councilman Phillips to find a negative declaration for the SEQR read into the minutes in regards to Local Law #4 "Temporary 180 Moratorium on Construction of Solar Energy Systems and Equipment and Solar Energy Facilities in the Town of Florida". All in favor and passed.
5. **RESOLUTION #68b** was sponsored by Councilman Phillips and seconded by Councilman Robataille to adopt Local Law #4 "Temporary 180 Day Moratorium on Construction of Solar Energy Systems and Equipment and Solar Energy Facilities in the Town of Florida". All in favor and passed.

*Public Comment opened at 8:25pm.*

Vijay Puran, 859 Bullshead Road

Spoke about the Town becoming a party to the case regarding the Article 10 from High River Energy. There is money available to assist with engineering studies and attorney fees. The residents who live near the proposed project have all joined and currently there at about 16 people.

- Councilman Rackowski spoke up about the Nadler house on Route 30 that has now caved in. It is a hazard and very unsightly.
- Ed Berry, 131 West Church Street, Fort Hunter. Asked why Supervisor Mead missed the meeting.

*Public Comment Closed @ 7:49pm*

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

**MOTION** by Councilman Robataille 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 8:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Staley  
Town Clerk