

# TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

## December 17, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Florida Town Board was called to order at 7:10 pm by Supervisor Eric Mead. Also present for the meeting were Councilman Rackowski, Councilman Alikonis, Councilman Phillips, Councilman Robataille, Attorney Slezak and Town Clerk Staley.

Councilman Phillips led the salute to the flag.

**Motion** by Supervisor Mead and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to amend the Agenda to add the SEQR to Resolution #77. All in favor and passed.

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

**Motion** by Councilman Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to approve and accept minutes of November 19, 2018 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

### Committee Reports:

#### *Communications & Announcements:*

- Supervisor Mead announced that he received a letter from Leon "Skip" Gray resigning his position as member of the Planning Board.
- Supervisor Mead announced that he received a letter from Jennifer Phillips resigning her position as cleaner of the Town Hall. Clerk Staley will advertise for both positions.

#### *Legislative:*

- Nothing at this time.

#### *Engineering:*

- Final contracts for Salt Shed have been signed. Hoping for a start date of June/July.

#### *Attorney:*

- Gary Francisco matter is stalled. He began cleaning up the property and has now stopped. Attorney Slezak is in contact with his lawyer.
- No progress with the Annexation matter between Amsterdam and Town of Florida. Part of the SEQR was received from Mrs. Heacock's attorney. No other information is available at this time.

#### *Planning and Zoning:*

- Vida-Blends application for site plan/sub-division is expected to be approved pending the results of the Public Hearing on January 7<sup>th</sup> and the completion of the SEQR.
- Continued work on the revision of the Town's Solar Law. The Planning Board made recommendations and would like to schedule a meeting with the Town Board to go over the changes.
- An alternate is needed for the Planning Board. Rudy Horlbeck was asked and has agreed to come back on as a member to replace Leon "Skip" Gray. One more member will be needed and an alternate.
- John Sampone informed the board that permits are winding down for 2018. Certifications are all done for the year. He will be linking in with the County system to have accurate parcel data for future permits. Check for T-mobile to begin work on the equipment on the water tower was received and their permit was mailed out.

#### *Building Maintenance:*

- Town Hall renovation work is moving along.
- Steve Anderson said work on the outside of the building to fix the chipping façade should be done.
- John Sampone said the library shed is too close to the building. It should be at least 10' away if we are to follow code.

*Highway:*

- New pressure washer has arrived.
- Discussion on replacing the loaders and 10-wheelers. It was suggested that Steve add the Town's name to the list for purchasing the 10 wheelers.
- Are the Highway Dept cell phones up for upgrades?

*Water and Sewer:*

- Sewer pump across from Target was down. Will be fixed by mid-week.

*Youth:*

- Christmas Party was successful. Was moved to Court room due to renovations. Still had 80 kids come to see Santa, have cookies and get presents.
- Emerald Cinemas December 27<sup>th</sup>.

*Veterans:*

- Working on plans to put in a display where the flowers are planted normally to keep maintenance down. Putting in 5 flag poles for each branch of service possibly. Discussion to continue.
- Breakfast February 17<sup>th</sup>. Omelet station, French toast, pancakes etc.
- Very grateful for the help of the highway garage guys putting the benches together.

*Old Business:*

- Nothing at this time.

*New Business:*

1. **RESOLUTION #76** was sponsored by Councilman Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Robataille to accept the Justice Court Audit that was performed by Elma Phillips from Elma's Tax Service for the year 2018 for both Judge Brown and Judge Carleo. All in favor and passed. Councilman Phillips abstained.
2. **RESOLUTION #77a** was sponsored by Councilman Phillips and seconded by Councilman Robataille to find a Negative Declaration of the SEQR which was read into the minutes by Supervisor Eric Mead. All in favor and passed.
3. **RESOLUTION #77** was sponsored by Councilman Phillips and seconded by Councilman Alikonis to adopt Local Law #5 of 2018 entitled The Town of Florida Planned Unit Development 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

Mike Crowe from Morris, Firth, Baker, Fitzgerald prepared the addendum to the SEQR which Supervisor Mead read into the minutes. This Addendum will be attached to the SEQR and filed with the Law and the Secretary of State.

4. **RESOLUTION #78** was sponsored by Councilman Phillips and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to set the Organizational Meeting date to Friday, January 4, 2019 at 6pm. All in favor and passed.
5. **RESOLUTION #79** was sponsored by Councilman Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to authorize the hiring of Fitzgerald, Morris, Baker, Firth PC to represent the Town of Florida with the pending Article 10 process with High River Energy and the NYS Board on Electric Generation Siting and Environment (Siting Board). All in favor and passed.

*Public Comment opened at 7:53pm.*

- Vincent VanDetta, Bullshead Road, question regarding eminent domain in the town and the Borrego Solar project on Route 30. Pending legal action against the solar company.

*Public Comment Closed @ 8:00pm*

**MOTION** by Councilman Robataille to audit and pay the monthly bills was seconded by Councilman Phillips; 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 Robataille; all in favor and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Staley  
Town Clerk