

# TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

## January 21, 2019

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 Rackowski, Councilman Alikonis, Councilman Phillips, Councilman Robataille, and Town Clerk Staley. Attorney Deborah Slezak was 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 Phillips and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to accept public hearing minutes from Local Law #5 – 2018 Planned Unit Developments – December 17, 2018; all in favor and passed.

**Motion** by Councilman Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Robataille to approve and accept minutes of December 17, 2018 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

**Motion** by Supervisor Mead and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to accept the 2019 Organizational Minutes with updates to salaries –January 4, 2019; all in favor and passed.

### Committee Reports:

#### *Communications & Announcements:*

- William VanGorder from NBT Insurance gave an overview of the 2019 insurance coverage. Book will be filed in the Town Clerk's office. Will call the Sheriff's Dept to see about being added to their liability insurance in case of a Deputy needing to use force while on Town property. Suggested the Town increase its excess catastrophe insurance to a \$2 million policy. The town is growing with new businesses coming in, new residents. A new bill will be mailed to the Town with additional coverage cost.

#### *Legislative:*

- Nothing at this time.

#### *Engineering:*

- CT Male has sent a letter of interest to the Town offering engineering services. Supervisor Mead will ask them to put together a presentation for the Board.

#### *Attorney:*

- Nothing at this time.

#### *Planning and Zoning:*

- The board decided on January 28, 2019 at 6pm for a workshop meeting with the Planning Board. The public may attend but no comments will be taken from the public as this is a workshop.
- Paul Slansky informed the board that the property on the corner of Millers Corners and Merry Road is all but cleaned up. One car is left and the green tent. Nadler Bros house on Route 30 has been knocked down and covered. Will be cleaned up in the Spring. Randy Bornt is deceased so the property at 228 Thayer Road has still not been taken care of. A letter was sent to the lien holder of the property with no response. Councilman Robataille suggested Paul contact Chris Persons directly to find out who currently owns the property. It was suggested that Paul refer the Frank Blond matter to Deb Slezak for her to send him a letter to clean up his property.
- Scott McKay asked the Board about getting an alternate for the ZBA. Both Sam Bursese and Rich List are in FL until April and with only 3 available members if someone is sick or unable to attend there is no quorum. The Board agreed and Clerk Staley will post a notice on the website, at the dump and on the front door.

#### *Building Maintenance:*

- Town Hall renovation work is complete.

#### *Highway:*

- Got through the plowing during the storm. The Highway guys did a very good job keeping the roads clean.

*Water and Sewer:*

- Heaters are fixed at the pump house. Generator by Dollar General needs a new injector pump. It is a long process to get a service appointment. No other options.

*Youth:*

- Nothing at this time.

*Veterans:*

- Breakfast February 17, 2019 8am – 12pm.

*Old Business:*

- Nothing at this time.

*New Business:*

1. **RESOLUTION #38** was sponsored by Councilman Robataille and seconded by Councilman Phillips rescinding RESOLUTION #71 of 2018 authorizing Deputy Supervisor Steve Rackowski to sign the contracts for snow and ice control/removal on county roads with Montgomery County and now authorizing Deputy Supervisor Steve Rackowski to sign the amended and revised contracts for snow and ice control/removal on county roads for the years 2019/2020 and 2020/2021. All in favor and passed. Supervisor Mead abstained.
2. **RESOLUTION #39** was sponsored by Councilman Robataille and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to set the date for a workshop with the Planning Board to discuss the recommended revisions to the Town's current Solar Zoning Law for January 28, 2019 at 6pm. All in favor and passed.
3. **RESOLUTION #40** was sponsored by Councilman Phillips and seconded by Councilman Alikonis to approve the Veterans Memorial Park Committee's nomination and unanimous vote for Jim Yermis to be Veterans Memorial Park Committee Chairman for the year 2019. All in favor and passed.
4. **RESOLUTION #41** was sponsored by Councilman Robataille and seconded by Supervisor Mead to approve the Veterans Memorial Park Committee's nomination and unanimous vote for Kim Graff to be Veteran's Memorial Park Committee Secretary/Treasurer for the year 2019. All in favor and passed.

*Public Comment opened at 7:48pm. There were no members of the public.*

**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 8:34pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Staley  
Town Clerk