

# TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

April 15, 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 Robataille, Councilman Rackowski, Councilman Phillips, Attorney Deborah Slezak, Attorney Michael Crowe, and Town Clerk Staley. Councilman Alikonis was absent.

Councilman Phillips led the salute to the flag.

**Motion** by Councilman Robataille and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to amend the Agenda to remove **RESOLUTION #49** and re-number the last two resolutions to reflect the removal. All in favor and passed.

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

**Motion** by Councilman Phillips and seconded by Supervisor Mead to approve and accept minutes of March 18, 2019 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

## Committee Reports:

### *Communications & Announcements:*

- Attorney Slezak has drafted a contract for Supervisor Mead and the Town Board to review between the Duanesburg Cyclones and the Town of Florida.

### *Legislative:*

- Nothing at this time.

### *Engineering:*

- B & L will be setting up a meeting with Steve Anderson, Highway Superintendent regarding the placement of the salt shed. Expecting a June start date for construction. The roof will be metal.

### *Attorney:*

- Draft agreement between the Duanesburg Cyclones and the Town is done. Supervisor Mead will get any edits to her before next meeting and she will forward the changes to the Town Board for review.
- A settlement conference between Cranesville Block and Cushing Stone will be taking place in the next week. The numbers for assessment are very far apart currently.
- The Assessor's Office is losing two (2) elected positions to retirement this year. The job can be changed from three (3) elected Assessors to one (1) appointed Assessor. This can be done three different ways: 1) Referendum 2)Mandatory Referendum 3)No Referendum. The Town of Florida is one of only two municipalities in Montgomery Cty who still have elected Assessors. Councilman Phillips and Councilman Rackowski wanted some time to review the draft of the local law Attorney Slezak handed out and to have a workshop so the Board could go over the pros and cons of going to a single appointed Assessor.

### *Planning and Zoning:*

- Paul informed the board that Green Trucking has offered to clean-up the Francis Danyla property on Route 5S. They have also offered to cut the grass at the Pajak property that has been abandoned for almost two (2) years. Paul put Mr. Danyla's sister in touch with Green Trucking and they are currently working out an agreement.
- Brian Leffler has been mailed another letter regarding his cars. Paul will give him some time due to the wet weather.

### *Building Maintenance:*

- Steve Anderson has had no luck with finding a company to provide sides for the bleachers.
- Flower boxes are in.
- Both parking lots will be cracked sealed as soon as the weather is nice.

- Lines for the Town Hall parking lot should be drawn to give people somewhat of a guide as to where to park. It's very difficult to park when there are events. Steve will call Rick Vertucci and talk to him.

*Highway:*

- Steve Anderson brought three (3) quotes for a mini excavator and trailer
  - *Randall Implements Kubota - \$66,813.22*
  - *Monroe Tractor Case - \$68,480.43*
  - *Clark Equipment – Bobcat - \$59,653.28*

Steve tried all three and was not happy with the Bobcat. Would prefer the Kubota

- Steve Anderson brought three (3) quotes for a trailer to haul the mini excavator
  - *Randall Implements – CAM Superliner - \$8,950*
  - *Belmont Trailers - \$8,262*
  - *Outdoor Motor Sports & Trailer Sales – Big Tex Trailer - \$9,449*

It was discussed and agreed to buy from the same place since Randall Implements had a Kubota and a trailer and Steve preferred a Kubota and the trailer from Randall was specifically for hauling the excavator.

**Motion** by Supervisor Mead and seconded by Councilman Robataille to authorized Highway Superintendent Steve Anderson to purchase a Kubota mini excavator at a cost of sixty-six thousand eight hundred thirteen dollars and twenty-two cents (\$66,813.22) from Randall Implements, 2991 State Highway 5S, Fultonville, NY. All in favor and passed.

**Motion** by Supervisor Mead and seconded by Councilman Robataille to authorize Highway Superintendent Steve Anderson to purchase a CAM Superline excavator trailer at a cost of eight thousand nine hundred fifty dollars (\$8, 950) from Randall Implements, 2991 State Highway 5S, Fultonville, NY. All in favor and passed.

- Steve informed the Board that the 1 Ton truck was sold at auction for \$36, 100, the pressure washer for \$610 and the floor cleaner for \$510.
- He also brought quotes for a plasma cutter to be able to cut the edges for the wings on the plow trucks.

**Motion** by Supervisor Mead and seconded by Steve Rackowski to authorize the Highway Superintendent Steve Anderson to purchase a plasma cutter at a cost of two thousand eight hundred dollars (\$2,800) from Haun Welding , 564 Broadway, Menands, NY. All in favor and passed.

- CAT Loaders are in today. The highway department went out 67 times this year to clear roads during the winter season.

*Water and Sewer:*

- Light went out in the water pump house. Steve had Paul put in an LED light.

*Youth:*

- Easter Egg Hunt on April 13, 2019 was well attended.

*Veterans:*

- Nothing at this time.

*Old Business:*

- Nothing at this time.

*New Business:*

1. **RESOLUTION #48** was sponsored by Councilman Robataille and seconded by Councilman Phillips authorizing the Deputy Supervisor, Steve Rackowski to sign the Agreement for Control of Grass and Brush on County Highways. All in favor and passed. Supervisor Eric Mead abstained.

2. **RESOLUTION #49** of 2019 sponsored by Councilman Robataille and seconded by Councilman Rackowski completing Part 3 of the EAF regarding the proposed annexation petition of Dr. Pervaz M. Choudry and making a determination of significance along with issuing a positive declaration. Please see attached resolution and supporting documentation.

**Adopted:**                   \_\_4\_\_ Ayes \_\_0\_\_ Nays \_\_0\_\_ Abstentions

**Roll Call Vote:**           Supervisor Mead - Aye  
                          Councilman Alikonis – Absent  
                          Councilman Rackowski – Aye  
                          Councilman Robataille – Aye  
                          Councilman Phillips – Aye

3. **RESOLUTION #50** sponsored by Councilman Phillips and seconded by Councilman Robataille authorizing Supervisor Eric Mead to sign the SEQRA Review Services Proposal put forth by Barton & Loguidice to work in conjunction with Attorney Michael Crowe of FMBF in conducting a technical review of the Scoping Document and DEIS for the proposed property annexation of lands owned by Dr. Pervaz M. Choudry. All in favor and passed.

*Public Comment opened at 7:47pm.*

Scott McKay of Hartley Road asked when the Comprehensive Plan and amendments to the Zoning Ordinance would be put up on the website.

*Public Comment closed at 7:48pm.*

**MOTION** by Councilman Rackowski to audit and pay the monthly bills was seconded by Councilman Robataille; 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 8:09pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Staley  
Town Clerk