

TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

May 20, 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 Phillips, Councilman Alikonis and Town Clerk Staley. Attorney Deborah Slezak, Attorney Michael Crowe, and Councilman Robataille were absent.

Councilman Rackowski led the salute to the flag.

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

Motion by Councilman Phillips and seconded by Councilman Alikonis to approve and accept minutes of April 15, 2019 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Announcements:

- Progress report from the Assessor's office regarding the court case review of tax assessments on Cushing Stone and Cranesville Block.
- Hand-out from the Town Court regarding their application for a grant to purchase a full building generator. The grant will cover up to \$30,000 per court. Town would be willing to match up to 50%. Supervisor Mead will draft a letter stating that. Mirabito will be used for the propane.

Legislative:

- Nothing at this time.

Engineering:

- Salt shed is going to bid in June.

Attorney:

- 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. Councilman Alikonis agreed with the other two councilmen and a workshop date is set for May 29, 2019 at 6:30pm in Supervisor Mead's office.
- No word on the annexation petition for Dr. Choudry.

Planning and Zoning:

- Paul informed the board that he is following up with many people who are doing work with no permits.
- Brian Leffler was mailed another letter regarding his cars no response as of the meeting. He will go see him and then turn the matter over to Attorney Slezak.
- John Sampone asked Eric if he could reach out to Greg Oliver to get him connected to the County tax parcel site so he could update records in real time. Waiting for Vida Blends to apply for their building permit.

Building Maintenance:

- The chlorination pump in the basement of the office building needs a new hose. Supervisor Mead said he may have one.
- Steve Anderson will get a quote from Borderline Fence for the bleacher railings. Eric received a quote to replace the fence around the dump station and put in sliding gates at a cost of eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000).

Highway:

- Plasma cutters are in. Need fittings for new plugs.
- Mini excavator and trailer will be picked up tomorrow.

- Transmission coolers need to be replaced in the Western Stars. Pumps are shot.
- County will be patching Langley Road.

Water and Sewer:

- Nothing at this time.

Youth:

- Nothing at this time.

Veterans:

- Memorial Service at 2pm Sunday.
- Eric spoke to Kim Graff regarding moving the cannon up to the Memorial Park and the Town assisting with paying for a concrete pad to be poured. The Board agreed to discuss it after quotes for the work are received.

Old Business:

- Councilman Alikonis asked about getting the entrance signs to the Town painted and/or repaired. Steve Anderson offered to check the signs and follow-up with the repairs.

New Business:

1. **RESOLUTION #51** was sponsored by Councilman Phillips and seconded by Councilman Rackowski authorizing the Highway Superintendent, Steve Anderson to expend CHIPS money in the amount of one hundred sixty thousand five hundred ninety-three dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$160,593.99) for use on forty-two miles of Town roads. All in favor and passed. Steve informed the Board that the Dead End roads in the Town will be paved.

Public Comment opened at 7:32pm.

Elma Phillips, 795 Pattersonville Road, Pattersonville – Chairwoman of the Ag Economic Development Board asked the Town Board for support in requesting that the companies coming into the Town and building large warehouse type building be encouraged to put aside monies to assist farmers that may want to keep their land as “Forever Farmland”. Currently it’s possible to do this through the State of NY but money is no plentiful and it would be very helpful if farmland is lost to these companies and the buildings that other land could be saved. The Board agreed it was a good idea.

Public Comment closed at 7:35pm.

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

MOTION by Councilman Rackowski to approve the Supervisor’s Report was seconded by Councilman Phillips; 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 8:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Staley
Town Clerk