

# TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

June 17, 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, Councilman Robataille, Attorney Deborah Slezak and Deputy Town Clerk Lisa Jablonski. Attorney Michael Crowe, and Town Clerk Emily Staley were absent.

Councilman Robataille led the salute to the flag.

**Motion** by Councilman Robataille and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to amend the Agenda to add **RESOLUTION #53** to set Public Hearing date of July 15 2019 at 6:45pm concerning Local Law #2 of 2019, entitled "A local law to establish the office of a single appointed assessor pursuant to Real Property Tax Law, 328; all in favor and passed.

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

**Motion** by Councilman Phillips and seconded by Councilman Alikonis to approve and accept minutes of May 20, 2019 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

## Committee Reports:

### *Communications & Announcements:*

- Nothing at this time.

### *Legislative:*

- Nothing at this time.

### *Engineering:*

- Salt storage shed bid will be awarded at the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. All bids are due to be returned by July 11<sup>th</sup>.

### *Attorney:*

- Cushing Stone settled with the Town over their contested assessment. Cranesville Block unable to settle so trial will be August 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Gary Francisco's property is not cleaned up and he is still non-compliant. The case is dragging on.
- The attorney for Dr. Chowdry's annexation petition has filed an Article 78 saying the Town filed an improper scoping statement. That case will be in court Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

### *Planning and Zoning:*

- The Danyla property on Route 5S is being cleaned up. Steve Anderson asked Paul if he has heard from anyone at 228 Thayer Road. Someone mowed about three feet out from around the house but left the rest of the lawn. Paul stated that he sent a letter to the mortgage holder and it was returned.
- John Sampone informed the Board that he toured the Dollar General building and they are asking for a CO to be able to begin stocking in September. John said he told them that as long as they passed a fire inspection and everything passed inspection then they would be able to move product into the warehouse.
- John asked once again about getting a link to the County computer servers to be able to update his records in real time.

### *Building Maintenance:*

- Steve Anderson did get a quote from Borderline Fence for the bleacher railings at a cost of \$1500 per bleacher.

**Motion** by Councilman Robataille and seconded by Steve Rackowski to extend Borderline's hall renovation contract to include the installation of the bleacher railings; all in favor and passed.

- 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). Councilman Alikonis asked if the removal of the barbwire top would lower the price; Supervisor Mead said he would ask Borderline to requote without the barbwire.

- Steve Anderson, Highway Superintendent asked about having a sign made up to remind people to bag all garbage. There seems to be an uptick in loose garbage blowing across the parking lot and road into the bushes and trees. Supervisor Mead said he would order a sign through the county.
- Steve asked about contacting the Garden Bug to get the flower boxes planted in front of the Town Hall. The Board agreed.
- The cost to seal the cracks in both parking lots was one thousand six hundred twenty-five dollars (\$1625).

*Highway:*

- Both Western Stars are fixed. There was a factory error with the installation of the hoses.
- The International had an oil leak.

*Water and Sewer:*

- Nothing at this time.

*Youth:*

- Nothing at this time.

*Veterans:*

- Nothing at this time.

*Old Business:*

- Councilman Alikonis asked again regarding the entrance signs to the Town being painted and/or repaired. Steve Anderson offered to check with Tim Lembke to see if he would be able to do this. Tim wanted one good sign and one damaged sign to see how labor intensive it would be.
- The Veterans still need to present a quote for concrete work to the Town Board in order to move forward with repairing and moving the cannon up to the Veteran's Park.

*New Business:*

1. **RESOLUTION #52** was sponsored by Councilman Robataille and seconded by Councilman Phillips approving and endorsing the application of the Town of Florida for a grant under Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 for a park project known as the Town of Florida Community Park Project and located within this community. Said property shall be forever maintained by the Town of Florida as a municipal park in the community consistent with the rules promulgated by OPRHP. All in favor and passed.
2. **RESOLUTION #53** was sponsored by Councilman Robataille and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to hold a public hearing concerning Introductory Local Law #2 of 2019 entitled "A local law to establish the office of a single appointed assessor pursuant to Real Property Tax Law, 328, on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm at 214 Fort Hunter Road, Amsterdam, NY; all in favor and passed.

*Public Comment opened at 7:32pm.*

John McGlone, Palatine Bridge, NY, wanted to clear up a misunderstanding about his intentions for 106 Brown Place in Fort Hunter. He is not looking to create an apartment or B & B. He is looking to renovate it and turn it into his primary residence. He is currently working with CitiMortgage Co to buy the property.

Councilman Phillips encouraged people to support the fundraiser for the Desbien boys who lost their father suddenly a few weeks ago. There will be a spaghetti dinner at Parillo's Armory Grill from 4-7pm on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Phillips also said he would like to see sales tax money used to lower the Town's 2020 Town & County Tax Bills for residents.

Luke Phetteplace got his picture taken with Supervisor Mead for his merit badge.

Mike & Andrea Taberski, 859 Fort Hunter Road, shared their concerns regarding speeding on Fort Hunter Road and that they have witnessed many drivers passing stopped school buses. They asked for a speed study to be done and possibly for the digital speed reading signs to be placed to make drivers aware of

how fast they are going. Supervisor Mead said he would speak to Sheriff Jeff Smith and ask to have the speed trailer brought over. The smaller speed reading signs are all in use at this time but he will put a request in.

*Public Comment closed at 7:40pm.*

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

**MOTION** by Councilman Robataille 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 7:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Staley  
Town Clerk