

TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

July 15, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Florida Town Board was called to order at 7:04 pm by Supervisor Eric Mead. Also present for the meeting were Councilman Phillips, Councilman Alikonis, Attorney Deborah Slezak, Attorney Michael Crowe and Town Clerk Emily Staley. Councilman Robataille and Councilman Rackowski were absent.

Councilman Phillips led the salute to the flag.

Motion by Supervisor Mead and seconded by Councilman Alikonis to amend the Agenda to move Executive Session above *Motion to Adjourn*; all in favor and passed.

Motion by Councilman Phillips and seconded by Supervisor Mead to accept the Agenda; all in favor and passed.

Motion by Councilman Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Phillips to approve and accept minutes of June 17, 2019 Board Meeting with corrections of two spelling errors; all in favor and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Announcements:

- Nothing at this time.

Legislative:

- Nothing at this time.

Engineering:

- Nothing at this time.

Attorney:

- SEQR for Local Law #2. Attorney Slezak read the SEQR questions to the Town Board for Local Law #2.

Motion by Councilman Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Phillips to authorize Supervisor Mead to sign the SEQR after a determination of not any significant environmental impact.

Planning and Zoning:

- Paul Slansky informed the Board that he drove by the Leffler property and could not see any abandoned cars. He will check again in the fall to see that they are really gone and not just covered by high grass.

Building Maintenance:

- The safety railings around the bleachers are done.
- Steve Anderson received a new estimate from Borderline Excavation and Fence LLC for the gates and fencing around the dump station and highway garage without barb wire. The new quote was three thousand dollars (\$3,000) less at fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000).

Motion by Supervisor Mead and seconded by Councilman Alikonis to allow Borderline Excavation and Fence LLC, 149 Thumb Road, St. Johnsville, NY to replace the fencing and gates at the refuse site and Highway garage at a cost not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000). All in favor and passed. Steve Anderson will call Borderline and let them know.

- The court has asked the Town Board to support their application for a whole building generator. Supervisor Mead informed the Board that he met with Justice Brown and that the Town has to be able to pay for the installation and generator cost if the grant is denied. This doesn't mean the Town has to install the generator; just that it can show the funds are available in the budget. The Town Board agreed. Supervisor Mead will write a letter of support.

Highway:

- Nothing at this time.

Water and Sewer:

- Nothing at this time.

Youth:

- Clerk Staley informed the Board that the playground grant has been resubmitted for 2019/2020. An answer will not be known until December.

Veterans:

- Nothing at this time.

Old Business:

- Nothing at this time.

New Business:

**RESOLUTION #54 APPROVING A LOCAL LAW ENACTING
A RIGHT TO CHANGE TOWN ASSESSOR LAW**

WHEREAS, the Town of Florida Town Board (hereinafter “the Town Board”) has determined it necessary to enact a Right to Change Town Assessor Law; and

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Florida for a public hearing to be held by said Governing Body on July 15, 2019 at 6:45 p.m. at the Town of Florida Town Hall, Town of Florida Office Building, 214 Fort Hunter Road, Amsterdam, New York 12010, to hear all interested parties on the proposed local law enacting the local law to abolish the board of three elected assessors in the Town of Florida and to substitute therefore a single appointed assessor to be appointed pursuant to Real Property Tax Law, §310; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the Amsterdam Recorder, the official newspaper of said Town, on July 3, 2019 and July 6, 2019; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on July 15, 2019 at 6:45 p.m. p.m. at the Town of Florida Town Hall, Town of Florida Office Building, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed local law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to article 8 State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) the Town Board has adopted and signed a negative declaration determination of non-significance with respect to the local law enacting the Right to Change Town Assessor; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Florida, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Town of Florida to adopt the proposed local law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of Florida hereby adopts said proposed local law of the Town of Florida, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Town of Florida be and she hereby is directed to enter said local law in the minutes of this meeting and to enter said law in the Local Law Book of the Town of Florida, and to give due notice of the adoption of said amendments to the Secretary of State.

Sponsored by: Councilman Harold Alikonis
Seconded by: Councilman Ronald Phillips
Adopted: 3 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions
Roll Call Vote:
Councilman Guy Robataille – Absent
Councilman Steve Rackowski – Absent
Councilman Ronald Phillips – Aye
Councilman Harold Alikonis – Aye
Supervisor Eric Mead – Aye

- 2. RESOLUTION #55** was sponsored by Supervisor Mead and seconded by Councilman Phillips to award the general contract for construction of the Town of Florida Highway Department’s salt storage shed to Borderline Excavation and Fence, LLC, 149 Thumb Road, St. Johnsville, NY at a cost not to exceed five hundred ninety-five thousand seven hundred fifty dollar (\$595,750); all in favor and passed.

- 3. RESOLUTION #55A** was sponsored by Councilman Phillips and seconded by Councilman Alikonis to award the electrical construction contract for the Town of Florida Highway Department's salt storage shed to Brunswick Electric, Inc., 290 Hoosick Street, Troy, NY at a cost not to exceed twenty thousand six hundred twenty nine dollars (\$20,629); all in favor and passed.

Public Comment opened at 7:28pm.

No one from the public spoke.

Public Comment closed at 7:29pm.

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

MOTION by Councilman Phillips to approve the Supervisor's Report was seconded by Councilman Alikonis; all in favor and passed.

MOTION By Supervisor Mead and seconded by Councilman Alikonis to enter into Executive Session @ 7:35pm; all in favor and passed.

MOTION by Supervisor Mead and seconded by Councilman Phillips to exit Executive Session @ 8:30pm; all in favor and passed.

MOTION by Councilman Phillips to adjourn was seconded by Councilman Alikonis; all in favor and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Staley
Town Clerk