

# TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

September 16, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Florida Town Board was called to order at 7:02 pm by Deputy Supervisor Steve Rackowski. Also present for the meeting were Councilman Alikonis, Councilman Robataille, Councilman Phillips, Attorney Deborah Slezak, Attorney Mike Crown and Town Clerk Emily Staley. Supervisor Eric Mead was absent.

Councilman Phillips led the salute to the flag.

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

**Motion** by Councilman Robataille and seconded by Councilman Alikonis to approve and accept minutes of August 19, 2019 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

## Committee Reports:

### *Communications & Announcements:*

- Nothing at this time.

### *Engineering:*

- Steve LeFevre was present from Barton & Loguidice to explain about the upgrades to the power transmission lines taking place from Marcy to New Scotland. The process is similar to an Article 10 and intervener funds will be available for this project also for Municipalities affected by the upgrades. He brought a contract with him for the Board to review and approve/disapprove for Supervisor Mead to sign.

**Motion** by Councilman Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Phillips to amend the agenda to add Resolutions 59 & 60 with regards to the hiring of Barton & Loguidice and FMBF to represent the Town during the Article VII process. All in favor and passed.

### *Attorney:*

- Tax cases are moving forward. The Town Board approved GAR to do the appraisals and the letters were signed by Supervisor Mead. Waiting for court dates.

### *Planning and Zoning:*

- Paul is still working on the issue of advertising signs being put up in the Town without permission. He gave 10 days for one business to remove the signs and if still non-compliant then he will turn all paperwork over to Attorney Slezak.
- Matt Gogis was present for the Planning Board and asked if there was a way to have applicants bring field plans for the PB to review instead of the larger engineer plans. Clerk Staley said she would request the smaller size in the future.

### *Building Maintenance:*

- Nothing at this time.

### *Highway:*

- Town entry signs have been taken to Tim.
- Truss' are coming in this week and hopefully will be put together and up starting Friday.

### *Water and Sewer:*

- Nothing at this time.

### *Youth:*

- Nothing at this time.

### *Veterans:*

- Nothing at this time.

### *Old Business:*

- Nothing at this time.

*New Business:*

1. **RESOLUTION #57** sponsored by Councilman Ron Phillips and seconded by Councilman Guy Robataille that the Town Board of the Town of Florida authorizes the Town of Florida Justice Court to file an application for the Justice Court Grant Program for 2019. All in favor and passed.
2. **RESOLUTION #58** sponsored by Councilman Ron Phillips and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis that the Town Board of the Town of Florida approves the hiring of Prime Engineering as TDE (Town Designated Engineering Firm) for the Interchange 27 Warehouse Project. All in favor and passed.
3. **RESOLUTION #59** sponsored by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Guy Robataille authorizing the Law Firm of Fitzgerald Morris Baker Firth PC to represent the Town of Florida in the Public Service Law Article VII proceeding pertaining to the application of LS Power Grid New York LLC. All in favor and passed.
4. **RESOLUTION #60** sponsored by Councilman Guy Robataille and seconded by Councilman Ron Phillips authorizing the engineering firm of Barton & Loguidice PC to represent the Town of Florida in the Public Service Law Article VII proceeding pertaining to the application of LS Power Grid New York LLC. All in favor and passed.
5. **RESOLUTION #61** sponsored by Councilman Guy Robataille and seconded by Councilman Ron Phillips authorizing the law firm of Fitzgerald Morris Baker Firth PC to execute the pre-application stipulations regarding the High River Energy Center, LLC project. All in favor and passed.

*Public Comment opened at 7:31pm.*

No one from the public spoke.

*Public Comment closed at 7:32pm.*

**MOTION** by Deputy Supervisor Steve Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Guy Robataille to go in to Executive Session at 7:33pm to discuss Annexation litigation and High River Energy proposed stipulations. All in favor and passed.

**MOTION** by Councilman Ron Phillips and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis to leave Executive Session at 7:59pm. All in favor and passed.

**MOTION** by Councilman Robataille 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 Robataille; all in favor and passed.

**MOTION** by Councilman Phillips to adjourn was seconded by Councilman Robataille; all in favor and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Staley  
Town Clerk