

# TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

October 21, 2019

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

Councilman Robataille 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 Phillips and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to approve and accept minutes of the September 16, 2019 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

## Committee Reports:

### *Communications & Announcements:*

- Nothing at this time.

### *Engineering:*

- Nothing at this time.

### *Attorney:*

- Nothing at this time.

### *Planning and Zoning:*

- Paul has seen Brian Leffler's property and the cars are gone. He asked about adjusting the language in the Zoning Ordinance to allow him to personally take down unpermitted signs in the Town if the "owner" of the signs does not comply with removal requests. Attorney Slezak will research and make her recommendation to the Board.
- Councilman Rackowski asked about the house on 165 Thayer Road being condemned. John Sampone said it was not and that a contractor is fixing it up and plans to sell it.
- John also asked about the possibility of tying into the County's computer system regarding properties so that he can have up to date information. Supervisor Mead did speak to Greg Oliver and it is in process to get done.
- Vida Blends is having their ground breaking ceremony on Friday 10/25 at 10am.
- John requested to be allowed to do a mail drop with our updated fee schedule and there was discussion of doing a newsletter to inform residents of meeting dates and other pertinent information regarding the Town. A meeting will be set; a committee will be formed to do this. Emily will work on it.

### *Building Maintenance:*

- Library roof is leaking. Can't find the leak. Checked above the vent but the area is dry.
- Salt shed is above ground. Working on finishing up the trusses.

### *Highway:*

- Steve received an email from ABD to take over the rest of Joann Way in the development. Jackie Court will be base paved all the way back with a turnaround for the snowplow at the end. It will be top coated next year. Attorney Slezak said a bond would need to be provided for the top coat. This will be added to the Agenda for November's meeting. The prior Resolution will need to be pulled so that the language is the same.
- A quote was presented to replace the Chevy truck with a Ford 350 for next year. It is a 16 week turnaround time. Will action the current truck. Cost is in the budget for next year.

**MOTION** by Supervisor Mead and seconded by Councilman Robataille to allow Highway Superintendent Steve Anderson to order a new Ford F350 at a cost of \$39,995. All in favor and passed.

### *Water and Sewer:*

- Chlorinator has been serviced; Steve will work with HACH in the spring to set-up a maintenance contract.

*Youth:*

- Nothing at this time.

*Veterans:*

- Bill Weller informed the Board that a second flag dedicated to Law Enforcement was going to be put up at the 9-11 Memorial during the Veteran's Day Service on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.
- Bill requested that the Town Board increase the Veteran's budget from \$2,000 to \$4,000 to assist with maintenance fees associated with the parks upkeep. The concrete needs to be sealed every year, a new flag purchased, mulching, mowing etc. The Board agreed to increase the Veteran's reimbursement from the Town to \$4,000.
- 216 meals were served at the ham and chicken and biscuits dinner. Ran out of ham this year; last year it was chicken they ran out of. Excellent turn out.

*Old Business:*

- Budget review by the Supervisor and the Town Board.

*New Business:*

1. **RESOLUTION #62** sponsored by Councilman Steve Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Ron Phillips to set the final review and public hearing for the 2020 Budget for Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. All in favor and passed.
2. **RESOLUTION #63** sponsored by Councilman Guy Robataille and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to authorize Elma Phillips of Elma's Tax Service to perform the Justice Court Audit for the year 2019 for both Justice Stephen Brown and Justice Louis Carleo III. Councilman Ron Phillips abstained; All others in favor and passed.

*Public Comment opened at 7:33pm.*

Carol Henderson, Town of Amsterdam, her son Steven Henderson owns property on Route 5S directly across from Dollar General warehouse site. She is speaking on behalf of the neighbors in and around the project who are concerned about the state of their homes and properties due to the dust, dirt, water and other debris from the site. They have been unable to find a point person to share their concerns with. Would like their well water tested, the air quality is poor due to dust, fumes, lime and cement. There is a lot of noise pollution. Property values are down. There have been more flags put up alongside the road and there aren't any answers as to what they are for. Driveways are being used for turning around in by construction personnel. They would like a point person to speak with, their water tested, house cleaned by power washing, blinds for windows or something done about the brightness of the lights at the site at night. Seems to be a lot of turnover in regards to the construction site crews and no one knows who is really in charge of overseeing the progress.

Kim Graff, Langley Road asked about the Florida Volunteer Fire Department's Budget; was it approved. Supervisor Mead said it was.

*Public Comment closed at 7:48pm.*

**MOTION** by Councilman Guy Robataille and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to go in to Executive Session at 7:50pm to discuss litigation and salary negotiations. All in favor and passed.

**MOTION** by Councilman Ron Phillips and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to leave Executive Session at 8:27pm. All in favor and passed.

**MOTION** by Councilman Robataille to audit and pay the monthly bills was seconded by Councilman Rackowski; 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 Councilman Phillips to adjourn was seconded by Councilman Rackowski; all in favor and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Staley  
Town Clerk