

TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

December 16, 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 Phillips led the salute to the flag.

A moment of silence was held in remembrance of Karen Terlekey, and Justice Louis Carleo's infant grandson. Both passed away the previous week.

Supervisor Mead extended an invitation for Councilman Ron Phillips to chair the last meeting of 2019 in honor of Councilman Phillips retirement and he accepted.

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

Motion by Supervisor Mead and seconded by Councilman Robataille to approve and accept minutes of the November 18, 2019 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Announcements:

- Montgomery County Public Health rabies communication.

Engineering:

- Nothing at this time.

Attorney:

- The Resolution for the road dedication in Mohawk Hills was sent to Supervisor Mead. Waiting for the Title policy from Lou Aulisi and the release of the road from the mortgage. Rich List asked if a letter of credit was received or bond and Deb Slezak said it had not come. Steve Anderson said a fence still needs to be put up around the retention pond. Attorney Slezak is hopeful to have all paperwork complete for January dedication.

Planning and Zoning:

- Amanda Bearcroft forwarded a draft of the Alcohol Production language that will be added to the Zoning Ordinance. A workshop is scheduled for January 15, 2020 at 6:00pm.
- Mathew Gogis handed in his letter of resignation to the Planning Board.

Building Maintenance:

- The transfer station is now going to charge \$10 per TV or computer monitor. The Town will need to raise its price as well. A refusal to accept them may result in illegal dumping or finding them on the side of the road. The new fee will be set at the Organizational Meeting in January.

Highway:

- Steve Anderson presented a quote for a spreader to go on the 1 ton truck for spreading salt/sand on short runs instead of sending out one of the bigger trucks.

Motion by Councilman Robataille and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to allow Steve Anderson, Highway Superintendent to purchase the new spreader.

- New truck is in. 2 older trucks sold at auction for \$14,200 and \$14,300.
- The salt shed is almost finished. Getting ready to put the ridge cap on and $\frac{3}{4}$ of the back is covered in plywood and electrical is being run.

Water and Sewer:

- Nothing at this time.

Youth:

- Christmas Party had approximately 50 kids in attendance.

Veterans:

- Nothing at this time.

Old Business:

- Nothing at this time.

New Business:

1. **RESOLUTION #67** sponsored by Councilman Guy Robataille and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis authorizing the Town Supervisor to execute the road use and crossing agreement with LS Power Grid New York, LLC . All in favor and passed.

Adopted: 5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Guy Robataille – Aye
Councilman Steve Rackowski – Aye
Councilman Ronald Phillips – Aye
Councilman Harold Alikonis – Aye
Supervisor Eric Mead – Aye

2. **RESOLUTION #68** sponsored by Councilman Guy Robataille and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski authorizing the Town Supervisor to engage Armstrong Appraisals, LLC to conduct an analysis of the impact of the High River Energy Center, LLC solar project on residential property values. All in favor and passed.

Adopted: 5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Guy Robataille – Aye
Councilman Steve Rackowski – Aye
Councilman Ronald Phillips – Aye
Councilman Harold Alikonis – Aye
Supervisor Eric Mead – Aye

3. **RESOLUTION #69** sponsored by Supervisor Mead and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis to set the Organizational Meeting for 2020 for January 3rd at 6:00pm with a meeting with Sara Borenko from Montgomery County Public Health regarding our Rabies Response paperwork before hand. All in favor and passed.
4. **RESOLUTION #70** was sponsored by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Guy Robataille to designate the Town Supervisor, Eric Mead to attend the Annual Business Session of the Association of Towns held on February 19, 2020 at the New York Marriott Marquis, with Steven Rackowski designated as Alternate in the event that Eric Mead is unable to attend. All in favor and passed.
5. **RESOLUTION #71** sponsored by Councilman Guy Robataille and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to increase Fund Account A1010.4 in the amount of one hundred fifty-three thousand seven hundred fifteen dollars (\$153,715) to pay for highway equipment. All in favor and passed.
6. **RESOLUTION #72** sponsored by Supervisor Eric Mead and seconded by Councilman Guy Robataille to accept the Justice Court Audit that was performed by Elma Phillips from Elma’s Tax Service for the year 2019 for both Judge Brown and Judges Carleo. All in favor and passed.

Public Comment opened at 7:35pm.

Eric Mead, 322 Snooks Corners Road, thanked Councilman Ron Phillips for his years of service to the Town.

Public Comment closed at 7:39pm.

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 Alikonis; all in favor and passed.

MOTION by Councilman Phillips to adjourn was seconded by Supervisor Eric Mead; all in favor and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Staley
Town Clerk