

# TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

January 20, 2020

7:00pm

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Florida Town Board was called to order at 7:00 pm by Deputy Supervisor Steve Rackowski. Also present for the meeting were Councilman Harold Alikonis, Councilman Matthew Gogis, Attorney Deborah Slezak and Town Clerk Emily Staley. Supervisor Eric Mead and Councilman Guy Robataille were absent.

Councilman Gogis led the salute to the flag.

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

**Motion** by Councilman Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Gogis to approve and accept minutes of the December 16, 2019 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

**Motion** by Councilman Gogis and seconded by Councilman Alikonis to accept the minutes from the January 3, 2020 Organizational Meeting; all in favor and passed.

## Committee Reports:

### *Communications & Announcements:*

- Nothing at this time.

### *Engineering:*

- Nothing at this time.

### *Attorney:*

- Still waiting for the release of mortgage for the portion of Joann Way in the Mohawk Hills development and for the bond to insure the top coat or a letter of credit to come from Hodorowski's attorney. Attorney Slezak's assistant continues to follow-up with these matters and as soon as the aforementioned items are completed then a dedication can move forward.
- Attorney Slezak has requested an Executive Session to go over the tax certiorari cases before the higher court.
- Workshop was held to review the recommended changes to the Zoning Ordinance in regards to the allowance of wine making/distributing, cider making etc., changes to the definitions of wholesale storage warehouse, light assembly plant was not listed in all uses; retail farm market – what district would that fit in to? Had the definition but no place listed for use. These recommended updates need to be referred to the Planning Board and then a Public Hearing will be set at the next Board Meeting.

**Motion** by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis to amend the Agenda to go into Executive Session after Public Comment to discuss the tax certiorari cases; all in favor and passed.

### *Planning and Zoning:*

- Paul Slansky reported that everything is routine at this time. He is working to get car removed from a residence on Route 5S.
- John Sampone needs a new computer with Windows 10 and is waiting for access to the County database to be able to update his building permits.

### *Building Maintenance:*

- Tim Lembke will be working on a new sign for the entrance to the village of Fort Hunter. He can do a new sign for in front of the office building \$500.

Highway:

- Steve Anderson informed the Board that the 2017 2500 Chevy was sold on Auctions International for \$27,600; it was expected to get \$28,000. Matt and Harold are good with the sale price.
- Sander is on the 1 Ton and it works well. Steve has used it.
- Steve passed out quotes for a sand stacker for the salt shed; Kleeman extends to 80’ and folds up, Pit Viper does not fold up; that is an extra option. A used stacker would work fine for the amount of time it will get used on site.

Water and Sewer:

- Maintenance is taken care of.

Youth:

- The meeting for the 22<sup>nd</sup> will be rescheduled; Emily has a training to go to.

Veterans:

- Breakfast February 16, 2020 8am – 12pm.

Old Business:

- Nothing at this time.

New Business:

1. **RESOLUTION #36** sponsored by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis authorizing the referral of the 2020 Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments to the Planning Board for a Report and Recommendation. All in favor and passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 36 OF 2020 REFERRING PROPOSED ZONING  
ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS TO THE PLANNING BOARD  
FOR A REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

**WHEREAS**, on its own motion, the Town Board has determined that certain amendments to the Town’s Zoning Ordinance are necessary to clarify specific definitions and special uses in the Zoning Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board desires to amend the definition of “Wholesale Storage or Warehouse” to the language proposed in the attached letter of David R. Everett, Esq. dated January 13, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board desires to add the use defined as “Light Assembly Plant” to the list of Uses Permitted as a Special Permit by the Planning Board at Article V, Section 10.1 (B), in order to comply with the table of Special Permitted Uses for the C-2 District; and

**WHEREAS**, he Town Board desires to add the use defined as “Retail Farm Market” to the list of Uses Permitted as a Special Permit by the Planning Board at Article V, Section 9 (B); and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Florida as follows:

Section 1. That the Town Board finds and determines that the above proposed changes and amendments are necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens and pursuant to Article XIII, Section 58 of the Zoning Ordinance, refers the proposed changes and amendments to the Planning Board for a report and recommendation.

Councilman Gogis	Aye
Councilman Rackowski	Aye
Councilman Robataille	Absent
Councilman Alikonis	Aye
Supervisor Mead	Absent

**Adopted:**                      3 Ayes    0 Nays    0 Abstentions

2. **RESOLUTION #37** sponsored by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to appoint Keith Rackowski, 292 Fort Hunter Road, Amsterdam, NY as Animal Control Officer for the Town of Florida for the year 2020. All in favor and passed. Deputy Supervisor Steve Rackowski abstained.
3. **RESOLUTION #38** sponsored by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis to change the February meeting date from Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to Monday, February 24, 2020 to allow the Town Supervisor and Town Board to attend the Annual Association of Towns Training School and Meeting in NYC. All in favor and passed.

*Public Comment opened at 7:21pm.*

Jayce VanAvery of 20 Sylvia Lane, Amsterdam was present for her Participation in Government Class.

*Public Comment closed at 7:32pm.*

**Motion** by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to enter into Executive Session at 7:27pm. All in favor and passed.

Discussion of tax certiorari cases.

**Motion** by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to end Executive Session at 7:39pm. All in favor and passed.

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

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

**MOTION** by Councilman Gogis to adjourn was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Steve Rackowski; all in favor and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Staley  
Town Clerk