

TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

May 18, 2020 via Zoom

7:00pm

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Florida Town Board; held via Zoom, was called to order at 7:02 pm by Supervisor Eric Mead. Also present for the meeting were Councilman Harold Alikonis, Councilman Matthew Gogis, Councilman Steve Rackowski, Attorney Deborah Slezak, Attorney Michael Crowe and Town Clerk Emily Staley. Councilman Guy Robataille was absent.

Councilman Matthew Gogis led the salute to the flag.

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

Motion by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to approve and accept minutes of the April 20, 2020 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

Motion by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Supervisor Eric Mead to approve and accept minutes from the Public Hearing and Special Meeting held May 1, 2020; all in favor and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Announcements:

- Supervisor Mead announced that the municipal offices will remain closed through May 31 and hopefully will open June 1 and the next meeting can be held in the Town Hall and following social distance practices.
- 1st qtr sales tax was up approximately \$100,000 from the same quarter 2019. The revaluation has had a positive impact on our sales tax portion. 2nd qtr will not be as good. Supervisor Mead asked that everyone track their expenses and keep spending to a very minimum.

Assessor:

- Lisa explained to the Town Board that due to not being open until June 1 in person grievance cannot be held so she was going to schedule it to be done by conference. Attorney Slezak said she would speak with Lisa regarding that after the Board Meeting.

Engineering:

- Supervisor Mead said a conference call with Barton & Loguidice was held to discuss funding for Fort Hunter to expand the water/sewer lines to the hamlet. A meeting will be set-up after June 1 so that the entire Board and B & L can discuss the grant and the process. CFA will be emailing the grant paperwork soon.

Attorney:

- Montgomery County Courts are re-opening so the tax certiorari cases should be getting hearing dates soon.
- Do we need to have a written plan in place to be able to open June 1? Deb will research this and inform the board on her findings. Discussion ensued regarding hand sanitizer, plastic partitions, floor markers, masks and such for employees and the public.

Planning and Zoning:

- Amazon construction has begun. They have hired a third party inspector that they are required to do so by code so the Town does not have to provide this service. John has a conference call scheduled for this week to go over the procedure for getting the documentation from the inspector to be able to review the documents.
- It has been asked about the fee for plan review? Does the Town charge a fee for plan review? More than one company coming in has asked about this fee and this is something that the Town may be missing out on. John suggested the board should look into.
- May 11 NYS has had some code changes.
- Many calls regarding building permits, people want to start projects.
- Paul is working on the complaints coming in regarding the automobiles on Langley Road. A second notice will be sent and then the file will be turned over to Attorney Slezak for legal action. The Danyla property on Route 5s will be cleaned up by the sister of the deceased

owner. She mailed Paul a letter of intent to begin the removal of the equipment that is there and then begin the other clean-up as well. Paul also contacted the residents on Hartley Road with their garbage piled up and they said they would get a dump permit. They did call the Town Clerk but have not yet come to pick up their permit.

- Steve Rackowski asked about the issue with the property at 625 Queen Ann Road and John Sampone said it has been cleaned up.
- 248 Main Street, Fort Hunter, has been sold for the 2nd time and the grass is grown up very high and there is no forwarding address for the current owner. Town will mow the lawn and then send the invoice to the County Treasurer to add to the tax bill for 2021.

Building Maintenance:

- Floor for the salt shed building is done. Montgomery County DPW assisted with the pour.
- Guys have graded and filled in around the generator at the town office building. Will be putting down mulch in front of the building and top soil on the side of the building where they dug in to put in the propane tank.

Highway:

- New screens are almost ready to be put over the old salt sheds. Waiting for the I beam to come.
- International Truck #5 needed new air tank put in. There was a hole in the bottom of the tank. Single axle truck has been taken out for service; the check engine light came on. All other trucks are good and plows are painted.
- Sand Stacker \$61 – 62k. Steve got it down to \$57,500. The hopper needs to be re-fabricate to be able to dump sand directly into it. A new one is approximately \$82,300. Not sure if the used has a warranty. Supervisor Mead said it is in pretty good shape. Approximately \$68k leftover in CHIPS money. Need a contract or bid # in order to use CHIPS money. This is through Monroe and Steve will find out if he has a bid # that will allow the Town to request reimbursement through CHIPS. If he has no # we cannot take the chance of not being able to ask for reimbursement from CHIPS. Councilman Alikonis asked if the new one would come from the same company. Supervisor Mead said it doesn't have to be from Monroe. Harold has concerns telling the guy that if he can't come up with a bid # we will need to buy a new one and then a bid # won't be found and Steve will have to buy a new one. Harold asked how much it would cost to re-fabricate the hopper. Steve needs to get prices on steel to re-fabricate. Harold said to offer him \$55,000 with contract #. If not then it has to go out to bid to get a contract #. If not the used one then a new one will have to be purchased....Harold is against extra money spent out of fund balance for this equipment; not comfortable at this time to spend the money from the fund balance. Councilman Rackowski agreed with Harold.

Water and Sewer:

- Have to clean up Mar's property from having to drive the dump truck across to fix the main break.
- Waiting to hear from HACH to set up a contract for regular maintenance for the chlorine analyzers. Need to be serviced every 6 months.
- Should look into getting water fittings to have on hand. Don't even have an appropriate pump and hoses to pump water out of the hole. Steve is donating a pump to the Town.

Youth:

- Nothing at this time. No events can be held due to the social distancing requirements. No T-ball or softball or little league baseball. Emily has not talked with Tom Krutz about any schedule for events.

Veterans:

- Nothing at this time.

Old Business:

- Nothing at this time.

New Business:

1. **RESOLUTION #51** sponsored by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis authorizing Town Supervisor Eric Mead to execute the joint proposal regarding the LS Power Grid New York, LLC Project. All in favor and passed. Attorney Mike Crowe was

present to explain the contract and that details are still being worked out. No issues with the negotiation process so far. They are very agreeable to any terms put forth by the Town consultants. This is not a new line construction project; it is repairs and upgrades to an existing line so there are no major changes being made. Attorney Crowe sees no issues with signing the contract when it is complete.

TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, STATE OF NEW YORK

Resolution No. 51 of 2020
Adopted May 18, 2020

Introduced by: Councilman Harold Alikonis
who moved its adoption.

Seconded by: Councilman Matthew Gogis

RESOLUTION NO. 51 OF 2020 AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR
TO EXECUTE THE JOINT PROPOSAL REGARDING THE
LS POWER GRID NEW YORK, LLC PROJECT

WHEREAS, LS Power Grid New York, LLC (“the Applicant”) has filed an application pursuant to Public Service Law Article VII to upgrade transmission lines and structures which run through the Town of Florida and which project is currently under review as Case No.: 19-T-0549 (“the Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Town, through its attorneys and engineer (“the Consultants”), has been engaged in settlement negotiations with the Applicant regarding the terms of the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant and the Parties are in the process of reducing the terms and conditions of the settlement into a Joint Proposal; and

WHEREAS, The Town Board desires to inure itself to the benefits of the Joint Proposal;

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

That the Town Board authorizes Town Supervisor Eric Mead, on the advice of the Consultants, to execute the Joint Proposal, on behalf of the Town of Florida.

Councilman Rackowski	<div>Aye</div> <div>Nay</div> <div>Abstain</div>
Councilman Robataille	<div>Aye</div> <div>Nay</div> <div>Abstain</div> <div>Absent</div>
Councilman Gogis	<div>Aye</div> <div>Nay</div> <div>Abstain</div>
Councilman Alikonis	<div>Aye</div> <div>Nay</div> <div>Abstain</div>
Supervisor Mead	<div>Aye</div> <div>Nay</div> <div>Abstain</div>

- 2. RESOLUTION #52** sponsored by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Alikonis to authorize the Deputy Supervisor, Steve Rackowski to sign the Agreement for Control of Grass and Brush on County Highways for the year 2020. All in favor and passed.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Rackowski	<div>Aye</div> <div>Nay</div> <div>Abstain</div>
Councilman Robataille	<div>Aye</div> <div>Nay</div> <div>Abstain</div> <div>Absent</div>
Councilman Gogis	<div>Aye</div> <div>Nay</div> <div>Abstain</div>
Councilman Alikonis	<div>Aye</div> <div>Nay</div> <div>Abstain</div>
Supervisor Mead	<div>Aye</div> <div>Nay</div> <div>Abstain</div>

Public Comment: No one present from the public.

MOTION by Councilman Steve Rackowski to audit and pay the monthly bills was seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis; all in favor and passed.

MOTION by Councilman Harold Alikonis to approve the Supervisor’s Report was seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski; all in favor and passed.

MOTION by Councilman Matthew Gogis to adjourn was seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski; all in favor and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted; Emily Staley - Town Clerk