

# TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

June 15, 2020

7:00pm

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Florida Town Board; was called to order at 7:04 pm by Supervisor Eric Mead. Also present for the meeting were Councilman Harold Alikonis, Councilman Matthew Gogis, Councilman Steve Rackowski, Councilman Guy Robataille, Attorney Deborah Slezak, and Town Clerk Emily Staley.

Councilman Harold Alikonis led the salute to the flag.

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

**Motion** by Councilman Guy Robataille and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to approve and accept minutes of the May 18, 2020 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

## Committee Reports:

### *Communications & Announcements:*

- David Jordan, Director of Montgomery County Office for the Aging was present to speak about some of the programs Office for the Aging has for the elderly. He informed the Board that they are not a County run program, they are not-for-profit and all monies for operating expenses come from donations and grants at the State and Federal level. They offer a new transportation program for seniors to get them to shopping and doctor appointments. He left literature for information should anyone be interested in volunteering to drive or for any seniors in need of assistance.

### *Assessor:*

- Lisa said grievance day went smoothly and the office is open for business. She has some field work to do and will be coordinating with John Sampone.

### *Engineering:*

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### *Attorney:*

- LDM is asking when the dedication for Joann Way will be done. Attorney Slezak said she is still waiting on the bond and clean title from their attorney. Eric said a check was received by the Town to cover the cost of the top coat but not for the retention pond fence. Steve Anderson asked if they were only going to pave the first 500' or the whole road. If the whole road then the check that was given was not the proper amount and needs to be sent back and a surety bond and clean title need to be given to the town.
- The LDM Management tax certiorari cases are set for a court conference on June 19 at 1pm with attorneys only.
- Supervisor Mead asked what was the set-back distance for a building from adjacent property lines..10'. If existing structure is torn down and was before zoning then you can build within the same footprint but have a limited amount of time to do so.
- Attorney Slezak spoke about the Town's signage ordinance and the powers of removal.
- Steve Rackowski asked who was going to notify the solar company that put panels on Nadler Bros. Farm property that their screening has all died. They need to replace the dead trees.

### *Planning and Zoning:*

- Paul is still working with the sister of the deceased owner of property on Route 5S. She is waiting for the junk man to take all of the equipment away.
- Paul also informed the Town that the Henderson property across from Dollar General Distribution warehouse needs to apply to the Planning Board for special use permit for all of the firewood that is out on the front and side of the house. Mrs. Henderson, mother of the property owner, was present and stated that it is only stored and hauled from the site. They are not selling any of it from there. The business itself is located in the Town of Amsterdam and they cut down and process the firewood on the Route 5S site. She said they will apply to the Planning Board and see what their recommendation is.

- Councilman Rackowski asked about the mobile home on Route 5S that burnt again. Paul sent out a letter to the owner with no response. John will see if he can find the contact information. No insurance on the property so not sure how it will get cleaned up. The Town may have to clean it up and put it on the tax bill.
- 174 Langley Road has had 2 letters sent and now the cars are moved to an empty spot on the side of the property. Paul posted a stop work order but no other resolution at this time.
- Garbage at the house on Hartley Road is gone and the garbage at the Hoyt residence is gone as well.
- John Sampone informed the board that the Amazon project is moving along and VidaBlends is getting ready to tap into the water main but no sewer as of yet.
- John also mentioned to the Board that the town charges for hook-ups for water and sewer but not for shut-off and disconnects and they should consider assessing a fee.

#### *Building Maintenance:*

- Older salt sheds have been torn down and hauled away.

#### *Highway:*

- It will cost about \$500 for the steel and \$390 for the I-beams to rebuild the hopper for the stacker.
- The tractor that Don Schaufelburg drives needs new tires.
- The Gradall needs some welding; Supervisor Mead recommended Randy Snyder of Fultonville.
- Only one bid was received for the stacker from Monroe for \$55,000. No contract so it needed to be put out to bid. It was advertised and no other companies requested information to place bids. Can use CHIPS money. Need a copy of the check when it clears and then can put in for reimbursement.

**Motion** by Councilman Guy Robataille and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to allow Highway Superintendent Steve Anderson to purchase a stacker from Monroe at a cost of (\$55,000) fifty-five thousand dollars. All in favor and passed.

#### *Water and Sewer:*

- Adirondack Septic had to pump out the pump station so that the bottom could be cleaned out. It was full of plastic and other debris. They will need to come back and pump it down to the bottom so the other pipes can be cleaned out as well.
- Steve brought a quote from HACH to service the chlorinators at the water tower and pump stations. It costs more to call them each time rather than have them come on a schedule. The board asked Steve to go over the contract with the HACH representative to question some of the listed charges and fees and to verify what the contract actually covers.

#### *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.
- Supervisor Mead asked if the Board would be willing to donate some money to the Fonda-Fultonville Little League. Since our town does not have a baseball or softball league this year we will not be spending the parks and recreation budget. The Board agreed to donate \$600. That will be put on a voucher for July's meeting.
- Steve Anderson said he was planning on spraying the infield of the softball field with weed killer. They keep mowing and raking out the grass but the weeds keep coming back.

#### *Veterans:*

- Nothing at this time.

#### *Old Business:*

- The contract with Florida Volunteer Fire Department has expired. Need a committee to meet with the F.D. Board and talk about a new contract. Supervisor Mead asked Councilman Harold Alikonis and Councilman Steve Rackowski if they could set something up. Both agreed. Discussion on the rules/regulations for the F.D. and what money should be agreed upon to take from the Town's budget. The Board feels the F.D. needs to be reasonable with its requests for funds from the Town.

*New Business:*

1. **RESOLUTION #53** sponsored by Councilman Guy Robataille and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis authorizing Town Supervisor Eric Mead to sign the proposal from PRIME AE to provide TDE services for the proposed NAPA/Truck Repair project at 1961 NYS Route 5S. All in favor and passed.

*Public Comment: No one present from the public.*

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

**MOTION** by Councilman Guy Robataille to approve the Supervisor's Report was seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis; 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 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Emily Staley - Town Clerk