

# TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

July 20, 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 Steven Rackowski led the salute to the flag.

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

**Motion** by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Supervisor Eric Mead to approve and accept minutes of the June 15, 2020 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

## Committee Reports:

### *Communications & Announcements:*

- Councilman Rackowski and Councilman Alikonis will be setting up a meeting with the Florida Volunteer Fire Department for next month.

### *Assessor:*

- Lisa has finished the STAR reports and is starting on the 2021 information for assessments. Will be doing field work and would like a magnet for the side of her vehicle so people know that she is the Assessor. Supervisor Mead said he will ask Bob Klem to make one for her.

### *Engineering:*

- Barton and Loguidice representatives Jeremy Hughes & Ryan Wietz were present to talk to the Board regarding grant funds for a water/sewer extension into the village of Fort Hunter.

**MOTION** by Councilman Guy Robataille and seconded by Councilman Steven Rackowski to authorize Supervisor Eric Mead to sign the proposal for Fort Hunter Hamlet Engineering Planning Grant Application proposal for Professional Grant Writing Services by Barton & Loguidice at a cost of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500). All in favor and passed.

### *Attorney:*

- Attorney Slezak reviewed the Fire Department contract from Town of Florida Volunteer Fire Department and other than a typo and needed their insurance certificate it looked good. A yearly reminder should be put on the calendar to make sure a review happens each year. The numbers for funds should be double checked and a three (3) year term for a contract is standard.
- The LDM Management tax certiorari cases have been settled. The lots were reduced from approximately \$55,000 - \$57,700 to approximately \$38,000 - \$42,000. They are only selling 3-5 lots per year and there needs to be a reasonable return on their investment of the lots for it to be viable for them to continue to build. The longer the land sits the less the land is worth. Attorney Slezak felt this was a good and reasonable outcome.

### *Planning and Zoning:*

- Paul spoke to the Board regarding the Henderson property on Route 5S. At the Planning Board Meeting it was determined that they are in an R-1 zone not IBP/C1/C2 as they were claiming. Paul stated that the Planning Board was not happy with the application that it was messy and incomplete and their site plan was lacking. He has them going back to the Planning Board in August with a more comprehensive application. Discussion over the zoning process and when the zones around them were changed to IBP and why was that land left R-1.
- Councilman Rackowski told Paul to send one more letter to the owner on Langley Road with the unregistered cars on his property and if he does not comply it is to be turned over to Attorney Slezak for him to be summoned to Court.
- John Sampone updated the Board on the progress of the Amazon site. They are a week behind but still plan on finishing by September. VidaBlends is moving along as well.

- John is still having issues with his computer and the software for permits. He really needs to be able to have access to the County's property information in real time to do his job effectively. There have been mistakes on Building Permits and people have been less than pleased. Supervisor Mead said he will talk to Greg Oliver and Dan Colon.

*Building Maintenance:*

- Tim Lembke asked about doing a new sign board at the municipal office building. The Board would like to get some prices on an LED sign. Supervisor Mead and/or Councilman Alikonis will look into prices and sizes.
- New screen for the sand stacker is done. Old salt sheds are gone.

*Highway:*

- Using the sand stacker and it works great.

*Water and Sewer:*

- The quote that Highway Superintendent Steve Anderson brought for HACH to do service on the chlorinators is the actual service charge for twice a year. They are supposed to be serviced every six (6) months and it is cheaper to have a contract than pay by the service call. Supervisor Mead said the O & M fees from water/sewer will more than cover the cost of that fee.
- Supervisor Mead suggested holding part of the O & M fees for painting and maintenance on the water tank because that will need to be painted soon.

*Youth:*

- The Youth Commission would like to still do a Halloween and Christmas event. Depending on what the regulations are. They will be meeting to discuss this within the next month and will also survey the parents and see what they would be comfortable with.

*Veterans:*

- Nothing at this time.

*Old Business:*

*New Business:*

**1. RESOLUTION #54**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town of Florida applied for financial assistance for the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation ("OPRHP") under the Environmental Protection Fund Grant Program for Parks, Preservation and Heritage (EPF) for the purpose of funding Town of Florida Community Park;

**RESOLVED**, that the Town of Florida is authorized and directed to accept these grant funds in an amount not to exceed one hundred eleven thousand one hundred eighty-four dollars (\$111,184) for the project described in the grant application;

**RESOLVED**, that the Town of Florida is authorized and directed to agree to the terms and conditions of the Master Contract with OPRHP for such Town of Florida Community Park;

**RESOLVED**, that the Town of Florida is authorized and directed to agree to the terms and conditions of any required deed of easement granted to OPRHP that affects title to real property owned by the municipality and improved by the grant funds, which may be a duly recorded public access covenant, conservation easement, and/or preservation covenant; and

**RESOLVED**, that the governing body of the municipality delegates signing authority to execute the Master Contract and any amendments thereto, any required deed of easement, and any other certifications to the individual who holds the following elected or appointed municipal office or employment position title: Supervisor of the Town of Florida.

**Motion By:** Councilman Matthew Gogis

**Seconded By:** Councilman Harold Alikonis  
All in favor and passed.

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

**MOTION** by Councilman Guy Robataille and Seconded by Councilman Steven Rackowski to enter into Executive Session to discuss the legal findings of the NYS Public Service Commission Siting Board regarding the High River Energy Solar Project. This discussion contains sensitive legal information. All in favor and passed.

**MOTION** by Councilman Steven Rackowski and seconded by Supervisor Eric Mead to exit Executive Session. All in favor and passed.

**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 Matthew Gogis; all in favor and passed.

**MOTION** by Councilman Matthew Gogis to adjourn was seconded by Councilman Guy Robataille; all in favor and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Emily Staley - Town Clerk