

TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

August 17, 2020

7:00pm

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Florida Town Board; was called to order at 7:01 pm by Supervisor Eric Mead. Also present for the meeting were Councilman Harold Alikonis, Councilman Matthew Gogis, Councilman Steve Rackowski @ 7:09pm, Attorney Deborah Slezak, and Town Clerk Emily Staley. Councilman Guy Robataille was absent.

Councilman Harold Alikonis 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 Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis to approve and accept minutes of the July 17, 2020 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Announcements:

- Councilman Alikonis met with the Town of Florida Fire Department regarding their contract and will be turning in his report on that at the end of the month. He will also meet with Supervisor Mead to discuss said report.

Assessor:

- Changes to LDM Management properties will be entered in the next couple weeks. Lisa will report to the Board after the changes are complete.
- The next Tax Certiorari cases are Ahmed Shah and Target.

Engineering:

- Nothing at this time.

Attorney:

- Attorney Slezak informed the Board that there is a Attorney/Judge conference for Ahmed Shah and Target Tax Certiorari cases for September 9. This is only the first conference.
- The Planning Board did review the language for the sign ordinance and came up with some stronger language for Zoning/Code Enforcement to be able to remove signs. Attorney Slezak will have a draft for the Town Board to review at the next meeting.

Planning and Zoning:

- John Sampone handed out the fee schedule for water/sewer hook ups and suggested there be a water/sewer disconnect fee.
- VitaBlends is going to be hooking up their water/sewer lines in the next couple of weeks. Amazon is done with their hookups.
- John asked about getting hooked into the county system for updated property information. Supervisor Mead has spoken with Dan Colon and he is aware of the issues and will speak with Greg Oliver when he has returned to work.
- Paul has driven by 174 Langley Road and does not see any new activity with the cars. The vehicles on Snooks Corners Road have been moved to the back of the property. The property on E. Church Street in Fort Hunter is being cleaned up and is about 90% complete.

Building Maintenance:

- Nothing at this time.

Highway:

- Re-sealing of roads is starting this week.
- Sand pile is almost completely moved into the storage building.

Water and Sewer:

- Chlorinators were service last Friday and the schedule is all set for the future.

Youth:

- Nothing at this time. Trying to coordinate a meeting with members to make decisions about Halloween and Christmas.

Veterans:

- Rudy Horlbeck spoke about the new entry arch at the Veteran's Park. Another water line will be run to the other end of the park by Bellamy Builders. At the same time another camera will be installed at the top of the arch. Jon Coupal was working to get the cannon repaired and moved to the park. The Watervliet Arsenal was part of the construction of the cannon and they have offered to repair and restore the cannon. Attorney Slezak said that research should be done to see if a resolution was passed to put the cannon at the point and if so then a resolution will be needed to move it. Rudy said Dan Wilson was doing research and there are no family members in the area who object to the removing and replacing of the cannon. Supervisor Mead said he would contact Dan and speak with him.

Old Business: Nothing at this time.

New Business:

1. **RESOLUTION #55** by the Town of Florida Town Board that Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1), issued pursuant to Article 57-A of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law and containing legal minimum retention periods for local government records, is hereby adopted for use by all officers in legally disposing of valueless records listed therein.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Article 57-A:

- a) Only those records will be disposed of that are described in Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1), after they have met the minimum retention periods described therein;

Only those records will be disposed of that do not have significant administrative, fiscal, legal or historical value to merit retention beyond established legal minimum periods

Motion By: Councilman Steve Rackowski

Seconded By: Councilman Matthew Gogis

All in favor and passed.

Public Comment: Opened at 7:22pm

Carol Henderson, 394 Truax Road; speaking as the owner of Henderson Wood and Garden and on behalf of the owner of 2110 NYS Hwy 5S, Steve Henderson. Wood processing is not an allowed use. They have been to the Planning Board and the ZBA and were denied at both. It was suggested to approach the Town Board for a zone change to C1 with wood processing added as a use allowed with a Special Permit. Carol Henderson submitted a sheet to Supervisor Mead with the signatures of the neighbors who are for the change.

Linda Kowalski, 2118 State Hwy 5S does not want the zone changed. She is afraid of another warehouse or other such business moving in. She does not object to the wood processing. Says Steve is very respectful of the neighbors and does not process before mid-morning and stops before dark. Would like to see them be allowed to continue without a zone change.

John Passero, 2096 State Hwy 5S. Agrees with Linda Kowalski. The business is not hurting the neighbors. He thinks the property should have been zoned C1 when the original split was done and the parcel across the road was re-zoned.

Patricia Holt, 2067 State Highway 5S. Agrees with both Mr. Passero and Mrs. Kowaski. They have restored a house that had fallen into disrepair and the business is not bothering the neighbors. There are other issues with zoning violations in the town not being dealt with that should be bigger priority.

All public commenter's brought up the ongoing issues with Dollar General and the lighting and noise concerns. Carol Henderson said the Town has regulations for lighting in its Zoning Ordinance. Part of the issue is Dollar General is higher than the homes across the road. Mr. Passero said when he had an issue

with Hill & Markes installing new lights that were shining into his house at night he spoke with them and they changed the lights.

Public Comment: Closed at 7:36pm.

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

MOTION by Councilman Matthew Gogis 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 Harold Alikonis; all in favor and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Emily Staley - Town Clerk