

TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

October 19, 2020

7:00pm

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

Councilman Alikonis led the salute to the flag.

Motion by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to amend **RESOLUTION #59** to set the Public Hearing for the 2021 Budget for Thursday, November 5th at 6:45pm with adoption of the 2021 Budget to immediately follow the close of the Public Hearing. All in favor and passed.

Motion by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to accept the Agenda as amended; all in favor and passed.

Motion by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to approve and accept minutes of the September 21, 2020 Board Meeting with a correction to the wording in the first line under Attorney; all in favor and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Announcements:

- Supervisor Mead informed the Town Board that the Fort Hunter Fire District handed in their 2021 Budget and it was the first time that a detailed budget was given to the Supervisor and Town Board. Supervisor Mead and the Board thanked Barbara Lampkin.
- Legislative Board contractual was increased by 2.5%. Salaries except for the Justice Court Judges were increased by approximately 2.5%. The budget is available at the Town Clerk's Office for review.

Assessor:

- Lisa is doing field work.
- Both SCAR cases were settled. The meeting was held at the Assessor's Office.

Engineering:

- Nothing at this time.

Attorney:

- Attorney Slezak informed the Board that the Ahmed Shah Tax Certiorari case is ongoing. Currently in discovery.
- No response received from LDM Management's attorney regarding the dedication of the road in Mohawk Hills. Title was sent over but with no release regarding the credit line mortgage. 8 more houses are occupied on the road and Hodorowski will still need to maintain it.
- Working with John Sampone on the process to condemn a property. Paul Slansky has sent the case regarding Schultz on Fuller Road and also the auto repair shop on Langley Road.

Planning and Zoning:

- The Planning Board has no objections to the Town Board's referral for the zone change on State Highway 5S. The language needs to be updated for the use to be added. On the advice of counsel the public hearing regarding this will not be scheduled until all aspects of the change are complete. The use zone and definition language need to be done so that two public hearings are not necessary. Should be back at the Town Board for discussion at November's meeting.
- John Sampone reported that Amazon is up and running. Other things are winding down. John asked if Eric had any news on when his computer would be connected to the County server. John has reached out to Dan and not had any response. Eric will reach out.
- Paul Slansky reported that he has left a packet with Emily regarding the illegal auto repair business on Langley Road. He has sent multiple letters with no success or response. Attorney Slezak will now send a letter and if no response or compliance then it will move to the court. Ongoing issue with Louis Dimanno on Snooks Corners Road. On Quackenbush Street in Fort

Hunter a resident put up a shed with no permit right against their garage. Sent a letter with no response. Having multiple issues with people being non-compliant. Very frustrating. Paul would like to issue tickets himself or summons to court. Deb will talk with Paul about streamlining the process.

Building Maintenance:

- Issue with the generator when there was no power during the last heavy storm. It fixed itself by the time the tech came to inspect it.

Highway:

- The 1 Ton oil pan gasket was leaking and the motor had to be pulled. Covered under warranty.
- Waiting for copies of checks for CHIPS reimbursement paperwork to be done.

Water and Sewer:

- Nothing at this time.

Youth:

- The Youth Commission is planning a Trunk or Treat event in the Village of Minaville. Kim Graff offered the use of his parking lot for people to park cars to hand candy out, the Fire Department will assist with parking and crossing pedestrians on Route 30. County DPW will close Langley Road from Route 30 to Kings Lane and ask the Sheriff's Dept to post a car to slow traffic down.

Veterans:

- Veterans Day service November 8th at 1pm.
- Navy jet was painted by the painters union. Dave Miller will come up with three design concepts for the placement of the cannon from the point in Minaville. Rudy has contacted the Town's Historian with no luck. The Veteran's Committee also talked about adding a monument specific to the women who have served in the armed forces.

Old Business:

- Councilman Harold Alikonis asked about putting up speed signs on Fort Hunter Road to slow traffic down. Supervisor Mead said they cost about \$2,500 and he is concerned the signs would get stolen as they are only mounted on poles. The speed trailer was put out on the road by the Sheriff for a time. Councilman Gogis said he is friends with the family who requested the speed trailer and shared concerns with the Board about the speeding and he would reach out to them and see if anything has changed.

New Business:

1. **RESOLUTION #58** sponsored by Councilman Steve Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis authorizing the Town of Florida Justice Court to file an application for the Justice Court Grant Program for 2020; All in favor and passed.
2. **RESOLUTION #59** sponsored by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to set the Public Hearing for the 2021 Budget for Thursday, November 5th at 6:45pm with adoption of the 2021 Budget to immediately follow the close of the Public Hearing; All in favor and passed.
3. **RESOLUTION #60** sponsored by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Supervisor Eric Mead to authorize Supervisor Eric Mead to sign the Dog Shelter Service Agreement valid for two (2) years beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022; All in favor and passed.
4. **RESOLUTION #61** sponsored by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to authorize Elma Phillips of Elma's Tax Service to perform the Justice Court Audit for the year 2020 for both Justice Stephen Brown and Justice Louis Carleo III; All in favor and passed. Councilman Matthew Gogis abstained.

Public Comment: Opened at 7:50pm

Mathew Bearcroft, 255 Main Street, Fort Hunter. Is concerned about his neighbors septic that has been leaking into his backyard. This has been an ongoing issue and the smell in the summer makes it very hard to be out in his yard. Both Harold and John have been out to visit the property and it appears the neighbor's yard is slightly higher than his and also there is a line of willow like trees that could be interfering with the leech field. John is turning this over to Attorney Slezak for further action. The homeowner has stated that she has no money to repair the system. The next issue is at 245 Main Street

with that homeowner pumping his cellar water directly into the storm drain in the road. He has placed the hose end directly into the drain with a cone over it. Supervisor Mead said he will follow with the Tim Wilmot at the County level regarding this.

Carol Henderson, Truax Road/State Highway 5S, Amsterdam. Thanked the board for moving forward with the zone change request.

Public Comment: Closed at 8:05pm.

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 Supervisor Eric Mead; all in favor and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Emily Staley - Town Clerk