**March 18, 2020 Work Session and Public Hearing**

**Mayor Harter will call the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 7:30 p.m.**

**Board Members Present: Mayor Harter, Trustee Fuller, Trustee Olejniczak**

**Board Members Absent: Trustee Barczak, Trustee Slattery**

**Also Present: Clerk Wierzbicki, Treasurer Weaver**

**Approximate Number in Audience:**

1. **Budget Discussion Treasurer Weaver presented the upcoming 2020-2021 tentative budget to the Board. There was a brief discussion. We will stay under the tax cap**
2. **Public Hearing Community Block Grant 2021**

**Mayor Harter discussed the grant and using it for Senior Center renovations.**

**Motion made by Mayor Harter to open the Public Hearing seconded by Trustee Fuller to open the public hearing at 7:00 pm**

##### **VOTE: YES 3 NO 0 2 ABS**

Clerk Wierzbicki read the affidavit of publication. No correspondence has been received.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on March 18th, at 7:00PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, a Public Hearing will be held before the Village Board of the Village of Florida, New York at the Village Hall, located at 33 Main Street, Florida, New York 10921, inviting public comments and suggestions regarding projects to be considered for Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding under the Orange County Office of Community Development’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program.  Under the CDBG program a variety of projects, including, but not limited to, those listed below can potentially be eligible for funding:**

1. **Acquisition and Disposition of Real Property**
2. **Public Works, Public Facilities or Site Improvements**
3. **Code enforcement (Health Codes)**
4. **Clearance, Demolition and Rehabilitation for Public Use**
5. **Special Projects for Elderly and Handicapped**
6. **Provision of Public Services (Shelters, Clinics, Senior Nutrition, etc.)**
7. **Payment of Non-Federal Shares of Other Grant Programs**

**The Village of Florida will be considering projects to be submitted to the Orange County Community Development Office’s CDBG Entitlement Program.  The deadline for which is Friday, April 24, 2020.**

**Attorney Cassidy explained that in light of the recent COVID 19 virus the Governor has given Open Meetings law some leighway and we still held although many could not attend. Therefore we will hold Public Hearing open until April 1st Special meeting. Unfortunately, we cannot do that with the Budget and we must follow regularly scheduled policies for tax purposes.**

Motion to keep public hearing open for until April 1st at 7 by Trustee Fuller seconded by Trustee Olejniczak

**VOTE: YES NO**

1. **Public Hearing Local Law 2 Sewer and Water Consolidation**

**Motion made by Mayor Harter seconded by Trustee Fuller seconded by Trustee Olejniczak to open the public hearing at 7:30 PM**

##### **VOTE: YES 3 NO 0 2 ABS**

The Clerk will read the affidavit of publication as printed in the Warwick Valley Dispatch.

No correspondence has been received.

VILLAGE OF FLORIDA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Florida will hold a public hearing at the Village of Florida Village Hall, 33 South Main Street, Florida New York 10921 on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible on Introductory Local Law 2 of 2020, a local law to amend the billing and fees for sewer and water. A copy of the proposed Local Law is available for review in the Village Clerk’s office at 33 South Main Street, Florida New York 10921.

By order of the Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Florida, New York.

Colleen Wierzbicki

Village Clerk

RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE A LOCAL LAW

TO AMEND THE BILLING AND FEES FOR SEWER AND WATER

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees desires to amend the process by which water and sewer bills are issued;

WHEREAS, the Village issues water bills on a quarterly basis and sewer bills on a biannual basis resulting in six separate mailings;

WHEREAS, the Village desires to consolidate sewer and water bills into one bill to be issued each quarter eliminating the cost of postage and staffing necessary for two billing cycles;

WHEREAS, the Village further desires to update Chapter 116, “Water” and Chapter 95, “Sewer” to be consistent with the Village Code which provides that fees and charges may be established by resolution of the Village Board;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Introductory Local Law # 2 of 2020 entitled “A Local Law to Amend the Billing and Fees for Sewer and Water” is hereby introduced before the Board of Trustees of the Village of Florida;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said introductory local law shall be laid upon the desk of each member of the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a public hearing shall be held on March 18, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard at the Village of Florida, Village Hall, 33 South Main Street, Florida, NY 10921;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Clerk shall cause to be published public notice in the official newspaper as is required by law.

Jeanne Uzenski Asked for clarification for this. It was described that mailing would be 4 times yearly as opposed to 6 saving money as well as postage.

Motion to close Public hearing by seconded by

Remain open until April 1, 2020

##### **VOTE: YES 3 NO 0 2 ABS**

* 1. Water and Sewer Bill Combination -**Tabled to April 1,2020**

Motion to approve/table/reject combining water and sewer bills to reduce cost of mailings, postage and manpower

VOTE YES NO ABS

* 1. Community Block Grant- **Tabled to April 1,2020**

The VILLAGE OF FLORIDA is hereby submitting its Municipal Grant Eligibility Form for consideration under the Orange County Community Development (CDBG) Block Grant 2021 and that the Mayor or the Village Engineer is hereby authorized to submit this form.

They further certify that they have read and understood that Municipal Grant Eligibility Form, and have met all of its applicable requirements and that the information contained in this form is accurate and true to the best of their knowledge.

DANIEL HARTER, MAYOR ALFRED A. FUSCO, JR., P.E, TOWN ENGINEER

DATE DATE

Motion by seconded by

VOTE YES NO ABS

* 1. Florida Community Food Pantry

Motion made by seconded by to approve payment/donation in the amount of $1500.00 to the Florida Food Pantry

VILLAGE OF FLORIDA

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH FLORIDA FOOD PANTRY

WHEREAS, the Florida Food Pantry provides an invaluable service to Florida residents by providing food to residents in need; and

WHEREAS, a State of Emergency has been declared in connection with the outbreak of COVID 19, a highly contagious virus declared to be a pandemic by the World Health Organization;

WHEREAS, the Village of Florida Village Board of Trustees, desires to contribute to the cost of the services provided by the Food Pantry to Florida Residents.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Florida hereby authorizes the expenditure of $ 1,500 to the Florida Food Pantry for purposes of assisting Florida residents during the COVID 19 outbreak;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this contribution is conditioned on the continued provision of food services to Florida residents consistent with the on-going efforts of the Florida Food Pantry.

Motion by Trustee Fuller, Second by Trustee Olejniczak\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Agreed and Accepted:

VOTE YES 3 NO 0 ABS 2

* 1. Surplus John Deere Tractor

VILLAGE OF FLORIDA

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees declared various pieces of equipment to be surplus by resolution dated March 20, 2020 ; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Little League desires to purchase John Deere Tractor from the Village of Florida for the sum of $ 100.00; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Florida hereby authorizes the transfer of John Deere Tractor for the total sum of $ 100.00;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that to the extent such sum is below fair market value, the Village of Florida hereby recognizes the value as a contribution to the Florida Little League in recognition of the public benefit offered by the Florida Little League. Such contribution is in consideration of and subject to the following conditions:

1. Florida Little League shall continue to provide recreational opportunities to Village of Florida residents for 2020.
2. Florida Little League agrees to accept the equipment in its current as is condition and shall hold the Village of Florida harmless from any claims in connection with the same.

Motion by Trustee Fuller, Second by Trustee Olejniczak.

Agreed and Accepted:

Jay Whitmore

President

Florida Little League

Motion made by Trustee Fuller seconded by Trustee Olejniczak to adjourn 7:46 pm

**VOTE: YES 3 NO 0 2 ABS**

* 1. Tax Sale

Motion to acquire parcel # 133 Meadow Rd 101-3-2.1 Full Market Value $700.00 Min Bid $450.00 Authorize Mayor to negotiate with County

Motion by Trustee Fuller seconded by Trustee Olejniczak

**VOTE: YES 3 NO 0 2 ABS**