

DECEMBER 1, 2021 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Board Members Present: Mayor Harter, Trustee Fuller, Trustee Olejniczak, Trustee Werner Jahrling, Trustee Roach

Also, Present: Clerk Wierzbicki, Treasurer Geller, Attorney Cassidy

Board Members Absent **0**

Approximate Number in Audience: **1**

II. MINUTES

Motion made by Trustee Werner Jahrling seconded by Trustee Olejniczak to approve the minutes of the November 3rd Regular meeting

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

III. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Treasurer's Report

Motion made by Trustee Fuller seconded by Trustee Werner Jahrling to accept the Treasurer's report for November 2021 as submitted.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

2. Payment of Vouchers

Motion made by Trustee Fuller seconded by Trustee Olejniczak to approve payment of the vouchers as audited.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

3. Transfers

Transfers for Fiscal Year 5/31/22 - Dec. 1

General Fund Expenditures

<u>Account Description</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Treasurer Audit Expenditures	5,000.00	
Treasurer Edmunds Software Charge (\$14,080.10 in total, Building & Treasurer)		5,000.00
Youth Recreation Salaries	1,200.00	
Park Salaries (DPW Allocation)		1,200.00
Special Events Salaries	500.00	
Special Events Donations (Officer memorial, Halloween & Tree Lighting)		500.00

Water Fund Expenditures

<u>Account Description</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Plant Maintenance & Repairs	3,000.00	
Water Plant Professional Fees (Engineer fees, mostly Pitigaro & Doetsch)		3,000.00

Sewer Fund Expenditures

<u>Account Description</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Sewer Plant Repairs	5,000.00	
Pump Station Repairs (Werner Pump Emergency - TAM, \$15,500)		5,000.00

Motion by Trustee Werner Jahrling seconded by Trustee Olejniczak to approve transfers as presented

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE & PRESENTATIONS

- 1. New Beginnings Spa sent an email regarding a Backpack Snack Attack fundraiser on December 18, 2121 from 1:00-3:00 PM.**
- 2. Police Chief Coleman sent a letter regarding summons violators.**
- 3. NYS DOH sent a notice regarding halo acetic acids.**
- 4. Gary Randall of Warwick sent a letter regarding the bill at Randall St.**
- 5. Ann Zembovictz sent a letter regarding an accident on Highland Ave. and speeding.**
- 6. NYCOM sent an email regarding the upcoming Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.**
- 7. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation sent an email regarding the proposal submitted for the Sewer Plant.**
- 8. Orange and Rockland submitted a holiday light survey for completion.**
- 9. Saturday, December 4th is our annual tree lighting. We are moving to 1 North Main St at the large tree at the Presbyterian Church. We would like to thank all who helped with the transition.**
- 10. RC Chatham sent a price increase notification.**
- 11. Slack Chemical Company sent a price increase for Carusol 20.**
- 12. Gary Randall submitted a COVID-19 self-certification.**

13. NYS Urban Forestry Council submitted an Urban Forestry Quick start notice.

V. REPORTS OF THE TRUSTEES/ASSIGNMENTS

- 1. Thomas Fuller – Police, Justice, Emergency Management**
- 2. Craig Olejniczak – Recreation & Parks, Animal Control, Buildings/Grounds**
- 3. Alyssa Jahrling – DPW, Sewer/ Water, Chamber of Commerce**
- 4. Matthew Roach – Building & Planning, Historical**

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

This opportunity is provided for members of the audience to comment on **any item listed** on the agenda. Please address the Board and limit your comments to five minutes.

Greg Kimiecik – asked for clarification on the open containers being allowed at the tree lighting ceremony on Saturday, December 4.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. ARPA Premium Pay

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH PREMIUM PAY

FOR VILLAGE of FLORIDA ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEES

USING FUNDS RECEIVED UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

This Resolution by the Village of Florida Village Board authorizes Premium Pay for Essential Village employees for service during the period of March 7, 2020 to June 24, 2020 using funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA").

Whereas, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was signed into law on March 11, 2021. The Village of Florida has received "ARP A" funding from the United States Treasury. The "ARPA" rules are very specific in limiting the purposes for which municipalities may spend the funds. The Village of Florida has identified premium pay for essential employees as an authorized use of "ARPA" funds.

Whereas, "Essential Worker" is "Any work performed by an employee of the state, local or tribal government or workers needed to maintain continuity of operations of critical infrastructure sectors." "Essential Work" is "work involving regular in-person interactions or regular physical handling of items that were also handled by others, but does not include a worker who teleworked from a residence."

Whereas, "ARPA" rules encourage counties to provide premium pay for low- and moderate-income employees. Members of the Board, appointed committee members and non-employees will not receive premium pay.

Whereas, The Village of Florida employees continued to provide (and do continue to provide) essential government services during the pandemic at the risk of exposure to COVID-19.

Now therefore, the Village of Florida Board hereby resolves and authorizes the use of Federal "ARPA" funds to establish and make a payment of premium pay to low to moderate income essential employees who meet the following criteria:

- A. Employees are to receive a payment of \$4.00 premium additional pay per hour for time worked, less standard deductions for taxes subject to the following conditions:
 - 1. This premium payment is for the period of March 7, 2020 to June 24, 2020 and the employee must have been an essential employee during that time.**
 - 2. To be eligible, the recipient must have been continuously and be currently employed by the Village of Florida.**
Modification: currently employed, or have not resigned or been terminated.**

The Village Board hereby instructs the Treasurer to carry out the terms of this resolution and make the payments contemplated herein at the earliest opportunity.

Motion made by Trustee Werner Jahrling seconded by Trustee Olejniczak to approve disbursement of ARPA funds in the amount totaling \$ 37,374.60 to said employees.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

2. Tree Lighting

Motion made by Trustee Fuller seconded by Trustee Roach to approve the closing of Village streets on December 4, 2021 between the hours of 2-6PM

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

3. Open Container Waiver

Motion made by Trustee Roach seconded by Trustee Olejniczak to waive the open container law on December 4, 2021 between the hours of 3-5PM on Main St.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Meter Bids

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Florida, Orange County, New York will accept and read aloud sealed bids until 10:00 AM prevailing eastern time on Tuesday, the 4th day of January 2022 at the office of said Board, Village Hall, 33 South Main Street, Florida, New York, for furnishing materials and labor necessary for the Installation of New Water Meters.

Bidders proposals must be accompanied by a certified check, or bid bond, payable to the Village of Florida, equal to five (5) percent of the amount bid, conditional that if the bidder's proposal is accepted, he will enter into contract for such work and will furnish a performance bond in a sum equal to the total amount of the bid guaranteeing the satisfactory completion of the Contract; and that he will furnish a labor and materials payment bond guaranteeing payment for all labor and materials.

If the bidder whose proposal is accepted shall fail to comply with the above requirements within ten (10) days after the proposal shall have been accepted, then the check or bid bond deposited as aforesaid shall be forfeited as liquidated damages.

All proposals shall be made on the form provided in the specifications. Proposals shall be sealed and marked on the outside of the envelope "Proposal for the Installation of New Water Meters", and shall be addressed to the Village Clerk, Village of Florida, 33 South Main Street, Florida, New York 10921. Proposals will be publicly opened and read at the aforesaid time and date unless bidders are notified otherwise.

The Village Board of Trustees reserves the right to waive any informalities in the bid or proposals, and to select the bid or proposal, the acceptance of which in its judgment will

best serve the efficient performance and guaranteed completion of the work or to reject any and all bids presented, or to award the contract to other than the low bidder if, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, the best interest of the Village may be served thereby, or to accept the whole or any part of a bid or proposal as the same may be modified by mutual consent, or to re-advertise the proposed work for new bids within the sole discretion of the said Board of Trustees.

Attention of bidders is called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract. Workmen's Compensation and Public Liability Insurance shall be carried by the Contractor at his own expense. Bidders are further advised they must submit non-collusion affidavits together with their bids, in accordance with the requirements of New York State Law.

Bidders are advised they should not include in their bid sales and compensating use taxes on the cost of materials which are to be incorporated into the work and which are to be separately sold by the Contractor to the municipality prior to incorporation into the work.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained from the Village Clerk, Village of Florida, 33 South Main Street, Florida, New York 10921 (845-651-7815) upon payment of a deposit of \$50.00. Deposits shall be made by check payable to "Village of Florida". The Owner and his agents will not be responsible for full or partial sets of Contract Documents, including any addenda, obtained from any other source. Additional sets of documents will be at a non-refundable cost of \$50.00 and on an availability basis.

The deposit will be refunded to each bidder who submits a bid and returns the plans and specifications. Refunds will only be made for one set per bidder.

Village of Florida, New York

Village Board of Trustees

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Colleen Wierzbicki, Village Clerk

Motion made by Trustee Fuller seconded by Trustee Werner Jahrling to approve the scheduling of the Water Meter Bid opening for January 4, 2022 at 10:00AM

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

2. Official Newspaper

Motion made by Trustee Fuller seconded by Trustee Olejniczak to make the following the official newspaper of the Village of Florida

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

IX. Meeting Schedule

December 15 th , 2021	9:30 AM Work Session
January 5 th , 2022	9:30 AM Work Session 7:30 PM General Meeting
January 19 th , 2022	9:30 AM Work Session
February 2 nd , 2022	9:30 PM Work Session 7:30 PM General Meeting

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg Kimiecik - Expressed concern about the current visibility of the winter parking signs in the village and whether they need to be cleaned prior to winter weather.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Trustee Fuller seconded by Trustee Olejniczak to adjourn the meeting at

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0