

## **AUGUST 6TH, 2025 GENERAL 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 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mayor Harter, Deputy Mayor fuller, Trustee Werner

Board Members Absent: Trustee Olejniczak, Trustee Roach

Also Present: Clerk Wierzbicki, Treasurer Geller, Attorney Cassidy, Engineer Hoffman, Pitingaro and Doetsch, H2O Innovation

Approximate Number in Audience: 16

*Moment of silence for Fray Fuller, active member of our community.*

### **II. MINUTES**

Motion made by *Deputy Mayor Fuller* seconded by *Trustee Werner* to approve the minutes of the July 2nd, 2025 Regular meeting.

**VOTE: YES 3 NO 0**

### **III. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

#### **1. Treasurer's Report**

Motion made by *Trustee Werner* seconded by *Deputy Mayor Fuller* to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted.

**VOTE: YES 3 NO 0**

#### **2. Payment of Vouchers**

Motion made by *Deputy Mayor Fuller* seconded by *Trustee Werner* to approve payment of the vouchers as audited.

**VOTE: YES 3 NO 0**

#### **3. Transfers:**

**There were no transfers**

#### **IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE & PRESENTATIONS**

**There will be a brief presentation from our Water Engineers and Plant Operators regarding water quality concerns followed by public comment session. All public comment rules will apply.**

**There was a brief discussion regarding the water plant and water quality. There was an opportunity for the public to ask questions. Speakers: Jason Pitingaro, Darren Doetsch, Dominic Hilliard, Michael Herbert. Questions from the public were accepted.**

**Patty Rotella When the water is tested and learn of the violation how is it tested? The County comes?**

**Darren Doetsch No the water operators collect the sample and send to an independent testing company then it is submitted to the Department of Health.**

**Patty Rotella when did the testing frequency times change**

**Jason Pitingaro about a year ago probably more like 14 months ago.**

**Greg Kimicik What would the solution be eventually? They have been talking about dredging the lake for years.**

**Mayor Harter explains that dredging the lake is not an option due to the copper sulfate on the floor. Heavy metals will be ripped up. One of the topics that is being discussed currently is to make the reservoir deeper. If we can get funding to those three spots that are blocked off to fill that lake up. We are exploring that. We do have a mechanical weed harvester. DEC does restrict when we can harvest. What we do now is take the roots out. We don't take the weeds we take the actual root structure.**

**Michael Herbert as well as a secondary source, it just has to make financial sense.**

**Mayor Harter the DEC has rejected weed eating carp time and again. That's been begged for, for decades. We are limited and our hands are tied.**

**Attorney Cassidy The DEC has also restricted well sites**

**Paul Jarocki 2 Robert Drive Are you still entertaining the idea of hooking Beazer water tank to the system? To improve the water pressure**

**MH Yes we approved and I think it is going to start any day. To their point we have that tank that sits with a lot of water that is not used. It will benefit It will reduce the numbers because we are using again. Right now it is only connected to the Beazer development, if it hooks into Kaye Dr it can feed the entire Village. We have a project on the back burner the Rose St tank cleaning. We cannot clean that tank because we would have to drain the**

whole thing and we would not have a water source. We would have to truck water in to supply to the Village. The school is fed off it so we would have an issue with the school during the school year.

Paul Jarocki will the water pressure increase though?

MH Yes

Paul Jarocki we have been there 43 years and we still have none

Jason Pitingaro There will be a substantial increase in the pressure. One of the reasons the Village decided to do this project.

1. NYSDOT sent a quarterly CHIPS report.
2. A notice was received from GEICO regarding a claim on Maple Ave.
3. A project request change form was processed for 2025 Orange County Tourism grant to use funds for next year's FunFest.
4. NYS Retirement sent a retirement notice regarding an employee.
5. Orange County Municipal Planning Federation sent dues notice.
6. Jack Kerr DASNY Grant Administrator sent a letter approving extension request.
7. Comp Alliance provided September contribution invoice.
8. Police Chief Coleman sent a letter requesting appointment of Sean Walter as part-time Police Officer.
9. NY Rural Water Association sent a data request form.
10. A letter of concern was received from a resident on Bridge St regarding sidewalks
11. Pitingaro and Doetsch submitted a proposal for Kaye Drive Water Main.
12. Orange County Youth Bureau provided 2025 contract for approval.
13. DPW Supervisor Brunswick provided July monthly report.
14. Mr. Phillip Hamling sent a letter concerning the water line at 126 No Main and Willet St.
15. CSC Holdings provided 2025 2q franchise fee payment in the amount of \$8943.00
16. Cub Scout Pack 44 requested permission and waiver of fees for September 5-6 Family camp out at Glenmere Park.
17. Orange and Rockland sent a Notice of Claim regarding the Senior Center parking lot.
18. Orange County Department of Health sent a Notice of Violation for 7/1/25-9/30/25.
19. Bohler Engineering provided a Stormwater inspection report for Quick Chek.
20. Attorney Cassidy provided a draft IMA with the Town of Cornwall for the transfer of a Street Sweeper.
21. Orange County provided July 2025 Mortgage Tax receipts.
22. New York State EFC sent an award letter for the Water Meter Installation and Replacement grant in the amount of \$254,000.00.

## **V. REPORTS OF THE TRUSTEES**

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

Each Trustee gave a monthly report of their respectable departments.

**Mayor Harter discussed the cancellation of FunFest and the reasoning behind the cancellation.**

## **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.

*There were no public comments*

## **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **1. Introductory Local Law**

VILLAGE OF FLORIDA

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW 3 OF 2025,

A LOCAL LAW TO ESTABLISH SPECIFICATIONS FOR PRIVATE ROADS

A RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE A LOCAL LAW

WHEREAS, the Village of Florida desires to establish minimum acceptable standard specifications for private roads;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Introductory Local Law #3 of 2025, entitled A LOCAL LAW TO ESTABLISH SPECIFICATIONS FOR PRIVATE ROADS, is hereby introduced before the Board of Trustees of the Village of Florida;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the aforesaid introductory local law be laid upon the desk of each member of the Board, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a public hearing shall be held on September 3rd, 2025 at 7:30 P.M. or as soon thereafter as may be heard at 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.

Motion by: Trustee Werner

Second by: Deputy Mayor Fuller

Ayes: 3

Noes: 0

Abstentions:

**2. IMA Street Sweeper Cornwall**

**Motion to approve IMA for the transfer of a street sweeper in the amount of \$8000.00 from the Town of Cornwall.**

**Motion by Deputy Mayor Fuller second by Trustee Werner**

**VOTE: YES 3 NO 0**

**3. Orange County Youth Bureau Funding**

**Motion to accept funding in the amount of \$12,320.00 from Orange County Youth Bureau to fund the 2025 Youth Recreation Program. Motion by Trustee Werner second by Deputy Mayor Fuller**

**VOTE: YES 3 NO 0**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Florida Police Department Ride a Long Orange Ulster BOCES**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Fuller seconded by Trustee Werner to approve Chief Coleman and Mayor Harter to execute and enter into contract with Orange Ulster BOCES beginning 7/1/2025-6/30/2026 for the Ride a Long Program.**

**VOTE: YES 3 NO 0**

**2. 9/11 Ceremony Road Diversion**

**Motion to reroute traffic on Main St on 9/11/25 from 6:30 pm -8:00pm for 9/11 ceremony. Motion by Deputy Mayor Fuller seconded by Trustee Werner**

**VOTE: YES 3 NO 0**

**3. Court records audit**

**Motion to approve 8/20/25at 9:30 am as the date for Court Audit pursuant to Uniform Justice Court Act 2019-a.**

**Motion by Deputy Mayor Fuller second by Trustee Werner**

**VOTE: YES 3 NO 0**

#### 4. Cell Tower

##### VILLAGE OF FLORIDA

##### VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

##### RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT ON VILLAGE OWNED CELL TOWER LOCATED AT 28 MEADOW ROAD, FLORIDA, NY

WHEREAS, the Village of Florida owns real property located at 28 Meadow Road, Village of Florida, County of Orange, State of New York (Village of Florida Tax Map 120-1-19 f/k/a Town of Goshen Tax Map: SBL 20-1-42) ("Sewer Plant Site");

WHEREAS, the Village entered into a Master Management Agreement ("Agreement") with JNS Enterprises dated November 13, 2001 for the installation of a wireless communications tower to be located on Town of Warwick Tax Map SBL 9-1-6 owned by the Village of Florida ("Water Plant Site");

WHEREAS, the Agreement was modified on October 30, 2002 for the purposes of allowing a temporary cellular tower to be located on 28 Meadow Road ("FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT"); said modification was ratified by the Village Board of Trustees on November 12, 2002;

WHEREAS, the Agreement was further modified on January 13, 2003 for purposes of allowing a permanent wireless communications tower to be constructed at the Sewer Plant Site instead of the Water Plant Site ("Second Amendment to the Agreement"); said modification was ratified by the Village Board of Trustees on April 8, 2003;

WHEREAS, the Agreement and all Amendments thereto were assigned by JNS Towers, LLC to Crown Communication LLC, pursuant to an Assignment and Assumption Agreement dated May 31, 2011;

WHEREAS, the Village of Florida entered into a Tower Space Lease Agreement dated October 30, 2002 and a First Amendment also dated October 30, 2002 with Dutchess County Cellular Telephone Company, Inc., d/b/a Cellular One;

WHEREAS, Crown Communications entered into a Second Amendment, dated June 3, 2016 with Dutchess County Cellular Telephone Company;

WHEREAS, Crown Communications entered into a Third Amendment, dated August 3, 2016 with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, a successor in interest to Dutchess County Cellular Telephone Company

WHEREAS, Crown Communications LLC entered into a Fourth Amendment dated \_\_\_\_\_ of the Tower Space Lease Agreement to replace existing equipment on an existing tower and correcting the ownership entities set forth in the Second and Third Amendments;

WHEREAS, Crown Communications LLC has requested that the Agreement be further amended to alter the description of the Tower Space to permit the replacement of existing equipment;

WHEREAS, such application is a request for a modification of an existing wireless tower that does not substantially change the physical dimensions of such tower and is not subject to planning board review pursuant to § 1455(a) of the Communications Act;

WHEREAS, the application has been reviewed by the Village Engineer and has been found to be acceptable;

WHEREAS, the proposed Fifth Amendment has been reviewed by the Village Attorney and found to be acceptable.

WHEREAS, the Village has received and reviewed the following:

1. Correspondence dated June 13, 2025.
2. Proposed Fifth Amendment to the Tower Space Lease Agreement

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed action is a Type II action under SEQR and no further environmental review is required;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees authorizes New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (a/k/a AT &T) to install the equipment as per the submitted plans set forth above subject to the inspection and approval by the Village Engineer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby approves the Fifth Amendment to the Tower Space Lease Agreement and authorizes the Mayor to sign the same.

Motion by: Deputy Mayor Fuller

Second by: Trustee Werner

Vote: Aye   3   Nay   0   Abstain           

#### **5. DPW Promotional Appointments-Table**

**Motion to table the promotion of Thomas Fuller Jr. to the position of Working Leader effective 8/11/25 at the rate of \$26.00/hour per Collective Bargaining Agreement. Civil Service approval has been obtained. Motion by Deputy Mayor Fuller second by Trustee Werner**

**VOTE: YES 3 NO 0**

#### **6. DPW Temporary Laborer Appointments**

**Motion to approve Robert Gallagher as Temporary Laborer at the rate of \$19.50 effective immediately. Civil Service approval has been obtained. Motion by Deputy Mayor Fuller second by Trustee Werner**

**VOTE: YES 3 NO 0**

**Motion to approve Ralph Savio as Temporary Laborer at the rate of \$19.50 effective immediately.**

**Civil Service approval has been obtained. Motion by Trustee Werner second by Deputy Mayor Fuller**

**VOTE: YES 3 NO 0**

**7. Police Department Part-Time Officer**

**Motion to approve Sean Walter as part-time Police Officer at the rate of \$30.05/hour. Civil Service approval has been obtained.**

**Motion by Deputy Mayor Fuller second by Trustee Werner**

**VOTE: YES 3 NO 0**

**8. Recreation salary revision**

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| Kerry Kearns       | \$22.00 |
| Mary Ann Schneider | \$20.00 |
| Kaitlyn Stolorski  | \$15.00 |
| Kailey Stolorski   | \$13.50 |
| Dominick LaBelle   | \$13.25 |
| Elianna Forde      | \$13.00 |
| Julia Durkin       | \$13.00 |
| Kendall Guerra     | \$13.00 |
| Kiley Grogan       | \$13.50 |
| Melissa Cutrona    | \$13.00 |
| Raquel Hamling     | \$13.00 |
| Eden Forde         | \$13.00 |
| Cricket Carey      | \$12.25 |
| Sophia Labelle     | \$12.25 |
| Bobby Yeoman       | \$12.25 |
| Robert Hicks       | \$12.25 |
|                    |         |
| Tahniah Rucker     | \$12.00 |
| Jenna Puglisi      | \$12.00 |
| Lillian Call       | \$12.00 |

**Motion to table revised salary chart as presented.**

**Motion by Trustee Werner second by Deputy Mayor Fuller**

**VOTE: YES 3 NO 0**

**9. Cub scout Pack 44 Family Campout**

**Motion to approve the use of Glenmere Park on 9/5-9/6 for Pack 44 Family Campout. Fees to be waived, insurance has been submitted.**

**Motion by Trustee Werner second by Deputy Mayor Fuller**

**VOTE: YES 3 NO 0**

**10. New York State EFC Grant**

**Motion to accept funding in the amount not to exceed \$254,000.00 for planning, design and installation of water meters.**

**Motion by Deputy Mayor Fuller second by Trustee Fuller**

**VOTE: YES 3 NO 0**

**IX.Meeting Schedule**

|                      |                                                             |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| August 20th, 2025    | 9:30 AM Work Session                                        |
| September 3rd, 2025  | 9:30 AM Work Session 7:30 PM Regular Meeting/Public Hearing |
| September 17th, 2025 | 9:30 AM Work Session                                        |
| October 1st, 2025    | 9:30 AM Work Session 7:30 PM Regular Meeting                |

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Greg Kimiecik Just curious how many to have a quorum

Mayor Harter we need three.

Bob Scott I would like to applaud one of your Board members for the reward that they received.

Trustee Werner I was completely surprised, completely unexpected. Very honorable, very nice.

Mayor Harter well deserved, congratulations

Greg Kimiecik Tom Fuller I just want to say your brother Fray was a good guy. He cared about Florida

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Trustee Werner seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuller to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM.

**VOTE: YES 3 NO 0**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Colleen Wierzbicki  
Village Clerk**