

JANUARY 15, 2025 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 7:30 p.m.

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

Board Members Absent: none

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

Approximate Number in Audience:2

II. MINUTES

Motion made by *Trustee Roach* seconded by *Trustee Olejniczak* to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2024 Regular Meeting.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

Motion made by *Trustee Olejniczak* seconded by *Trustee Werner* to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2024 Special Meeting.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

III. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Treasurer's Report

Motion made by *Trustee Fuller* seconded by *Trustee Roach* to accept the December Treasurer's report as submitted.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

2. Payment of Vouchers

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

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

3. Transfers

Transfers for Fiscal Year 5/31/25 - Jan 15

General Fund Expenditures

<u>Account Description</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Clerk Printing and Supplies	500.00	
Clerk Computer Equipment and Services (Various - Edmunds, Computer Solutions, Bowers)		500.00
General Fund Contingency	6,000.00	
Police Uniforms (Armor Express - Various)		6,000.00
Special Events Donations	100.00	
Special Events Other Expenditures (Fun Fest, Flags, Portable Toilets)		100.00

Water Fund Expenditures

<u>Account Description</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
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NONE

Sewer Fund Expenditures

Account Description

From

To

NONE

Motion made by *Trustee Roach* seconded by *Trustee Fuller* to approve the transfers as presented.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE & PRESENTATIONS

1. Schmidt’s Wholesale sent a quote for hydrant flags in the amount of \$417.14.
2. NYSDEC sent a modification to EFC Funding.
3. NYS Department of Taxation and Finance sent the 2025 Tentative Special Franchise Full Values.
4. Orange County Board of Elections sent the invitation for 2025 Meeting on February 4, 2025 at 10:00am.
5. Village of Florida PBA sent a request to resume PBA dues beginning January 2025.
6. NYS Deferred Compensation sent a notice of new Account Representative.
7. NYSDEC sent a response to our CFA Funding Grant application for the Sewer Plant.
8. Interstate Waste sent a price increase notification. 117.50/ton.
9. TAM Enterprises sent a price increase from \$155.00/ton to \$285.00/ton sludge disposal.
10. Gotham Communications sent a letter regarding our EV charge stations.
11. Robert Goff sent a letter regarding 104-1-39.
12. Orange County sent a letter regarding NYS Housing and Community Renewal funding for Hurricane Ida damages.
13. NYS Department of Taxation and Finance sent a letter regarding 2025 Telecommunications Ceilings.
14. Confluence Running Hudson Vallet sent a notification of an event on December 7, 2025.
15. Orange County sent a November 2024 Mortgage Receipts summary.
16. Orange County Youth Bureau sent the 2025 funding for the Youth Recreation program.
17. Town of Warwick sent notification of Introductory Local Law 10 of 2024, a six-month moratorium prohibiting clean renewable energy technology.
18. Orange County Department of Finance sent a letter regarding a recent ACH payment.
19. A letter regarding the Village watershed was received from Orange County Department of Health.
20. NYS Department of Taxation and Finance sent the 2025 Residential Assessment Ratio.

21. Dick's Concrete sent a cost increase notification of 6-9 percent.
22. Lanc and Tully sent a proposal for scope of services and fees for a boundary determination.
23. NYS Department of Transportation sent a fully executed copy of the easement agreement notice of appropriation.
24. A Semi-annual discharge report was received from US Compliance on behalf of Stauber Performance.
25. Village of South Blooming Grove sent a letter regarding ambulance service.
26. Lanc and Tully sent an invoice on behalf of Engineering Surveying Properties for the Senior Center parking expansion.
27. An email was received from Florida Youth Soccer requesting a waiver for the use of Jarocki Park.
28. Orange County Department of Human Resources sent a letter for appointing authority authorization.
29. Orange County Clerk provided December Mortgage Tax Receipts.
30. Altice sent a letter regarding price changes for Business Video and programming changes.
31. H2O submitted monthly activity reports for water and sewer departments.
32. An email was received regarding requesting a traffic signal at Farries and North Main St.
33. Bauer Hardwood Flooring submitted a quote for Senior Center floor repair.
34. TAM Enterprises submitted a quote for supply and installation of a fiberglass cover.
35. Police Chief Coleman sent a letter recommending permanent appointment of Officer Dave Ramsey as Sergeant.

V. REPORTS OF THE TRUSTEES

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

Each department head gave a brief overview of their respective department.

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 was no public comment

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

none

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mileage Allowance

The 2025 mileage allowance has increased three cents to .70 cents per mile.

Motion made by *Trustee Fuller* seconded by *Trustee Olejniczak* to approve the mileage allowance to .70 cents per mile beginning January 1, 2025 in accordance with the 2025 IRS rate.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

2. Traffic Signal Farries and North Main St

**VILLAGE OF FLORIDA
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL
NORTH MAIN STREET (NYS 17A/94) & FARRIES AVENUE**

WHEREAS, the Village engaged Kimley-Horn Engineering and Landscape Architecture of New York, P.C. to perform a Traffic Signal Warrant Study and Intersection Evaluation for the intersection of North Main Street (NY Route 94/17A) & Farries Avenue; and

WHEREAS, by report dated August 2024, Kimley-Horn concluded that existing traffic volumes satisfies the 4-hour and peak-hour warrant volume and that it is anticipated additional development would result in unacceptable operation of the Farries Avenue approach by 2034;

WHEREAS, the Study recommended that a traffic light be installed at the intersection of Farries Avenue and North Main Street; and

WHEREAS, the Study has been referred to the New York State Department of Transportation because North Main Street is a New York State highway; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board of the Village of Florida hereby adopts a resolution supporting the installation of a traffic light and other appropriate pedestrian signals at the intersection of North Main Street and Farries Avenue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the NYS Department of Transportation, Town of Warwick, Florida Union Free School District, Assemblyman Karl Brabenec and State Senator James Skoufis.

Motion to support installation of traffic signal on North Main St and Farries Ave

Motion by *Trustee Olejniczak* second by *Trustee Fuller*

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

3. Florida Youth Soccer Fee Waiver Facility Use

Motion to approve Florida Youth Soccer to use Jarocki Park for the Spring Season and to approve the waiver request for the fee.

Motion by *Trustee Werner* second by *Trustee Roach*

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

4. TAM quote for Beazer

VILLAGE OF FLORIDA

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL

WHEREAS, the Village of Florida received a proposal from TAM Enterprises to supply and install a new insulated cover for the Beazer pump station as the existing cover no longer functions in a sufficient manner to allow one to open the lid to the pump for the sum of \$ 12,390.00; and

WHEREAS, the sole source for the lid is the pump station manufacturer;

WHEREAS, the repair is time sensitive as the Village needs to have the ability to access the pump station quickly;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby accepts the proposal of TAM Enterprises not to exceed \$ 12,390.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to the extent the Village of Florida Procurement Policy requires obtaining multiple bids, the Village Board finds that the instant procurement is on an emergency basis and further finds that the lid is a sole source item and obtaining further quotes will not be beneficial to the Village of Florida.

Motion to approve quote in the amount of \$12,390.00 for an emergency purchase and installation of cover for fiberglass insulated cover for Beazer boost station from TAM Enterprises Inc.

Motion by *Trustee Werner* second by *Trustee Olejniczak*

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

5. Bond Resolution Water Plant

Attorney Cassidy gives a brief explanation for the need for this resolution and explaining that the original estimate is on track and total costs have increased, does not mean that we are spending more, that is what EFC has documented between our contingencies we still remain on track for our original documents previously approved. EFC are asking to amend original resolution to include higher amount as contingency which enables us if there is a small overage, we have the ability to finance that above and beyond \$5,290,000.00. This is not the bond itself but includes the \$3,000,000.00 grant previously administered.

RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FLORIDA, NEW YORK,
ADOPTED JANUARY 15, 2025, AMENDING THE BOND
RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2019, RELATING
TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE
VILLAGE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND DISTRIBUTION
SYSTEM

Recitals

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Florida, in the County of Orange, New York, has heretofore duly authorized the construction of improvements to the Village water treatment plant and distribution system at the estimated maximum cost of \$5,290,000 pursuant to the bond resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees on September 9, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the estimated maximum cost of said project has now been determined to be \$8,054,215, and it is necessary and in the public interest to increase the amount appropriated for said project by \$2,764,215 and to amend said bond resolution to increase the principal amount of bonds authorized from \$5,290,000 to \$8,054,215;

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FLORIDA, IN THE COUNTY OF ORANGE, NEW YORK (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all members of said Board of Trustees) AS FOLLOWS:

Section (A) The bond resolution of the Village of Florida duly adopted by the Board of Trustees on September 9, 2019, entitled:

“Bond Resolution of the Village of Florida, New York, adopted September 9, 2019, authorizing the construction of improvements to the Village water treatment plant and distribution system, stating the estimated maximum

cost thereof is \$5,290,000, appropriating said amount for such purpose, and authorizing the issuance of bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$5,290,000 to finance said appropriation,”

is hereby amended to read as follows:

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FLORIDA, NEW YORK, ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 AND AMENDED JANUARY 15, 2025, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,054,215 TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VILLAGE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$8,054,215 AND APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT FOR SUCH PURPOSE

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FLORIDA, IN THE COUNTY OF ORANGE, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Board of Trustees) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Village of Florida, in the County of Orange, New York (herein called the “Village”), is hereby authorized to issue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$8,054,215 pursuant to the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the “Law”), to finance the construction improvements to the Village water treatment plant and distribution system, substantially as described in the engineer’s report dated September 2021 and revised November 2021 prepared by Pitingaro & Doetsch Consulting Engineers, P.C.

Section 2. The estimated maximum cost of the project described herein, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$8,054,215 and said amount is hereby appropriated for such purpose. The plan of financing includes the issuance of bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$8,054,215 to finance said appropriation. Water charges have been imposed in the Village and it is expected that such charges shall continue to be imposed and collected by the Village and the amounts derived therefrom shall be budgeted and used to the pay principal of and interest on the bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as the same shall become due and payable. It is expected that grant funds may be received in relation to the project, and any such funds received or to be received are hereby authorized to be applied toward the cost of said project or redemption of the Village’s bonds or

notes issued therefor, or to be budgeted as an offset to the taxes to be collected for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds or notes.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) The period of probable usefulness applicable to the object or purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 1 of the Law, is forty (40) years.

(b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be applied to reimburse the Village for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

(c) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will exceed five (5) years.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall be general obligations of the Village, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the Village. The faith and credit of the Village are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the Village by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 of the Law relative to the authorization of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation

notes and Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 and Section 168.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, and as to executing agreements for credit enhancement, are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of the Village.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. This bond resolution is subject to a permissive referendum and the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, within ten (10) days after the adoption of this resolution, to publish or cause to be published, in full, in the official newspaper of the Village, having a general circulation within said Village, and posted in at least six (6) public places and in each polling place in the Village, a Notice in substantially the form appearing in Exhibit A hereto.

Section 8. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, after said bond resolution shall take effect, to cause said bond resolution to be published, in summary, in the official newspaper of the Village, having a general circulation within said Village, together with a Notice in substantially the form as provided by Section 81.00 of the Law.

Section (B) The amendment of the bond resolution as set forth in Section (A) of this resolution shall in no way affect the validity of any liabilities incurred, obligations issued, or action taken pursuant to said bond resolution prior to amendment, and all such liabilities incurred, obligations issued, or action taken shall be deemed to have been incurred, issued or taken pursuant to said bond resolution, as amended.

Section (C) Said bond resolution, as amended, is subject to a permissive referendum as therein provided. In the event that a valid petition protesting against said bond resolution and requesting that it be submitted to the electors of said Village for their approval or disapproval is filed and the Proposition submitted therefor is defeated, the validity of the bond resolution adopted on September 9, 2019, shall not be in any way affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

Motion by Trustee Fuller Second by Trustee Olejniczak

YES 5 NO 0

Mayor Harter	Aye
Trustee Fuller	Aye
Trustee Olejniczak	Aye
Trustee Werner	Aye
Trustee Roach	Aye

Mayor Harter- Two final things that did not make it onto the Agenda. One Glenmere Lake Ice Fishing Tournament February 1st. We did this last time in 2022. Altered Glenmere Road to make a one way from the intersection of Werner and Pine Hill Road. Just for traffic flow because it is a big event. It's a tight road and for safety of everybody to get in to fish. We make it one way coming in from Glenmere and Werner and exit onto Pine Hill Road. Spoke with Chief Coleman and he is fine with it. He will be directing a couple of officers that day. Can I get a motion to approve the temporary modification of traffic pattern.

6. Temporary Traffic Pattern Glenmere Ave

Mayor Harter It's a big event and a very tight road; we are expecting a lot of people. We make it one way coming in from Glenmere and Werner and one way going out on Pine Hill. I spoke to Chief Coleman; he's fine with it and be directing officers.

Motion to approve the temporary traffic pattern on February 1st, 2025 between the hours of 6:30 AM and 1:00 PM. Motion by Trustee Olejniczak second by Trustee Werner

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

7. Millenium IMA Town of Warwick

Motion to approve entering into an IMA with Millenium Strategies in the amount of \$5000.00. Motion by Trustee Werner second by Trustee Olejniczak

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

IX. Meeting Schedule

February 5, 2025	9:30 AM Work Session	7:30 PM Regular Meeting
February 19, 2025	4:00 – 8:00 PM Grievance and work session	
March 5, 2025	9:30 AM Work Session	7:30 PM Regular Meeting
March 18, 2025	12:00PM-9:00PM Village Election	
March 19, 2025	9:30 AM Work Session	
April 2, 2025	9:30 AM Work Session	7:30 PM Regular Meeting
April 7, 2025	7:00 PM Re-Organizational Meeting	

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

Gerard Conlon-The bond thing was explained well I was thinking there was a run up of cost

Mayor Harter Yes we are on track we have one of the filters installed. If you drive Glenmere Ave, you are going to see those big blue tanks. Lead times are delayed for our silo right now. We are on track for our bid for our overall bid cost. They are requiring contingency funding just in case but we are on track. We are tracking it and it is coming together.

Aaron Ubides Just a question on the possible grant you are working on. Beautify?

Mayor we haven't heard anything yet, fingers crossed, that's supposed to be in late winter early Spring so I am guessing March

AU Do you have the drawings finalized yet?

Mayor what drawings?

AU Talking about the conceptual stuff

Mayor nothing is too detailed we did utilize what Trustee Roach and the architects did for the Mapes facility, that did get submitted with it.

Trustee Werner Millenium did that grant

AU I would suggest stamped asphalt ; it is cheaper and lasts longer

MH I have heard mixed reviews. I am willing to look into it and entertain it. I do personally like it. Definitely worth evaluating.

AU Crosswalks

Trustee Werner that would require NYSDOT approval.

AU cheaper to fix. Anything in place of blocks or bricks sidewalks easier to keep clean.

Trustee Werner we through that into the proposal, at this point we are not moving forward on anything at the moment. Maybe do a community space, gazebo something real nice.

AU I was going to say to fix the wall that has been there for years

Trustee Olejniczak this also includes the larger scopes if we are able to acquire the land, restructure the wall that requires a different layout of parking spaces potentially a new tree. It has reached its maturity. For safety reasons not just aesthetics. Our vision is more long term. It's a mutual benefit basically.

AU yes repair the wall and create more parking in a nice straight frame.

Mayor Harter bridges, they are working on them this year. Progress. We started this water treatment plant in 2019, it just takes time.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Trustee Olejniczak seconded by Trustee Werner to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

**Respectfully,
Colleen Wierzbicki**