

TOWN BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2024

Pursuant to due call, and notice thereof, the Board of Supervisors, Town of Florence met on the 22nd day of January, 2024 with Chairman Tim Bomberg and Supervisor John Holbrook present. Supervisor Shane McLain was excused.

On a motion by Bomberg and seconded by Holbrook the agenda was approved as posted. All in favor, motion carried.

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on January 8th, 2024, were approved on a motion by Bomberg and seconded by Holbrook. All in favor, motion carried.

Residents of Duck Lake Rd and Harding Road were in attendance to express their frustration of the transition to the automated refuse collection. Tom Brandt stated that there are 6 Duck Lake and 9 Harding Rd permanent (full time) residents and stated the number of carts issued is not enough. Rich Vaccaro also commented that GFL use to travel Harding Road and now they aren't and he has to bring his cart to the intersection of Duck Lake Rd and Harding Rd he also expressed that the residents feel slighted out there due to a lack of maintenance and consideration to pave these roads. Brandt stated they are treated as 2nd class citizens compared to the Spread Eagle area. Bomberg reiterated that the refuse collection and distribution of carts and the miles of road traveled was an attempt to keep costs down and as for paving, hot mix costs \$200,000 per mile and with the rising costs of everything, the highway maintenance budget doesn't go as far. Those in attendance want Harding Road traveled for refuse collection and requested that all full-time residence receive a cart. Bomberg instructed Clerk/Treasurer Van Pembroke to reach out to Green for Life as to why they don't travel it for refuse collection and ask them to reconsider. Also, in attendance was a resident at 317 Central Ave. who inquired where she should place her refuse for collection. VanPembroke will follow up with her.

On a motion by Holbrook and seconded by Bomberg an operator license for Kate Burie at Crafter's on Central was approved. All in favor, motion carried.

VanPembroke submitted all December bank reconciliation reports for board review and informed them they are invited to the Florence Fire Department Christmas party being held on February 3, 2024 at One O One and to RSVP by January 26th.

Monthly town bills totaling \$1,203,766.03 and automatic withdrawals in the amount of \$3,499.11 were approved on a motion by Holbrook and seconded by Bomberg. All in favor, motion carried.

Bomberg expressed that the transitioning to the automated refuse collection will be monitored going forward and we will attempt to get the bugs out. He also state if residents want their own cart, it can be done but, will defeat the purpose of keeping costs down which was his intention and he will stand by this decision.

There being no further business it was moved by Bomberg and seconded by Holbrook to adjourn until February 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the community center. All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted by:

Shelly VanPembroke
Clerk/Treasurer