

TOWN BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2025
6 p.m. Florence Community Center

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Board of Supervisors, Town of Florence met on the 10th day of February, 2025 with Chairman Tim Bomberg and Supervisors John Holbrook and Shane McLain present.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on January 13th, 2025 were approved on a motion by Holbrook and seconded by McLain. All in favor, motion carried.

Operator licenses for Valerie Grailer, Laura Urban, Amber Rajala and Susan Cook serving at JR's Pub & Grill were approved on a motion by McLain and seconded by Bomberg. All in favor, motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2025-2-10 Regulating Lead Water Service Lines Replacement was approved on a motion by McLain and seconded by Holbrook. All in favor, motion carried. (For a copy of the Ordinance contact the Town Office)

On a motion by McLain and seconded by Holbrook Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Up to \$328,777 Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2025 and Providing for Other Details and Covenants with Respect Thereto, and approval of related \$939,365 financial assistance agreement was approved. All in favor, motion carried. (For a copy of the Resolution contact the Town Office)

On a motion by Holbrook and seconded by McLain a Class B Liquor License was approved for Villa's Lakeside Market, LLC at 1530 US Hwy 2, Florence. Kyla Vasseau, Agent. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was had regarding garbage stickers that residents still have and the question to purchase them back. A list was begun in July of 2024 of those who inquired if the board had made a decision on purchasing them back. A list of 7 residents for a total of \$135 was recorded. Clerk/Treasurer, Shelly VanPembrook noted that Scott Sternhagen, Accountant for CLA, LLC recommended the board decline reimbursing those residents who have garbage stickers. On a motion by Holbrook and seconded by McLain it was moved to not reimburse residents for garbage stickers. All in favor, motion carried.

VanPembrook provided all January Bank Reconciliation Reports, Journal Entries and Timber Cut Notices received for the board to review. VanPembrook also reported that Vouchers approved for payment on 1/27/25 by Chairman Bomberg were the following: Checking \$1,264,601.38, ACH Payments \$4,619.13 and Fire Department at \$230.72.

VanPembrook reported that the town audit is complete with Scott Sternhagen, CPA for CLA stating the town is in good financial position. Reported that there is a Florence Utility Commission meeting tomorrow, February 11, 2025 at 2 p.m. and Holbrook will attend. VanPembrook also reported the town had received a WI DNR Spread Eagle Barren February 2025 to December 2026 Implementation Plan and that she had forwarded it to others for review. Stu Boren responded and he will be reaching out to Carly Lapin, Property Manager, District Ecologist with the DNR with his comments.

Eric Printz will represent Florence County and townships along with Forest County EDC and Sokaogon Chippewa Community in regards to a consortium for broadband monies from the state. A letter of support was provided from the town. The state was awarded almost \$1Billion to be used for broadband around the state. By creating a consortium with Tribal organization, there would be a better chance of winning the maximum amount of monies.

VanPembrook reported that Ryan Raatz of R&R Assessing Services informed her that the Towns level of assessment will be out of compliance in 2025 with Raatz stating that sales around the Chain of Lakes are still ridiculous.

Fire Department bills totaling \$365.92 were approved for payment on a motion by McLain and seconded by Holbrook. All in favor, motion carried.

Monthly town bills totaling \$31,119.07 were approved for payment on a motion by McLain and seconded by Holbrook. All in favor, motion carried.

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Holbrook reported that someone is putting their garbage in his container after collection on Tuesdays and also leaving a bag at the end of his driveway, when his cart is not out. Holbrook will pay more attention to this on Tuesdays collection day.

Bomberg reported that Highway Foreman, Chris Steber is seeking RFP's for paving with NE Asphalt working in the area this summer for the STH-70 project and US2 project, Steber hopes to receive favorable RFP's for Olive Ave., Chapin Street from Bill Anderson to US2; In Comm Drive from US2 to Nose to Tail.

There being no further business it was moved by McLain and seconded by Holbrook to adjourn until February 24th, 2025, at 6 p.m. at the community center. All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted by:

Shelly VanPembrook
Clerk/Treasurer