

TOWN BOARD MEETING
MARCH 13, 2023

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Board of Supervisors, Town of Florence met on the 13th day of March, 2023 with Chairman Tim Bomberg and Supervisor Shane McLain present. Supervisor John Holbrook was excused.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting on February 13th, 2023, were approved on a motion by McLain and seconded by Bomberg. All in favor, motion carried.

Florence County Zoning Administrator, Kelly Sleeter and Economic Development Director, Eric Printz were in attendance to follow up on the towns' request for the County to compel compliance from the owner on Nuisance property at 649 Central Avenue. The town has been working with the owner since 2017 with no progress being made. Sleeter provided copies of a correction notice that will be mailed this week to Mad Management in Manitowish Water, WI, which will impose penalties if corrections are not made within 60 days. The board agreed with the notice and appreciates the support from the County.

Robert Friberg was in attendance to present to the town board a check from APEA (American Public Energy Agency) which is the final step in dissolving the company. Again, the town board thanked Friberg.

Tom Brandt of Duck Lake Rd questioned the town board about the investing in "carbon credits" to increase revenue. Brandt mentioned with all the county forest, maybe this should be looked into. Bomberg stated that he believes the county is looking into this and recommended the he speak with Pat Smith, Florence County Forestry & Parks Administrator.

On a motion by Bomberg and seconded by McLain an operator license for Maria Schewe for the Tavern on Central was approved. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer, Shelly VanPembrook reported that the office is looking into other options (other than TextMyGov) to implement a smartphone messaging app allowing the town to communicate easily with citizens. Bomberg stated the other county agencies are also looking into this and recommended VanPembrook to speak with Eric Printz and Denielle Bomberg at the Highway Department.

Bomberg reported that the town did not receive any proposals to replace the Hendricks Creek Culvert noting that contractors were unable to bid because of the June 30th deadline. Sleeter added that the funds for this project from Land Conservation, Trout Unlimited and others is sizeable and he inquired with the board if they would consider readvertising for proposals if he could get the WI DNR to extend the deadline for completion of the project. The board agreed on a motion by McLain and seconded by Bomberg. All in favor, motion carried.

No proposal was received from Nose to Tail regarding an arrangement with the town to house dogs caught running at large. Motion by Bomberg and seconded by McLain to table. All in favor, motion carried.

A request to consider making the intersection of Olive Avenue and In-Comm a 4-Way Stop was discussed with Bomberg reporting that the sheriff's department will do a new study at the location and provide a recommendation. It was noted that traffic has increased due to Nose to Tail being located in the Industrial Park.

VanPembrook reported that Bomberg approved vouchers for payment on February 28th, 2023 due to inclement weather causing the cancelation of the 2/27/23 meeting. Approved vouchers totaling

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\$2,784,032.78 and Automatic withdrawals in the amount of \$14,477.42 and Fire Department bills \$15.63.

VanPembrook submitted all February bank reconciliation reports and journal entries for board review and reported that the 2022 Year End Financial reports are available and reminded the board of the April 18, 2023 Town Annual Meeting,

VanPembrook reported that there was an issue with the Community Center kitchen drain lines which caused backflow thru the floor drain and Goodman Plumbing jetted out the drain lines from sinks to grease traps and recommended that this be done at least once every two years to avoid future problems. VanPembrook provided dates for Board of Review training by WI Towns Association, with VanPembrook noting that she will attend a Virtual Training session on May 1st, 2023 at 6 p.m.

Bomberg reported that Utility Manager, Roger Secrist is requesting a joint meeting with the Town and the Commission with Teck Solutions to discuss Cyber Security Issues.

Bomberg reported that with the \$7 billion plus surplus the state has, he has reached out to Governor Tony Evers, State Senator, Mary Felzkowski and Jeffrey Mursau asking for their financial support in funding the Spread Eagle Fire Station. Bomberg added that there are no grants available for fire stations.

There being no further business it was moved by McLain and seconded by Bomberg to adjourn until March 27, 2023 at 6 p.m. at the community center. All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted by:

Shelly VanPembrook
Clerk/Treasurer