

TOWN BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 8, 2024

Pursuant to due call, and notice thereof, the Board of Supervisors, Town of Florence met on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024 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 meetings, held on March 25 and March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 were approved on a motion by Bomberg and seconded by Holbrook. All in favor, motion carried.

Marcia Krcma of W Lake Ellwood inquired when was the ICE (ImageCast) Election Hardware Maintenance taking place and where? Clerk/Treasurer, VanPembrook informed her that it is on May 1st and will be performed by Command Central at the Florence County Clerk's office.

Jamie & Carol Brewington of 6340 Harding Rd were in attendance to inquire about what can be done on Harding Road as it is pretty bad from the spring thaw, that the post office refuses to deliver their mail and they have not received refuse collection services. Brewington also mentioned the dust problem as well during the summer. VanPembrook informed them that their refuse should have been taken to the intersection with Duck Lk and Harding Rd, during weight restrictions. Highway Foreman, Chris Steber stated that the town does not weight restrict Harding Rd. and that it is possible that Green For Life (GFL), didn't want to travel it? VanPembrook stated she will follow up with GFL. Conversation ensued regarding what can be done. The board is aware that the road needs work, but it will be very expensive, and they want it to be done right, when they do it. They may consider improving portions of the road at a time. Supervisor, Shane McLain stated, "You bought your house knowing it was a gravel road." The board reported that a tanker (4,200 gallons) of chloride will be used by the Town of Florence. Highway Foreman, Chris Steber concluded that the chloride application "holds in the moisture" when applied for dust control but then it also "holds in" the moisture during the spring thaw, causing a double edge sword.

Other communications from the floor were Thomas Brandt of Duck Lake Rd commented on the electronic voting machine at the Spring Election last week, and that he was frustrated that he didn't see his entire ballot on the screen after inserting it into the ICE with the "review" mode on. VanPembrook stated that the election workers were aware of this incident and documentation was made as to what occurred. The documentation was read and VanPembrook went on to say, that Brandt needed to advance the screen to see his remaining selections instead of hitting cast. The machine was drawing his attention (by beeping) to an under-voted race. The election inspector drew his attention to it, and stated "if you are ok with the under-vote in that race, you can hit cast." By casting his vote, he was unable to review the remainder of his ballot. Voters need to become aware of how the machine works and ask questions. The election inspectors are there to help.

On a motion by McLain and seconded by Holbrook an operator license for Brandy Miller for Krist Oil was approved. Motion carried.

On a motion by McLain and seconded by Holbrook the Town of Florence Personnel Policy was amended to include benefits to town employees upon hire for a Lincoln Life Insurance policy of \$25,000, offering Income Continuation Insurance (currently under a "premium holiday) and offering access to vision insurance. (100% of premium paid by employee) was approved. All in favor, motion carried.

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On a motion by Holbrook and seconded by McLain is was approved to authorize to borrow, not more than \$850,000, as interim financing, from Great North Bank, with interest due at maturity, and a term not to exceed 6 months, which will be repaid with proceeds from the new subsidized WI DNR Clean Water Fund loan. The borrowing funds to be used to pay for the Sanitary Sewer Construction project on Central Ave. (US-2). A call for the vote was made with all board members voting Aye. Three (3) Ayes. Zero (0) Nayses. Motion carried.

VanPembrook submitted for the board to review all March bank reconciliation reports and journal entries and reported that Bob Walther, of Fern, stopped in the town office to make sure that whoever does the grading on Patten Lake Rd, to make sure they grade Fern roads as well. VanPembrook reminded the board of the Annual Meeting being held on April 16, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

Fire Department bills totaling \$40.03, monthly town bills totaling \$24,340.62 and automatic withdrawals in the amount of \$19,158.64 were approved for payment by Holbrook and seconded by McLain. All in favor, motion carried.

Under board concerns is the failure of the property owner at 600 Pewabic Street, and her negligence to properly place her refuse out for collection and the accumulation of refuse and recycling strewn about the property. Bomberg he is communicating with the Zoning and Health Department regarding the property. Other properties in need of attention were mentioned, with the board noting that Nuisance Notices will begin going out the middle of May.

There being no further business it was moved by Bomberg and seconded by McLain to adjourn until April 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the community center. All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted by:

Shelly VanPembrook  
Clerk/Treasurer