

TOWN BOARD MEETING
JUNE 9, 2025

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Board of Supervisors, Town of Florence met on the 9th day of June, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Florence Community Center with Chairman Jim Gehlhoff and Supervisors Tom Tuchalski and Shane McLain present.

After the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, a motion made by McLain and seconded by Tuchalski the agenda was approved as posted. All in favor, motion carried.

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The minutes of the previous meetings, held on May 12, 2025 BOR, May 12, 2025 Board Meeting & May 22, 2025 Special Meeting, were approved on a motion by McLain and seconded by Tuchalski. All in favor, motion carried.

An operator's license application for Brandi Nichols at The Chuckwagon was approved on a motion by McLain and seconded by Tuchalski. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Jessica Klumpp give the board a list of Nuisance Properties that the Town Office was made aware of by either a Town Board member or a member of the public. Klumpp had talked with Zoning and was told that the first step was for the Town to reach out to these property owners. The properties discussed included: 4234 US Highway 2, 600 Pewabic St, 332 Lake Ave, 508 Lake Ave, 712 Lake Ave, 4865 Carlson Rd, 4935 Second Crossing Rd, 6304 Duck Lake Rd, 649 Central Ave, and 632 Central Ave. Some of them have also been contacted by Florence County Zoning. On a motion made by McLain and seconded by Tuchalski, the board decided to move ahead with sending violation notices to all of the properties listed. All in favor, motion carried.

McLain made a motion to set a Special Meeting date of June 16, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the Community Center open gravel proposals. It was seconded by Tuchalski. All in favor, motion carried.

The board discussed designating an official custodian of the records for the Town of Florence. Gehlhoff mentioned that it was brought up at the WTA training that he and Tuchalski attended in May and that the custodian would be Clerk/Treasurer, Jessica Klumpp. Klumpp noted that she was waiting for a response from WTA regarding official records not kept in the Town Office including the Utility, Fire Department, etc. No action was taken.

Clerk/Treasurer Klumpp shared information with the Town Board regarding creating an official Town of Florence Facebook page as an additional avenue for the Town to be able to communicate notices, reminders and share information with Town residents. Klumpp stated that the ability to comment on the posts would be turned off, but all items posted would be public so that the information would be shareable. Examples of how the page would be used include reminding people when garbage collection is changed to a different date because of a holiday, sharing notices of special meetings, election reminders, etc. It was also stated that the Town Office would be the admin for the account. McLain made a motion to create an official Town of Florence Facebook page. It was seconded by Tuchalski. All in favor, motion carried.

Gehlhoff mentioned moving the Monday, June 23 regular board meeting to Wednesday, June 18. He stated that this meeting would include discussion with Amanda and cory from Florence County EMS, and it would also include discussion regarding the Spread Eagle Fire Hall information received from ISG. Additionally, it was noted that there may be other items on the agenda for that meeting, but the idea was to let as many people as possible know about the meeting due to the topics of the County EMS and the Fire Hall. Klumpp stated that the notice for the meeting was posted online, and physically posted in the Town Office, Community Center, Post Office and Courthouse on June 6. In addition, it was e-mailed to the Mining News for publication in the June 12 edition. All the notices stated when and where the official agendas would be posted. On a motion by McLain and seconded by Tuchalski, it was moved to change the June 23 meeting date to June 18 keeping the time at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. All in favor, motion carried.

Under communication from the floor, Jack Bomberg, a Fire Inspector for the Town of Florence, gave an Fire Inspector update on the property at 632 Central Ave listing the concerns regarding the

property as well as the communication that has happened with the owner, and information on the next steps that need to be taken.

Marcia Krcma addressed the board regarding the trees in the Right of Way on Montgomery Lake Rd. Gehlhoff stated that no final decision had been made regarding the trees. There was discussion regarding taking the trees down, the possibility of planting other items, concerns regarding that section of road and intersection due to the trees, and talking to the Historical Society and possibly TV 6 about the history and the trees that are there before they are taken down.

Fire Department bills totaling \$2,550.65, monthly bills totaling \$272,326.66 and automatic withdrawals in the amount of \$18,265.53 were approved on a motion by McLain and seconded by Tuchalski. All in favor, motion carried.

Klumpp noted that due to the fact that the May 26 meeting was canceled, Gehlhoff approved payment of the bills on May 28, 2025 for those bills that were due in May that came in after the May 12 board meeting. Klumpp submitted for the board to review June bank reconciliation reports and timber cut notices.

It was moved to go into closed session Tuchalski, and seconded by McLain for the purpose of discussion legal options for a current BOR court case pursuant to Wis. Stats. §19.85(1)(a) Deliberating concerning a case which was the subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing before that governmental body; Wis. Stats. §19.85(1)(g) conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. A roll call vote was taken: McLain – yes, Tuchalski – yes, Gehlhoff – yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business it was moved by McLain and seconded by Tuchalski to adjourn until June 16, 2025 for the Special Town Board meeting to open Gravel crushing proposals at 1:00 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted by:

Jessica Klumpp
Clerk Treasurer