

TOWN BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 10, 2024

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Board of Supervisors, Town of Florence met on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024 with Chairman Tim Bomberg and Supervisors John Holbrook and Shane McLain present.

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

The minutes of the previous meetings, held on May 13 and May 15, 2024 were approved on a motion by Holbrook and seconded by Bomberg. All in favor, motion carried.

Danielle Almeida of Pembine, WI was in attendance at the request of the town board. LaFaive of Florence has appointed her as agent for the 2024-2025 Liquor license year. On a motion by McLain and seconded by Bomberg it was moved to appoint Almeida as agent for LaFaive of Florence as well as approved an operator license for Nicole Kayser for the Tavern on Central. All in favor, motion carried.

The Florence Volunteer Fire Department revised their Constitution and Bylaws and submitted it to the town board for approval and on a motion by Holbrook and seconded by McLain the board approved the revisions of lowering the age to 18 to being a member on the fire department as well as Article II -Section 8. All in favor, motion carried.

Ordinance #06-10-24 Designating All-Terrain Vehicle and Utility Terrain Vehicle Routes and Regulating the Operation of ATV's and UTV's was on the agenda for adoption with the change added to open all of Lake Avenue and to allow the crossing of Central Ave/US Hwy. 2 at the following intersections Vulcan, Norway, Cyclops and Quinnesec Streets as well as at 509 Furnace Street to alley between Central Avenue and Florence Avenue.

Bomberg reported that he attended a Highway Safety Traffic meeting with WI DOT and local safety personnel. WI DOT stated that EMS and school zone areas should be avoided for UTV/ATV travel and also mentioned that if the town opened up US Hwy. 2, the DOT couldn't do anything about it, however they added with the parking along main street and the way WI SS 23.33 reads is that, UTV's/ATV's cannot travel in the travel portion of US2 and must travel the far right side of the road which puts them between the traffic lane and parked cars which is a safety concern. Bomberg stated he does not support the Lake Avenue being opened for ATV/UTV traffic.

On a motion by McLain and seconded by Holbrook Ordinance #06-10-24 Designating all-terrain vehicle and utility vehicle routes and regulating the operation of ATV's& UTV's was adopted. A call for the vote was taken with McLain and Holbrook stating aye and Bomberg opposing. Motion carried. All other ordinance designating ATV/UTV routes heretofore enacted by the Town of Florence are hereby repealed. The Ordinance becomes effective when the signage is complete by Blue-Ox Trail Riders and the Central Ave. sewer replacement work is complete. (For a copy of the ordinance contact the town office)

A proposal from Snyder Refuse to purchase 20 – 300- gallon refuse containers was back on the agenda at Bomberg's request. Bomberg stated that a couple of situations are occurring where additional carts are needed and also that these 300-gallon containers would be beneficial at locations where Green For Life does not travel as well as eliminating clutter of several carts at an intersection where a couple of 300 gallon containers could be placed. McLain stated that bear will be causing problems with these carts where refuse is deposited earlier than refuse collection day. Clerk/Treasurer, Shelly VanPembrook expressed that she would like the town board to reconsider their position on this, as the office receives request weekly averaging 15 to 20 carts per week and estimate the town has approximately 180 97-gallon containers left. The town crew has been delivering carts once a week for over two months. On a motion by Bomberg and seconded by Holbrook it was approved to accept Snyder Refuse proposal for 20 – 300 Gallon containers at a cost of \$10,141.77 which includes shipping. A call for the vote was made with Bomberg and Holbrook voting aye and McLain opposing. Motion carried.

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The board reviewed hot mix proposal received and on a motion by McLain and seconded by Holbrook it was approved to accept Northeast Asphalt proposal of \$158,497.50 to pave .526 miles of East shore Rd; .200 miles of Vivio Rd; approximately .6 miles of Romitti Dr. All in favor, motion carried.

The board reviewed seal coat proposals received and on a motion by McLain and seconded by Holbrook the proposal from Pitlik and Wick in the amount of \$98,292.18 was accepted. Paving includes .683 miles of East Shore Rd; 1.374 miles of Lake Ellwood Rd; 1.294 miles of First Crossing Rd. (There is a potential for additional seal coat paving to be done) All in favor, motion carried.

VanPembrook submitted for board review all May bank reconciliation reports, journal entries and timber cut notices. Also reported were vouchers approved for payment on May 28, 2024 by Bomberg due to the cancellation of the town board meeting on May 27. Checking vouchers in the amount of \$81,363.70; automatic withdrawals in the amount of \$16,057.11 and fire department expenses in the amount of \$128.70.

VanPembrook informed the board that the county is looking for a township supervisor/chair to represent all 8 towns on the County Legislative Committee. Bomberg stated his interest, but that he is a county employee and county policy prohibits employees from serving.

Fire Department bills totaling \$2,480.16, monthly town bills totaling \$43,632.77 and automatic withdrawals totaling \$2,881.72 were approved on a motion by McLain and seconded by Holbrook. All in favor, motion carried.

Bomberg shared correspondence from the Patten Lake Property Owners Association requesting the town to adopt an ordinance banning wake boats. The town board agreed that this isn't something the town can enforce and recommend the county adopt an ordinance. Tom Brandt, Florence County Supervisor was in attendance and stated that the county is looking for the towns to support a county ordinance prohibiting wake enhancing watercraft. Bomberg instructed VanPembrook to put this item on the June 24, 2024 agenda.

Bomberg expressed concern regarding logging trucks parking in town ROW's and starting their trucks in the early a.m. within the city limits and stated that the town needs to restrict the parking of these rigs in town and on town roads. VanPembrook was instructed to add this to the June 24, 2024 agenda.

Bomberg updated the board about a comment made by Chairman, Gary Steber of Commonwealth at the Florence town board meeting on May 10, 2024. Steber reported that due to a late billing from the Town of Florence for 2023 road work, the Town of Commonwealth is receiving a reduced amount of GTA in the amount of \$40,000. Bomberg stated this is not the case and has learned that the Town of Commonwealth had until May 15, 2024 to report the expenses for 2023 road work to the state, even with the late invoicing from the town. Bomberg also reported that GTA is based on a 3-year average and is 1 year behind in when it is issued. Commonwealth received a reduction in GTA in 2023, because of the towns reduced spending during the period of 2019-2022. The misunderstanding was between the Commonwealth Clerk and Steber.

There being no further business it was moved by McLain and seconded by Holbrook to adjourn until June 24, 2024, at 6 p.m. at the community center. All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted by:

Shelly VanPembrook  
Clerk/Treasurer