

TOWN BOARD MEETING
JULY 10, 2023

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Board of Supervisors, Town of Florence met on the 10th day of July, 2023 with Chairman Tim Bomberg and Supervisor John Holbrook, and Supervisor 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 for the Public Hearing on Highway Order & Regular Town Board Meeting, held on June 26, 2023 were approved on a motion by Holbrook and seconded by Bomberg. All in favor, motion carried.

On Communications from the floor Tom Brandt asked the board include in the minutes the meeting start times and end times. The board stated they would take it under consideration.

Operator Licenses applications were approved on a motion by Holbrook and seconded by McLain for Kelly Prevost for Dina Mia's provided that a copy of the certificate is received. All in favor, motion carried.

Rick Knepper, Stacey Langtange and Stacey Bulter from the Florence County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors were in attendance to request the Town to consider opening additional town roads for ATV/UTV travel. Bomberg stated that all of the businesses in Town can be accessed with the current map/roads and alleys that are currently open for ATV travel. He stated that the board could look at some outlying roads that could provide trail access if the UTV/ATV Club and Chamber would work together to come up with a list of roads to be opened. He also stated that only the DOT has control over the crossings and access of the Federal Highways including US 2 and State Highway 70, and the DOT will not open every intersection within the city limits to ATV use due to safety concerns and having too many blind access areas. McLain stated he would like to see as many opened as possible that can be opened up safely. Holbrook stated he would be open to looking at opening more roads outside of the city limits. On a motion by Holbrook and seconded by McLain, it was moved to have the Chamber work with Blue Ox to identify roads that they would like to see opened up that could benefit the trail system. All in favor, motion carried.

The board discussed the possible joint purchase of a Backhoe with Florence Utility. McLain made a motion, seconded by Holbrook to move forward with the process of purchasing a new one and planning to sell the old one and come back to the board for approval with the final purchase price. All in favor, motion carried.

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Jessica Klumpp submitted a bank statement for board review.

Fire Department bills totaling \$1,690.94 were approved for payment on a motion by McLain and seconded by Holbrook. All in favor, motion carried.

Monthly town bills totaling \$27,573.13 and automatic withdrawals in the amount of \$2,545.64 were approved on a motion by McLain and seconded by Holbrook. All in favor, motion carried.

Under board concerns, Bomberg informed the board that the Town of Florence Polling Place was one of more than 550 that were audited during recent elections. Out of all the polling locations audited, Florence was 1 of 23 who received a perfect score. He also expressed the appreciation he has received from the County Offices for the assistance the Town has given to the new clerk/treasurer in the Town of Fence. Bomberg stated both of these items were due to a job well done by Clerk/Treasurer, Shelly VanPembrook and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Jessica Klumpp.

Supervisor McLain asked the board to consider making a donation to the scholarship being created by the Schultz Family in Mikey's memory. Item will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

There being no further business it was moved by McLain and seconded by Holbrook to adjourn until July 24th, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the community center. All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted by:

Jessica Klumpp, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer