

TOWN BOARD MEETING

JULY 14, 2025

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Board of Supervisors, Town of Florence met on the 14th day of July, 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 meeting held on June 18, 2025 were approved on a motion by McLain and seconded by Tuchalski. All in favor, motion carried.

There were no new operator licenses to approve.

Gehlhoff updated the board regarding the meeting held with Florence County Zoning in regards to the nuisance violation properties in the Town of Florence. The Town will be sending out notices for the following properties: 600 Pewabic St, 332 Lake Ave & 508 Lake Ave.

Gehlhoff explained that the motion made at the June 18, 2025 Town Board meeting in regard to the action taken to stop the potential Spread Eagle Fire Hall needed to be clarified and corrected at this meeting. The motion at the prior meeting was made after the board had moved on from that agenda item. In addition, there was confusion regarding what the actual motion was. After some discussion, a clarifying motion was made by McLain and seconded by Tuchalski it was moved to stop the potential Spread Eagle Fire Hall project on that site (Lake Ellwood parcel #10-1749-11) with further clarification that if this project would be brought up for a different site that the project get voted on by the people before money is spent on the project. Gehlhoff called for the vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

The board discussed the need to purchase more 96 gallon garbage bins. There are approximately 65 bins remaining from the initial order of 1100. The board is trying to determine how many bins to order due to the fact that cost for the shipping of the bins will be the same amount whether it is 250 cans or 580 cans. This was tabled until more information is learned including the ability for GFL to travel more roads and checking with the Town crew about how many bins they feel are needed.

A capital improvement plan was discussed based on an updated proposal from ISG. Tuchalski mentioned the one-on-one meeting with Michael from ISG stating that all of the board's questions were answered at that meeting. On a motion by McLain and seconded by Tuchalski, it was approved to accept the ISG proposal for a Capital Improvement Plan. Gehlhoff called for the vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

The board discussed creating an agreement between the Towns of Florence and Commonwealth for the Commonwealth employee(s) to use a Town of Florence loader at the material drop off site. Clerk/Treasurer Klumpp mentioned that the agreement that was written up was based on the agreement that Florence County Highway has for letting townships use county equipment. It was updated for Town use. On a motion by Gehlhoff and seconded by McLain it was moved to sign the agreement with Commonwealth for the use of the Town of Florence loader at the Commonwealth material drop off site. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Town property on the south side of Olive Ave near the former Town garage (parcel #10-1749-11) was discussed. Gehlhoff brought up the fact that the property needs to be cleaned up with brushing, small trees and clearing out the drain. Tuchalski made a motion to clean-up the property. It was seconded by McLain. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion involving the above property continued. Gehlhoff stated that the board is looking into a concern from the public of the use of the property by McLain Logging for their business. Tuchalski requested McLain recuse himself from the discussion. McLain agreed. The Town Board needs more information, so it was tabled until the next meeting.

On a motion by Tuchalski and seconded by McLain it was moved to approve Ordinance #07-14-25(1) to Adopt the Wisconsin Municipal Records schedule. Gehlhoff called for the vote. All in favor, motion carried. The ordinance is available in the Town Office.

On a motion by McLain and seconded by Tuchalski it was moved to adopt Ordinance #07-14-25(2) to Adopt the Notice of Records Access which includes designation of an official custodian(s) of the records for the Town of Florence. Gehlhoff called for the vote. All in favor, motion carried. The ordinance is available in the Town Office.

Under communication from the floor, residents/property owners were in attendance and asked questions about Florence County EMS and a potential Spread Eagle Fire Hall. The board was also asked about moving communication from the Floor earlier on the agenda.

Monthly Town bills totaling \$31,760.31 and automatic withdrawals in the amount of \$3,787.28 were approved on a motion by McLain and seconded by Tuchalski. All in favor, motion carried. It was noted that since the June 18 Town Board meeting moved and fell to an earlier date, the bills that would have been paid at that meeting were approved on June 26, 2025 by Chairman Gehlhoff. Those bills were \$45,763.35, automatic withdrawals of \$3054.50 and Fire Department bills in the amount of \$114.62. Board members also reviewed all bank statements.

There being no further business it was moved by McLain and seconded by Tuchalski to adjourn until July 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jessica Klumpp, Clerk/Treasurer