

TOWN BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2022

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Board of Supervisors, Town of Florence met on the 8th day of August, 2022 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 meeting, held on July 11, 2022, were approved on a motion by McLain and seconded by Holbrook. All in favor, motion carried.

Marcia Krcma was in attendance to report that 4 residents of Florence County attended a Florence County Board meeting to request that Florence County refrain from using the Dominion ICE voting machine and return to tallying hand paper ballots. The county stated that the decision to refrain from using the voting machine belongs with the towns. Bomberg stated that we are required to have a handicapped accessible voting machine by statute and until either the laws and statutes change the town will continue to use the voting machines. And if and when Wisconsin returns to all paper ballots and hand counting of them, the town board can consider that option.

David and Sheila Weaver of 4751 Carpenter Road were in attendance to ask for the town to look into a constant washing out and flooding issue of their property. Bomberg mentioned the 25' ROW is an issue on Carpenter Road, but the board agreed to look into what can be done.

On a motion by McLain and seconded by Holbrook operator license applications were approved for Lacey Enders and Blake McLain for the Tavern on Central. All in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by McLain and seconded by Holbrook Resolution #08-08-22 In Support of Continued Operations of the Pine Hydroelectric Project was approved. All in favor, motion carried. Following is the Resolution.

RESOLUTION #08-08-22
In Support of Continued Operations of the Pine Hydroelectric Project

WHEREAS, the Pine Hydroelectric Project has supplied quiet, clean, renewable energy to the region since 1922; and

WHEREAS, the continued operation of the Project provides the following energy benefits:

- o The Project has a capacity of 3.6 megawatts and annually generates an average of 16,200 MWH of renewable energy.
 - Enough to power 1,920 average WI homes for a year.
 - Enough power to offset 12,300 tons of CO2 emissions annually.
 - Enough power to offset the burning of 12,000,000 lbs. of coal annually; and

WHEREAS, continued operation of the Project preserves a 170-acre impoundment and associated wetlands that stable aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems have grown to depend on over the past 100 years; and

WHEREAS, continued operation of the Project provides many recreational opportunities, including the following to the public at no expense to Federal, State or Local Government:

- o A 170-acre reservoir with excellent fishing.
- o Two boat launches providing convenient public access.
- o Six managed campsites providing 1,100 people-days of wilderness camping experience each year.
- o Breakwater Falls slewing trail between the dam and powerhouse.
- o Approximately 442 acres of land protected from development and open to the public for general recreational activities including hunting, hiking, and bank fishing; and

WHEREAS, WE Energies with the WDNR support and encouragement applied and received a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license extension for the continued operation of the Pine River Dam until 2040 to be in line with other WE Energies Dams in the Menominee River Watershed; and

WHEREAS, WE Energies invested millions of dollars into capital improvements into the Pine River Dam for continued safe operations past the 2040 license extension; and

BE IT RESOLVED: Florence County supports and encourages WE Energies efforts to relicense and continue operation of the Pine River Dam Project and encourages WE Energies to do everything in their power to prevent its removal; and therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: This resolution be sent to the WE Energies, Secretary Cole, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Representative Mursau, Representative, Swearingen, Senator Felzkowski, Congressman Tiffany,

Adopted this 8th day of August, 2022 by the Florence Town Board of Supervisors

 Chairperson  Clerk

Tim Bomberg Shelly VanPenBrook

On a motion by Holbrook and seconded by McLain Ordinance to provide for stop and yield signs on highways #09-08-14(1) was amended to 08-08-22 to include a four way stop at the intersection of Chapin Street and Bill Anderson to address for the increase in traffic for the new apartment complex. It

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was noted that the access road to the complex should align with Bill Anderson Drive. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer, Shelly VanPembrook submitted a list of vouchers approved for payment by Bomberg on July 25, 2022.

VanPembrook informed the board that Florence County Chamber President, Rick Knepper was questioned by a deputy when he was using water from the community center to fertilize the flowers on the street lights. Bomberg noted that he will speak to the Sheriff's Department. As well as informed the board that the town will see significant savings with Green for Life at the Material Drop off Site, instead of Waste Management. It was noted there will be some changes as to what items are acceptable and charges.

VanPembrook informed the board that top soil is needed at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Bomberg reported that he attended a County Association meeting with his wife and learned that there is no need to call for motions to adjourn. Whoever is presiding over the meeting can adjourn, because there is no further business. Also, Bomberg stated that with the increase of board members calling into a public meeting, and if a "closed session" is on the agenda, the calling in board member cannot listen in on the "closed session", as you do not know who could be listening in.

Fire Department bills totaling \$4,992.85 were approved for payment of a motion by McLain and seconded by Holbrook. All in favor, motion carried.

Monthly town bills totaling \$72,887.24 and automatic withdrawals in the amount of \$2,655.76 were approved on a motion by McLain and seconded by Holbrook. All in favor, motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until August 22, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the community center. All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted by:

Shelly VanPembrook
Clerk/Treasurer