

TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 11, 2025

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Board of Supervisors, Town of Florence met on the 11th day of August, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Florence Community Center with Supervisors Tom Tuchalski and Shane McLain present. Chairman Jim Gehlhoff was excused.

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.

This the first time that the board has used a consent agenda for some of the items. Tuchalski explained that A consent agenda is a meeting tool that groups routine, noncontroversial items into a single agenda item, allowing for efficient approval without discussion. This practice helps save time and allows boards to focus on more significant issues during their meetings. On a motion by McLain and seconded by Tuchalski a motion was made to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Approval of minutes of previous meeting held on July 14, 2025
- Operator license application for Morgan Tomczak at the Tavern on Central
- Cancellation of the August 25, 2025 Town Board Meeting
- A special town board meeting for a Kickoff Meeting with ISG was set on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Florence Utility 501 Spring Ave
- Monthly Town bills totaling \$253,765.32 and automatic withdrawals in the amount of \$2,866.38 were approved for payment
- Fire Department bills totaling \$82.30 were approved for payment

All in favor, motion carried.

The board discussed an offer from JesTer's LLC to purchase Lot 10 Block 20 of Village of Florence Plat parcel #10-2631 from the Town of Florence. On a motion by McLain and seconded by Tuchalski a motion was made to accept the offer from JesTer's contingent that all costs associated with the sale of the property including legal and closing costs are also paid by JesTers. All in favor, motion carried.

The board discussed proposed Resolution in Support of Wisconsin DNR Purchase of Property #08-11-25. Brent DallaGrana, the property owner, was in attendance to explain the resolution. The DNR is looking to purchase this property due to the importance of the Barrens. Board members expressed concern regarding private property being sold to a government entity since so much of Florence County is already owned by the County, State and Federal Governments. DallaGrana noted that added to this resolution is a statement that the Town encourages the Wisconsin DNR to consider divesting lands owned by the WDNR outside of the Spread Eagle Barrens State Natural Area to potentially allow for development that would create an increase in the local, county and state tax base. A motion was made by McLain and seconded by Tuchalski to adopt Resolution #08-11-25 in Support of Wisconsin DNR Purchase of Property. All in favor, motion carried. For a copy of the resolution, please contact the Town of Florence Office.

Under communication from the floor, Gretchen Paupore asked the Town look at the intersection of North Lake Rd and North Montgomery Lake Rd as trimming may need to be done in ROW to help increase visibility and safety at the intersection. The board instructed Clerk/Treasurer Jessica Klumpp to ask the highway foreman to take a look at it. Andy Maglio questioned the board if they learned any more about the charges the Town paid to the County for EMS. Tuchalski explained that the board was still looking into it.

Under the Clerk/Treasurer's report, Klumpp provided the August reconciled bank statements to the board for review.

There being no further business it was moved by McLain and seconded by Tuchalski to adjourn until September 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Florence Utilities meeting (for the ISG Kick Off Meeting) and then September 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Florence Community Center for the next regular Town Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jessica Klumpp

Clerk/Treasurer