

### TOWN BOARD MEETING AUGUST 14, 2023

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Board of Supervisors, Town of Florence met on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023 with Chairman Tim Bomberg and Supervisors John Holbrook and Shane McLain present.

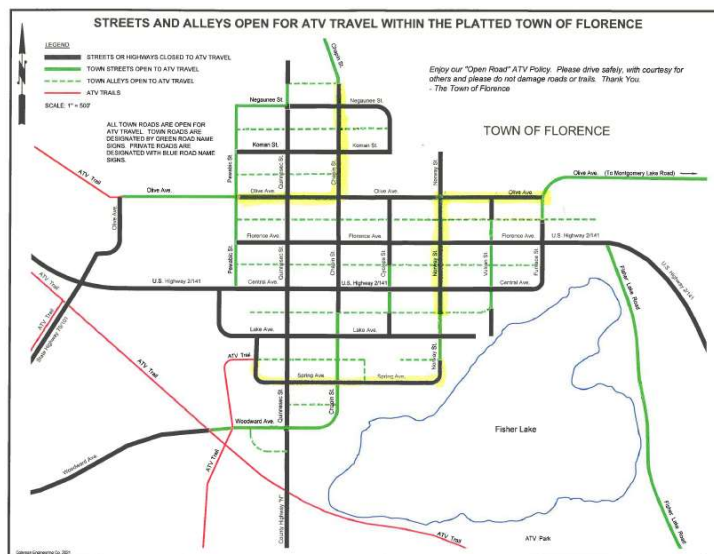
On a motion by McLain and seconded by Holbrook the agenda was approved as posted. All in favor, motion carried.

The minutes of the previous meetings held on July 10<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 were approved on a motion by McLain and seconded by Holbrook. All in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by McLain and seconded by Bomberg an operator license for Jenna Maraccini for the Gold Nugget was approved. All in favor, motion carried.

Lois Ann Johnson on behalf of Glacier Gardeners was in attendance to clarify the towns' commitment of \$500/year for the garden and if any unused funds could be carried over to the following year. Johnson also added that they are looking at other improvements to the Gazebo Park such as freshening up the white pea gravel, installing pavers under the arbor and the removal of the flower bed at the 90 degree corner on Central Avenue overlooking Fischer Lake. On a motion by McLain and seconded by Holbrook it was approved to carry over unused funds to the next year to support the maintenance of the gardens and for the Gardeners to return to the town board with the cost for pavers. The board also stated that the town crew can remove the flower bed overlooking Fischer Lake. All in favor, motion carried.

Jerry Heidtke, Florence Coordinator for the Blue Ox Trail Riders was in attendance to review a map for consideration for additional routes open for ATV/UTV travel. Bomberg informed those present that he has spoken with Fire Department members, Rescue Squad members and school officials about his concern of opening Lake Avenue and Olive Avenue and they agreed and supported Bomberg's opinion that they should not be opened for travel. McLain reiterated that he would like to see all town roads open for ATV/UTV travel. Discussion ensued and on a motion by McLain and seconded by Holbrook it was approved to open portions of Olive, Spring, Norway and Chapin Streets for ATV/UTV travel. Below in yellow hi-lighted are the additional streets open for ATV/UTV travel. All in favor, motion carried. Heidtke stated he will sign these additional streets. All in favor, motion carried. Bomberg invited Heidtke to return to the board if there are additional routes that Blue Ox would like to see open for travel.



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On a motion by Holbrook and seconded by McLain it was moved to donate \$200 annually to the Michael Schuls Scholarship. All in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by Bomberg and seconded by Holbrook it was moved to donate \$1,000 to the American Legion Post 211 to be used for construction of a Veteran's Memorial at the Wild River's Interpretive Center. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer, Shelly VanPembrook submitted all June and July bank reconciliation reports, July Journal entries and Florence Utility Commission minutes for review.

VanPembrook also reported that Bomberg approved vouchers for payment in the amount of \$95,715.17 from checking, \$14,986.14 automatic withdrawals from the money market and \$238.82 for Fire Department expenses due to cancellation of the July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting.

VanPembrook reported that R&R Assessing currently working on the 2023 Florence assessment, that the town received a thank you for a job well done on the paving of Town Road N from Craig Johnson. VanPembrook reported that she received a \$150 credit on her personal credit card statement for an annual Q-Books fee and provided a deposit of the reimbursement amount to the town.

VanPembrook also reported that on September 9, 2023 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. a company called B3 Recycling Solutions will be at the 950 Olive Avenue – Ray Steber Town Garage to collect e-waste and other electronics. More information will be in the Florence Mining News.

Fire Department bills totaling \$1,631.86 were approved for payment on a motion by McLain and seconded by Holbrook. All in favor, motion carried.

Monthly town bills totaling \$169,031.85 and automatic withdrawals in the amount of \$2,500.24 were approved on a motion by McLain and seconded by Holbrook. All in favor, motion carried.

Bomberg reported that county departments are working and assisting the resident at 600 Pewabic Street with concerns of refuse.

On a motion by McLain and seconded by Holbrook it was moved to enter into Closed Session under WI SS 19.85(1) (e) Conducting Public Business with Competitive or Bargaining Implications Reconvene, if necessary, to take action on matters discussed in closed session. A roll call vote was taken with all present stating Aye. Ayes: Three (3): None (0) opposed. Motion carried.

There being no further business it was moved by Holbrook and seconded by McLain to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted by:

Shelly VanPembrook  
Clerk/Treasurer