

TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 8, 2025

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Board of Supervisors, Town of Florence met on the 8th day of September, 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.

Under communication from the floor, Tom Berutti spoke to the board with an offer the Town to purchase or lease, all or part of, the old Spread Eagle Marine building to use as a potential Spread Eagle Fire Hall. He provided the board with a copy of the survey of the property, a design for the building and a potential floor plan. Gehlhoff stated they could look at it, but could not discuss it at this meeting; however, a future meeting could be set up.

Tom Brandt asked about the 300 gallon bins at the intersection of Duck Lake Rd & Harding Rd. Highway Foreman Chris Steber stated they would be moved tomorrow. Brandt also asked about grading Harding Rd & Duck Lake Rd. Steber stated they were waiting until after the rain came through to begin grading Town roads.

Andy Maglio asked the board what could be done about the yard signs that appear to be popping up all over the place for advertisements/businesses. The board suggested that he speak with Florence County Zoning. Maglio also asked about the discussion regarding the offer for the fire hall, and Gehlhoff stated that no decision was made today.

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 August 11, 2025 & September 3, 2025
- Monthly Town bills totaling \$86,529.50 and automatic withdrawals in the amount of \$18,975.11 were approved for payment from August 12-31, 2025
- Monthly Town bills totaling \$41,340.90 and automatic withdrawals in the amount of \$505.46 were approved for payment from September 1-9, 2025
- Fire Department bills totaling \$465.80 were approved for payment from August 12-31, 2025
- Fire Department bills totaling \$2,576.69 were approved for payment from September 1-9, 2025
- Reappointment of Andy Kelley to the Florence Utility Commission

All in favor, motion carried.

Gehlhoff shared an updated Ordinance to provide for stop and yield signs on highways in the Town of Florence with the board for informational purposes. The board will look at the ordinance and discuss changes at the next meeting.

The board discussed removing the red pine trees lining Montgomery Lake Rd from Olive Ave to Woodlawn Cemetery due to the road and safety concerns. Removing the trees would help the road be less icy in the winter and would help with visibility for those driving on the roads and through the nearby intersection. On a motion by McLain and seconded by Tuchalski, it was moved to remove the trees. All in favor. Motion carried.

The board discussed a complaint received regarding a wood burning furnace in the city limits. McLain stated that much of our area relies on timber, and we can't limit the way people use our local industry in their homes. After some discussion, it was decided that Gehlhoff will reach out to the property owner to ask if she can extend her smoke stack.

The board looked at the numerous garbage complaints received garbage and recycling bins being left in the ROW permanently. They are in the way when the crew is plowing snow and when they are trimming the ROW. They also pose a safety hazard when they blow into the road, and block the view from the intersection in some instances. Property owners from East Shore Rd were in attendance to talk about a specific location of 4194 Lake Ellwood Rd where this is a constant problem with the added issue that the garbage and recycling bins are mixed up, so they don't get picked up properly and then animals

get into the garbage and a huge mess is made for someone to clean up. These residents have been taking turns moving the bins, cleaning up the mess, etc., and are now asking the board to take action. The board discussed 4194 Lake Ellwood Rd and decided to issue them a nuisance violation. Clerk/Treasurer Jessica Klumpp will reach out to Green for Life to see if they can pickup the bin on the other side of the road (where the property is) so the cans won't be at the intersection. In addition, the board would like to see an ordinance written that creates guidelines for when the bins can be out at the road in the ROW – 24 hours before pickup and 24 hours after pickup. Klumpp confirmed that the board wanted an ordinance and will reach out to Attorney Coggins to write the ordinance. This topic will be placed on the next agenda.

Under board member concerns, Tuchalski informed the board that he would be going to the Utility Commission meeting Tuesday. Gehlhoff mentioned that the board had a kick-off meeting with ISG and expressed how positive the meeting went. McLain stated that the Capital Improvement Plan will be good for the Town moving forward.

There being no further business it was moved by McLain and seconded by Tuchalski to adjourn until September 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Florence Community Center immediately following the BOR Meeting to Adjourn to a later date. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jessica Klumpp
Clerk/Treasurer