

TOWN BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Board of Supervisors, Town of Florence met on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022 with Chairman Tim Bomberg and Supervisors John Holbrook and Shane McLain present.

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

The minutes of the previous meetings, held on August 22 and on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 were approved on a motion by McLain and seconded by Holbrook. All in favor, motion carried.

JoAnne Friberg commented how efficiently the agendas and minutes are posted on the town website and asked about the Florence Utility Commission's practice of posting theirs, as she isn't able to find them on their website. Florence Utility Manager, Kevin Inman stated he will see to it that they are posted regularly and get her copies of recent agendas and minutes.

Property owner at 633 Quinnesec Street was in attendance to follow up on her request to install pavement on the remaining approach of her driveway. Discussion ensued regarding concerns of creating drainage problems with the decision that Highway Foreman, Chris Steber will contact the contractor and discuss options suitable for both town and property owner.

Dwaine Drewa was in attendance to inquire about an agenda item #7 regarding applications received to serve on the Florence Utility Commission, in which he has submitted an application for. Drewa explained he had another meeting to get to for 6:30 p.m. and wanted to express his interest of the appointment to the position. Drewa asked what he needs to know with Bomberg stating a 3-year term, usually 1 meeting per month and the Commissioners oversee the operations of the Utility. The board thanked Drewa for attending.

Agenda item #6, a constituent had approached the town office to express her concern of a main street business with verbiage she was offended to as well as inappropriate for a business district and asked to be on the next agenda. This constituent did not attend the meeting but, Bomberg stated that he had a phone conversation with her and explained a past law suit the town was in, and lost, regarding a similar situation. The concern is at 624 Central Avenue. The board agreed that they have no authority to regulate or ban specific words or content, as it is considered to be protected under the First Amendment.

The town board received three applications to serve on the Florence Utility Commission for the term Sept 2022 to Sept 2025. Applications received were from Tom Brandt, current Commissioner and President, Troy Frappier, and Duaine Drewa. On a motion by Holbrook and seconded by McLain the appointment was tabled until Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 town board meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer, Shelly VanPembrook submitted all August bank reconciliation reports as well as Florence Utility Commission minutes from April 2022 to July 2022 for board review. VanPembrook report included that the Town of Florence 2022 Board of Review is scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. at the Community Center, Florence Utility Commission meeting is September 13, 2022 at 2 p.m., Florence County WTA Unit meeting is September 19<sup>th</sup> at Fern Town Hall at 7 p.m., and that the towns' levy limit notice has been received with a town increase for Net New Construction of 1.198%, which is \$9,322 increase for 2022. Also reported and provided was an invitation to the world premiere of "Stand In The Gap" movie, produced by Salty Earth Pictures and filmed at our locally owned Encore on Central located at 748 Central Avenue and owned by Don and

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Rachel Egelseer. The event will be held on September 24, 2022 and tickets can be purchased at [saltyearthpictures.myshopify.com](http://saltyearthpictures.myshopify.com)

VanPembrook inquired as to when the irrigation to the street lights and the garden park should be shut off and winterized. Inman recommended by the end of September, prior to freezing.

Fire Department bills totaling \$2,277.27 were approved for payment on a motion by McLain and seconded by Holbrook. All in favor, motion carried.

Monthly town bills totaling \$59,604.33 and automatic withdrawals in the amount of \$144,576.18 were approved on a motion by McLain and seconded by Holbrook. All in favor, motion carried.

Under board concerns Bomberg mentioned that a couple more nuisance vehicles have been removed with Steber stating there is one at 633 Spring Avenue, which must be gone before snow plowing begins. VanPembrook will follow up with the owner.

Steber inquired with the board about purchasing a plow for the new 1-Ton, and stated prices are running between \$9,600 to \$10,400. The board instructed Steber to continue inquiring and that this item be on the next agenda.

On a motion by McLain and seconded by Holbrook it was moved to enter into Closed Session pursuant to WI SS 19.85(1) (f) – Personnel Matters- Consideration of financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or investigation of charges against specific persons that if discussed in public would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect on the reputation on any person mentioned in the histories or data or involved in such problems or investigations. Reconvene, if necessary, to take action on matters discussed in closed session.

There being no further business the town board adjourned at 7:30 p.m. until September 26, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the community center.

Submitted by:

Shelly VanPembrook  
Clerk/Treasurer