

TOWN BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2023  
6 P.M. FLORENCE COMMUNITY CENTER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Board of Supervisors, Town of Florence met on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023 with Chairman Tim Bomberg and Supervisor John Holbrook present. Supervisor Shane McLain was excused.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on September 11, 2023, were approved on a motion by Holbrook and seconded by Bomberg. All in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by Bomberg and seconded by Holbrook a proposal from R&R Assessing Services to provide a 2024 Market Reval, and 2025/2026 maintenance at a total cost of \$143,460 or \$3,985/month for 36 months was approved. All in favor, motion carried.

Three applications were reviewed of interested persons to serve on the Florence Utility Commission and on a motion by Holbrook and seconded by Bomberg, Dennis Kreuger was re-appointed to serve another 2-year term. All in favor, motion carried.

Roger Secrist, Florence Utility Commission Manager and Kristina Williams, Utility Finance Coordinator were in attendance to answer questions in regards to a Resolution Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures from Proceeds of Borrowing from a WI DNR Clean Water Fund to undertake the replacement of 2,600' of sanitary sewer line on Central Avenue Sewer prior to the WI DOT paving project from Pewabic Street to CTH NN on US Hwy 2 taking place in 2025. Paul Willis, Project Engineer with Mead & Hunt is the firm assisting with the project. Secrist, stated that municipalities may receive financial assistance in the form of subsidized loans; additional subsidy to reduce the size of a loan ;or a combination to keep project costs low. Principal forgiveness is an additional subsidy, provided by the federal government, to assist municipalities that would experience significant hardship raising he revenue necessary to finance needed infrastructure projects.

On a motion by Bomberg and seconded by Holbrook Resolution #09-25-2023 Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures from Proceeds of Borrowing for the Central Avenue Sewer Replacement was approved. All in favor, motion carried. (For a copy of the Resolution please contact the town office)

Clerk/Treasurer, Shelly VanPembrook submitted September Journal Entries for board review and reported that she had followed up with the property owner of 700 Olive Avenue, as to the process of selling the property. The property owner isn't appreciative of the towns' aggressiveness in contacting her, and stated, as soon as she is well enough, she will clean out the building and sell. Bomberg asked VanPembrook, to have her contact him directly.

VanPembrook inquired about the alley way behind 600 & 624 Central Avenue and the concern of the number of vehicles/boats and items that may interfere with snow removal. Bomberg stated he believes it belongs to the renters of 624 Central Avenue. VanPembrook will contact them.

Discussion was had regarding where the town was at in the process of going to a automated refuse collection system, with Bomberg stating that RFP's are being sought and that this process is slow and frustrating as to how contractors want to charge for the service. The town is seeking all options that will best serve the town.

Fire Department bills totaling \$492.31 were approved for payment on a motion by Holbrook and seconded by Bomberg. All in favor, motion carried.

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Monthly town bills totaling \$73, 649.19 and automatic withdrawals in the amount of \$17,459.55 were approved on a motion by Holbrook and seconded by Bomberg. All in favor, motion carried.

Bomberg reported that he followed up with the owner of 3460 Montgomery Lake Road as to Nuisance concerns, as Bomberg stated he hasn't repaired the collapsed roof or removed any vehicles.

Bomberg also reported that Florence County Highway Commissioner, Joe Witynski informed him that the Pentoga Bridge was inspected and it has a structural rating of 40% which qualifies for 100% funding for replacement/repair and that he, as the County Commissioner is responsible for submitting the application for funding which is due by October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

There being no further business it was moved by Bomberg and seconded by Holbrook to adjourn until October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the community center. All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted by:

Shelly VanPembrook  
Clerk/Treasurer