

TOWN BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 28, 2024

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Board of Supervisors, Town of Florence met on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024 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 September 23<sup>rd</sup>, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, were approved on a motion by Holbrook and seconded by McLain.

Several Patten Lake property owners were in attendance requesting the Town Board to again consider adopting an Ordinance restricting certain artificial wake damage. The Patten Lake Association approached Florence County to adopt an ordinance, but counties do not have the authority to adopt this type of ordinance. State Statutes allow towns and the state to adopt restrictions to lakes. Patten Lake Association provided information as to why the ordinance is necessary and a sample ordinance. Mr. Ollie Torgerson informed the board of the excellent water quality of Patten Lake supported by WI DNR documentation for several years and property owners would like the towns' support to protect the shoreline and aquatic life. Torgerson state that earlier this month the Association approached the Town of Fern requesting their support of the ordinance which they will do, if the Town of Florence agrees to support an ordinance. Torgerson stated the ordinance is in the best interest of property owners as well as the town as the environmental damage to lakes and shorelines as well as aquatic invasive species being introduced and spreading on lakes is another serious concern.

Chairman Bomberg stated that the town does not have the means to enforce the ordinance and because there is no WI SS counties are unable to enforce. Bomberg informed those present that other Lake Associations have approached the town about slow-no-wake ordinances and he would prefer having one uniform ordinance covering all Town of Florence lakes. Bomberg also commented that seeking legal guidance from the Town Attorney will be necessary as well as using other resources. Bomberg added he will reach out to the Candidate for the Florence County DA position on the November ballot to discuss potential prosecution efforts. Residents thanked the board and asked when they could anticipate additional information with Bomberg stating before next boating season.

Clerk/Treasurer submitted all September bank reconciliation reports and journal entries for September and October for board review.

Fire Department bills totaling \$136.86 were approved for payment on a motion by Holbrook and seconded by McLain. All in favor, motion carried.

Monthly town bill totaling \$248,835.20 and automatic withdrawals in the amount of \$13,937.73 were approved on a motion by Holbrook and seconded by McLain. All in favor, motion carried.

Holbrook reported that the property owner at 809 Pewabic Street has vehicles parked on town ROW. Bomberg stated he will reach out to him to have them moved.

Other items discussed were the date for the 2025 Budget Hearing set for November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and considering cancelling the November 25<sup>th</sup> and December 23, 2024 regular town board meetings.

On a motion by McLain and seconded by Holbrook it was moved to enter into Closed Session under WI SS 19.85(1) (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting Aye. Ayes: Three (3). Nays: None (0) opposed. Motion carried.

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On a motion by McLain and seconded by Holbrook it was moved to enter into Open Session to take action on items discussed in Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting Aye. Ayes: Three (3). Nays: None (0) opposed. Motion carried.

On a motion by Holbrook and seconded by McLain 2025 wages for the town were approved. All in favor, motion carried.

There being no further business it was moved to adjourn until November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6 p.m. at the community center on a motion by McLain and seconded by Bomberg. All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted by:

Shelly VanPembrook  
Clerk/Treasurer