

TOWN BOARD MEETING
JULY 8, 2024

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Board of Supervisors, Town of Florence met on the 7th day of July, 2024 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 meeting, held on June 24, 2024, were approved on a motion by Holbrook and seconded by McLain. All in favor, motion carried.

Deborah LeFleur of 5858 Chapin Street was in attendance to express concern of something she heard regarding the board authorizing the installation of “No Parking” signs on Mud Lake Rd. Bomberg ensured her that the decision by the board to post the signs was nothing more than for safety concerns. Bomberg explained he had received a call from the Sheriff’s office who had received a complaint and the board agreed to prohibit parking on this road. The owner of the semi-truck has adjoining property that he can park on.

LeFleur also expressed concern about the 4-Way stop on Chapin Street-Bill Anderson Drive and the access road to SC Swiderski Property Management apartment community – stating that someone is going to get hurt as many speed and do not stop. Bomberg stated that we can install some type of device to draw attention to the stop signs as well as ask the sheriff’s department to patrol more often this intersection.

Andrew Maglio of East Shore Rd was in attendance to inquire on what is the town procedure for residents to receive and or inquire information on agenda items, potential ordinances/resolutions and policies prior to the board taking action to approve or adopt. Maglio explained that where he came from there was a meeting where the agenda items were all done in a draft formation to be approved at the next board meeting. Maglio believes this procedure would eliminate questions on things that the board has approved. The board thanked Maglio for his opinion and stated currently the best way to be informed is to attend town board meetings and inquire about agenda items prior to attending the town meeting to gain information on agenda items.

John Molthen inquired with the board about the Florence Mining News being sold or going out of business and wondered what news outlet the town would use for their publications. The town board was unaware of this and stated they will look into it.

Rory Starnes of 3656 Mud Lake Road was in attendance to express his concerns of the speed limit at 45 mph on Mud Lake Rd. Bomberg told him he will bring this concern to Highway Safety Traffic Committee to review to see if it should be lowered.

On a motion by McLain and seconded by Bomberg it was moved to approve operator licenses for Mike Roberts and Hunter Alder for BP Florence Mini Mart and Olympia Moore for the Chuckwagon. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by McLain and seconded by Holbrook an Amendment #07-08-24 to the original Ordinance # 06-10-24 ATV-UTV Routes and Regulating the Operating of ATV-UTV was approved. The amendment was the removal of the following. *“Section V – Street Crossings “All ATV/UTV’s shall come to a complete stop before proceeding, at right angles, across any public sidewalk, street or intersection”* All in favor, motion carried. Following is the Amended Ordinance.

JULY 8th, 2024 TOWN BOARD MEETING CONTINUED.....

**ORDINANCE #06-10-24
AMENDED #07-08-24
TOWN OF FLORENCE
DESIGNATING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE AND UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLE ROUTES
AND REGULATING THE OPERATION OF ATV'S AND UTV'S**

Section I – Purpose and Intent

The purpose of this Ordinance is to designate town roads, streets, and alleyways as open for ATV/UTV travel, as well as to regulate and control the operation of ATV/UTV's within the city limits of the Town of Florence.

Section II – Statutory Authority

These routes are created pursuant to municipal authority as authorized by 23.33(8)(b), Wis Stats. The applicable provisions of 23.33 regulating ATV/UTV operation pursuant to routes and trails are adopted.

Section III – Definitions

- All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV): as defined by the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- All-Terrain Vehicle Route: as defined by the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- All-Terrain Vehicle Trail: as defined by the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV): as defined by the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- All other applicable words or phrases defined within chapter 23.33 and 340.01 of the Wisconsin State statutes are incorporated within this ordinance.

Section IV – Routes and Trails

1. All municipal roads, streets, alleyways, and transportation corridors within the Town of Florence are designated as ATV/UTV streets/routes/trails **except for the following**:
 - a. There shall be no operations of ATV/UTV's on US Highway 2.
 - b. There shall be no operations of ATV/UTV's on Olive Avenue between Norway Street and Chapin Street during the school year.
2. The Town of Florence reserves the right to close or modify streets, routes and trails at any time.
3. The Town of Florence designates the Blue Ox Trail Riders to maintain all route and trail signs within the Town of Florence.
4. All ATV/UTV routes and trails shall be signed in accordance with NR 64.12, and NR 64.12 (7) (c).

Section V – Street Crossings

All ATV/UTV's shall yield the right-of-way to motor vehicle and pedestrian traffic. US Highway 2 may not be driven on and may only be crossed at the following intersections:

1. US Highway 2 may be crossed at Vulcan Street, Norway Street, Cyclops Street and Quinnesec Street.
2. Crossing US Hwy 2 from 509 Furnace Street to alley between Central Avenue and Florence Avenue is a designated crossing for ATV/UTV travel.
See Appendix A.

Section VI – Conditions

As a condition for the use of these routes/trails, the following conditions shall apply to all operators and passengers as applicable:

1. All ATV/UTV units shall be registered in accordance with WI DNR regulations.
2. All ATV/UTV operators shall observe all applicable rules of the road governing motorized vehicles on municipal streets in accordance with WI State Statute Chapter 346 and WI state Statute 23.33.

3. All operators of ATV/UTV's are subject to WI State Statutes and/or DNR rules and regulations pertaining to age, safety and safety certificate requirements.
4. All ATV/UTV operators shall ride single file.
5. ATV/UTV operators shall observe a speed limit of 10 MPH for alleyways, 25 MPH on all streets in the city limits and up to 35 MPH on all rural town roads.
6. All ATV/UTV's shall be operated with headlights on and working, and all operators and passengers under the age of 18 shall wear helmets and be wearing a properly adjusted and fastened seat belt.

Section VII – Penalties

Wisconsin state ATV/UTV penalties as found in the Uniform State Traffic Deposit Schedule are adopted by reference.

Section VIII – Previous Ordinances

All other ordinance designating ATV/UTV routes heretofore enacted by the Town of Florence are hereby repealed.

This Ordinance is effective when signage is completed by Blue Ox Trail Riders and when the Central Avenue Sewer Replacement work is complete. Anticipated date is June 28, 2024.

Dated this 8th day of July, 2024.

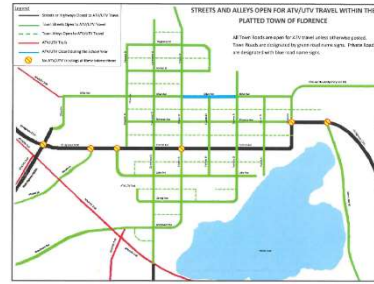
Tim Bomberg
Tim Bomberg, Chairman

John Holbrook
John Holbrook

Shane McLain
Shane McLain

Shelly VanPembrook
Attest: Shelly VanPembrook
Clerk/Treasurer

Appendix A Attached - City Limit Map



Clerk/Treasurer, Shelly VanPembrook submitted all June bank reconciliation reports for board review and reported that R&R Assessing Services has begun the market revaluation for 2024.

VanPembrook also reported that a few issues are being addressed regarding the 300 gallon refuse containers placed in various locations for the 4th of July weekend. Issues of “over flowing” containers where the lid cannot close and additional refuse bags on the ground near the containers were found. Green for Life will not service a cart in that condition. Residents are also placing non-refuse items out like sinks, tires. GFL will not pick these items up. They must go to the Material Drop Off site located at W3850 CTH N which is open the first and third Saturdays of the month from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. starting in May and ending in November. VanPembrook also reported that the tonnage of refuse has increased 57% compared to the first 6 months in 2023. Residents need to know that this is for refuse garbage only. Yard waste has been reported to the office from GFL after collection and this is not allowed either. The town office wants to direct people to the townofflorencewisconsin.com website for the latest news and information that they need to know. VanPembrook noted that if residents don’t start cooperating and follow the rules for refuse collection, the costs will rise and the town will have to pass on the increase to the tax payers.

Monthly town bills totaling \$34,486.02 and automatic withdrawals in the amount of \$2,553.12 were approved on a motion by Holbrook and seconded by McLain. All in favor, motion carried.

Holbrook reported that the lawn at 3653 US Hwy 2 is in need of mowing and Bomberg mentioned that 3460 Montgomery Lake Rd will begin removing junk vehicles soon as well as other property improvements.

Bomberg stated that he attended a annual TID Meeting last month and stated that late loans can be issued is 2028. Currently close out of the TID is 2033, but could close out earlier. Bomberg stated that the projected surplus is very favorable and will provide needed revenues at close out.

Bomberg also reported that the Brule River Bridge known as Pentoga Bridge scored very low in a WI DOT Bridge Replacement program and is eligible for 100% replacement costs, this will benefit Iron County as well as Florence County.

There being no further business it was moved by McLain and seconded by Holbrook to adjourn until July 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the community center. All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted by:

Shelly VanPembrook, Clerk/Treasurer