

TOWN BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Board of Supervisors, Town of Florence met on the 23rd day of September, 2024 with Chairman Tim Bomberg and Supervisor Shane McLain present. Supervisor John Holbrook was excused.

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

The minutes of the previous meetings, held on September 9, 2024, were approved on a motion by McLain and seconded by Bomberg. All in favor, motion carried.

Andrew Maglio addressed the board under Communication from the Floor. Bomberg told him that the paving of East Shore Rd has been delayed a couple of weeks by the company who will be doing the paving. Maglio thanked the highway crew for the work on East Shore Rd. Maglio also expressed concerns regarding the reassessment of his home. He stated the R&R Assessing was helpful and informative, but he's concerned about the taxes on his property. Maglio referenced a website that had a 1.58 tax rate. Bomberg stated it wasn't the Town's website and asked what website and Maglio stated he would get the address to Klumpp. Maglio also questioned the board regarding the garbage cans at 4194 Lake Ellwood Rd stating that they are always left out at the NW corner of East Shore Rd. His concern is that someone will hit them as they are not visible in the dark and when it comes time to plow this winter they will be hit by the plow. Bomberg stated the Town would reach out to the property owner about the cans.

Tom Brandt also addressed the board regarding road work on Duck Lake Rd & Harding Rd. He stated that the crew was grading Duck Lake Rd today, but that Harding Rd really needs to be graded. Tom questioned the cost behind the amount of time (for equipment & wages) it took to grade Duck Lake Rd and whether or not it would be cheaper to get recycled blacktop or some kind of material on the road instead.

Florence County School District Superintendent, Kristy Larson presented the board with information regarding the referendum on the November 5 ballot. This is not a new referendum question, but rather a continuation of the operating referendum that has been in place for the last 19 years. The current operating referendum is coming to an end and this one will take the place of the one that is currently expiring. It will allow the School District of Florence County to continue doing what they are currently doing. School Board Member Tom Williams stated that the school continues to exceed expectations the school report card each year, and Larson commented that the report card is way above all the other surrounding districts. More information can be found on the schools website and videos will be posted in the coming weeks with explanations and details.

The board discussed the special charge on the tax roll for 2024 Refuse Collection. Garbage sticker sales in the past covered 70% of the cost for the Town. Jaimie Dunn questioned why there wasn't an option to sign up for this change in service. Bomberg stated the Town didn't have a choice in the new system. Lee Fisher asked if the board considered purchasing a truck and picking up the garbage themselves. Bomberg stated that it would be more expensive to do it that way as it is not as simple as just buying a truck. Bomberg also said that he spoke with someone from Niagara and their charge is over \$200 for garbage collection. McLain made a motion to include a \$65 per parcel charge on the 2024 tax roll to cover 70% of the garbage collection costs for the year, seconded by Bomberg. All in favor, motion carried.

Fire Department bills totaling \$33.02 were approved for payment on a motion by McLain and seconded by Bomberg. All in favor, motion carried. Monthly town bills totaling \$185,986.20 and

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automatic withdrawals in the amount of \$22,392.63 were approved on a motion by McLain and seconded by Bomberg. All in favor, motion carried.

Under Board Member Concerns, Bomberg discussed some items from the Highway Traffic Safety meeting. He stated that they cannot lower the speed of Mud Lake Rd below 45 mph as it doesn't meet the requirements to do that. The Sheriff's Department will be stepping up patrols on that road to enforce the speed limit.

There being no further business it was moved by McLain and seconded by Bomberg to adjourn until October 14, 2024, at 6 pm at the community center. All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted by:

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