

TOWN BOARD
August 10, 2026

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Board of Supervisors, Town of Florence met on the 10th day of August, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. immediately following the BOR meeting at the Florence Utility with Chairman Jim Gehlhoff and Shane McLain present. Supervisor Tuchalski was excused. On a motion by McLain and seconded by Gehlhoff, the agenda was approved as posted. All in favor, motion carried.

Under Communication from the Floor, Andy Maglio thanked the Town for their help getting the sign at the Lake Ellwood Boat Landing. Kristina Williams noted that Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Jennifer Penegor, did a great job holding down the fort while Clerk/Treasurer Klumpp was gone for a family emergency.

On a motion by McLain and seconded by Gehlhoff a motion was made to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Minutes from the June 22, 30 & July 15, 2026 meetings
- An operator license for Daniel Kurtz at Pat's Foods
- Monthly Town bills totaling \$229,368.98 and automatic withdrawals in the amount of \$6,058.78 were approved for payment from July 1 to July 1 to July 13
- Monthly Town bills totaling \$19,011.68 and automatic withdrawals in the amount of \$17,718.98 were approved for payment from July 14 to July 31
- Fire Department bills totaling \$416.22 were approved for payment August 1 to August 10
- Monthly Town bills totaling \$175,862.94 were approved for payment August 1 to August 10
- A Class B Liquor License was approved for the Gathering Palette LLC, Richard Christnot agent at 733 Central Ave
- Jan Jonet was appointed to the election board for the remainder of the 2026-2027 term
- Ordinance #08-10-26 to Appoint the Clerk to the Board of Review (a copy is scanned below)

Ordinance #08-10-26
Town of Florence
ORDINANCE TO APPOINT TOWN CLERK/TREASURER TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 70.46(1), the Board of Review is made up of the Town Board Supervisors and the Town Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 70.46(1m), prohibits appointed clerks, appointed treasurers, or appointed combined clerk/treasurers from serving on the Board of Review; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 70.46(1m)(b), requires the town board to fill the vacancy created by the appointed position with an elector of the town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to have the person holding the office of appointed clerk/treasurer serve on the Board of Review as a voting member, provided the person is an elector of the town.

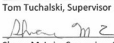
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Board of the Town of Florence, Florence County, that the person holding the office of appointed clerk/treasurer be hereby appointed to serve on the Board of Review as a voting member, provided the person is an elector of the town; and

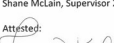
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that such appointment remain in effect until the person holding the office of appointed clerk/treasurer is no longer an elector of the town.

Adopted this 10th day of August, 2026.

By the Town Board of the Town of Florence, Florence County:


Jim Gehlhoff, Chairperson


Tom Tuchalski, Supervisor 1


Shane McLain, Supervisor 2

Attested:

Jessica Klumpp, Clerk/Treasurer

[Please note that this ordinance shall take effect upon publication or posting as set forth in Wis. Stat. § 60.80. This sample was prepared by Wisconsin Towns Association (715) 526-3157.]

Call for the vote. All in favor, motion carried.

There was no EMS contract update as Gehlhoff noted a contract had not yet been received. Gehlhoff also noted that the Town of Florence has additional ways that it is helping support the Florence station of the Florence County EMS: keeping the lawn cut and trimmed around the building, spraying for weeds and weekly garbage collection.

Under the Spread Eagle Recreational proposal & possible composting site on Lake Ellwood Rd Gehlhoff mentioned that ISG finally heard back from the DNR this afternoon. They would be working through the information they received to get the Town the final report and estimates.

The board discussed the request for a garbage can and a camera at the Lake Ellwood Boat landing. In regards to the camera, Gehlhoff mentioned talking to Sheriff Chrisman regarding the situation. Gehlhoff

stressed the importance of contacting the Sheriff's Department if something happens. He also stated that the Town would not approve a camera being placed at the boat landing. It should be placed on private property. After discussion the board agreed to put a metal garbage can with a lid at the boat landing. The Town will supply the can and the bags and the Lake Ellwood Association will discuss a rotating schedule for emptying the can.

Gehlhoff gave an update on the Pentoga Bridge project. Due to the fact that the regular boring was unsuccessful at 3 out of the 4 locations because of cobbles and boulders, they needed to use sonic drilling. This increased the costs approximately \$23,000. Additional funding will be requested, but the cost overrun would be split with the Town of Florence and Iron County each paying 10%.

Gehlhoff noted that the Town received information from the Wisconsin Towns Association regarding right-of-way recommendations involving trees in the ROW. It was noted that the Wis. Stat. 66.1037 is the guideline that the Town follows. The Town only needs to remove or trim a tree if it poses a danger to the traveling public. If it does not and the adjacent landowner owns the land to the center of the road, it's their tree, and they can have it removed on their own.

Under Board Member Concerns, Gehlhoff read an e-mail from a resident on West Cosgrove Lake Rd with concerns regarding the 300 gallon bins that are at the intersection of West Cosgrove and South Cosgrove Lake Roads. After discussion, it was determined that more 96 gallon bins needed to be distributed in the area. Since West Cosgrove is a long private road, the board would start with South Cosgrove and the public roads off of it for individual bins. The board also discussed relocating the 300 gallon bins to the other side of the intersection.

McLain mentioned a nuisance at 600 Pewabic St. He asked Klumpp to contact the Health Department regarding it. It was noted that no one is currently living in the house.

Gehlhoff mentioned that he was contacted regarding a Wake Boat Ordinance. He spoke with the chair from Manitowish Waters who stated that they have a constable to enforce the ordinance and that they were currently being sued with it going to court in October. The board is interested to see what happens with that case prior to more discussion.

A motion to adjourn was made by McLain and seconded by Gehlhoff. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jessica Klumpp
Clerk/Treasurer