

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-45**

**EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION TO ENGAGE AN EXCAVATION  
AND UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR PROFESSIONAL**

**WHEREAS**, an emergency has arisen with respect to the failure of a sanitary sewer force main adjacent to Highway Route 130 NB which force main is owned and operated by the Township of Florence, and

**WHEREAS**, the immediate securing of a professional to assist in the emergency excavation and repair process does not permit for obtaining of competitive quotes, and

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 Florence Township Utility Department budget does contain sufficient funds for such unforeseen emergencies while N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 provides for the criteria of an emergency purchase or contract for the aforesaid purpose, and

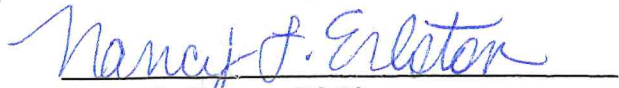
**WHEREAS**, the total amount of the emergency contract repairs is not expected to exceed \$50,000.00, and

**WHEREAS**, an imminent health/safety hazard is deemed to exist, and there is no time to seek public bids because of said emergency, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, (by not less than 2/3 of all governing body members affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6:

1. An emergency purchase to award a contract is hereby approved for Booth Mechanical Inc. for a contract not to exceed \$50,000.00
2. That said emergency acquisition shall be provided for in full through a budget line in the 2025 Florence Township Utility Department Budget
3. That two (2) certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services

**I, NANCY L. ERLSTON, CLERK** of the Township of Florence, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true copy of the Resolution approved by Township Council at their January 7, 2026 meeting.



Nancy L. Erlston, RMC  
Township Clerk

**CERTIFICATION FOR EMERGENCY ACQUISITION FORM  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

This statement must be prepared in duplicate by the chief financial officer and filed with the municipal clerk **prior to the adoption** of the emergency resolution. The duplicate must be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services together with the emergency resolution.

**Purpose of emergency acquisition:** Emergency authorization to engage an excavation and utility infrastructure repair professional to aid in the excavation and repair of a sanitary sewer force main adjacent to Highway Route 130 NB

On 12/29/25 raw sewerage was observed rising up from below the ground surface in the vicinity of Highway Route 130 NB just South of Potts Mill Road. The location of the sewerage is consistent with a known sanitary sewer force main owned and operated by the Florence Township Utility Department. Florence Township staff, having knowledge of this force main's depth of bury, recognized the department does not have the equipment needed to perform an excavation and repair of a leaking force main at the known depth of the main. Utility Department personnel consulted with the Township Administrator and Chief Financial Officer who agreed this emergency situation would require immediate professional support and time was not available to seek bids or quotes for the emergency work. The emergency situation resulted in the township securing the first-available excavation and repair contractor to aid in remedying the situation.

**Date of occurrence:** December 29, 2025

**Have any contracts been awarded or purchase orders placed in connection with this emergency appropriation?** Yes. Emergency contract has been awarded to Booth Mechanical Inc.

Date 12/30/25

Chief Financial Officer: Michelle Chiemiego  
Municipality: Florence Township

