

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES - MARCH 20, 2018

President, Jim Moore called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Jim Moore
Ron Gyure
Kay Mayer
Chuck O'Shell
Gwen Dellett
Kristen Teeter
Jeff Miller, Solicitor

Absent:

Jeff Rager
Neva Gindlesperger
Mary Strucaly

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron Betts, Bolivar Council. Ron presented a petition for a bank in New Florence. He also reported that the Bolivar Council has approved a six month contract renewal for polices services from New Florence borough with one requested amendment.

Patricia Betts requested Chief Salley's presence for Bolivar's Community Event to be held on May 19, 2018. Chief Salley agreed.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Salley presented the February report. Attached.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from February's meeting were not available.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The February Treasurer's report was not available. Jim Moore reported that the annual liquid fuels grant for \$36,260.36 was received on March 1st. He also reported that CCA has reimbursed the borough for 50% of the restroom renovation costs for the school building. The CCA portion was \$12,453.50.

Gwen Dellett motion to pay the borough bills. Seconded by Chuck O'Shell. Motioned passed with an abstention from Ron Gyure due to his status as a part time borough employee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS & EQUIPMENT - Ron Gyure, Chair; Kristen Teeter, Second

Ron reported that a hydraulic line and the transmission oil has changed on the backhoe.

STREETS & DRAINS - Chuck O'Shell, Chair; Jeff Rager, Second

Chuck looked at complaint of poor drainage at 19th and Beech Streets. The new pavement is causing the runoff to flow in a different direction than before.

Chuck reported that Peoples Gas damaged a storm drain during a recent job. They made the necessary repairs to the borough line before completing their work.

Chuck has the tentative 2018 paving list for the borough and will contact our Penn DOT representative to review the sites. Jim mentioned that we need to send Peoples Gas list of 2018 sites when finalized.

Jim Moore spoke with EADS regarding engineering work for the Vine Street project as well as a survey for placement of additional stop signs within the borough. Eads recommended the borough wait until CDBG funds are guaranteed for the Vine Street project before beginning any engineering. EADS will perform the stop sign survey upon receipt of a list of proposed locations from the borough.

ORDINANCE COMPLIANCE - Kay Mayer, Chair; Jeff Rager, Second

Kay has a list of properties that are currently out of compliance. She will meet with Mary Watt to arrange for letters to property owners.

The approved times for burning paper products within New Florence Borough are Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 5:00 and 7:00 pm. Gwen will post this on the borough's web page.

GRANTS & FUNDING - Gwen Dellett, Chairperson

Gwen said that the CDBG funding looks promising. She asked for a copy of the borough financial statement for grant applications. Gwen inquired about the status of the dash cam for the borough's cruiser. Chad reported that he has been investigating two different devices.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Jeff Miller, Solicitor

Jeff prepared and presented a Land Bank Ordinance for review but has some concerns regarding the contract that the land bank had provided for his review. The ordinance was tabled for further review.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Neva Gindlesperger

No Report..

OLD BUSINESS

Previously discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

The areas for 2018 mowing contract have been revised to include the area west of the underpass. All other areas and frequencies will be the same as last year. Jim will prepared and submit an advertisement for bids.

Kristen Teeter motion to accept the requested revision to the Bolivar Police agreement. Gwen Dellett seconded. The motion passed. Jim will make the changes and submit for signatures

Jim encouraged everyone to sign the petition for a new local bank.

Ron Gyure said he has been approached by a church regarding the possibility of renting the school building basement. He invited them to look at the space but has not yet heard back. Jim asked Jeff Miller to review all the deeds for any restrictions.

Ron Gyure said that we have had issues in the past with clean up / restoration when utility work has been performed in the borough. He recommended we consider a new ordinance require work sites be returned to original condition. Bolivar Borough has an ordinance that we can review.

Gwen Dellett reported that the new web page is up and running. She has received an offer from Westmoreland Cleanways to assist in recycling of electronic device and would provide a separate dumpster for our annual cleanup days. She also received a inquiry from Smartlink regarding installation of a cell phone antennae within the borough. The antennae would be on an existing Verizon pole. They will be sending engineers to town to evaluate.

Jim reported that the Westmoreland County Borough Association's annual meeting and dinner will be on April 27th. He feels we should be represented and asked for volunteers. The borough will pay for attendance.

ADJOURN

Kristen Teeter motioned to adjourn the meeting. Gwen Dellett seconded. Motion passed.

