

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES - MAY 15, 2018

President, Jim Moore called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Jim Moore
Jeff Rager
Kay Mayer
Chuck O'Shell
Kristen Teeter
Jeff Miller, Solicitor

Absent:

Ron Gyure
Gwen Dellett
Mary Strucaly
Neva Gindlesperger

PUBLIC COMMENT

Debbie Bartley announce that a New Florence Historical Society has been formed and urged everyone to visit the website. She also mentioned that 2019 will mark the New Florence Sesquicentennial and says we should plan a celebration. Debbie also asked that the council consider forming a Welcome Committee for new residents.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Salley presented the April report. (Attached)

The new vests that were made possible by the New Florence VFW are currently being made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the April meeting were approved. (Attached)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The April Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved. (Attached)

Jim Moore reported that the transition of accounts to Somerset Trust Company are in progress. To date the new State Highway Fund and General accounts have been established. Jeff Miller advised council to pay attention to FDIC insurance limits when establishing the new accounts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Mark Watt reported we will need to purchase new truck tires in 2019.

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

Chuck O'Shell reported that the 2018 paving list has been created and the Penn DOT representative will visit the sites on Monday, April 23rd.

Jim Moore reported that there has been not further word on the anticipated CDBG grant for the Vine Street Drainage project.

Council held a discussion on weight limits for borough streets. No further action will be taken at this time as not road surface or infrastructure degradation has been observed.

Jim Moore mentioned the possible additional ordinance for utility work so that all road surfaces will be returned to their original condition. Mark Watt will ask the Penn DOT representative to provide the necessary specs.

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

Kay reported that letters were sent to violators and the non-compliance list was provided to Chief Salley.

It was reaffirmed that there would be no "second" compliance letters sent out. If conditions are not corrected in the initially allotted timeframe then the second step will be a formal citation.

Council directed the Solicitor to draw up a formal complaint against the Robson property at Tenth and Walnut Streets.

GRANTS & FUNDING - Gwen Dellett, Chairperson

Jim Moore discussed the need to open a new credit card account with Somerset Trust Company for timely borough maintenance purchases and suggest we raise the limit as the current limit of \$500.00 is insufficient. Jeff Rager motioned to open the new credit account with Somerset with the limit of \$1,000.00. Kay Mayer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Salley also requested a credit account for police department use. Kristen Teeter motioned to open the separate Police Department account with Somerset Trust with a limit of \$750.00. Kay Mayer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Jeff Miller, Solicitor

No Report

MAYOR'S REPORT - Neva Gindlesperger

No Report..

OLD BUSINESS

No discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Sesquicentennial: Jim Moore appointed Ron Gyure to head up the new committee.

Chief Salley reported that the A/C in the cruiser is still not working. Council authorized him find a local specialist for the repairs.

Kristen Teeter inquired about the camera for the cruiser. Chief Salley reported that the status is uncertain at this time. He also said the cruiser needs a new battery.

ADJOURN

Kristin Teeter motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kat Mayer seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.