

## **BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES - JUNE 19, 2018**

President, Jim Moore called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Building.

### **ROLL CALL**

Members Present:

Jim Moore  
Jeff Rager  
Kay Mayer  
Chuck O'Shell  
Ron Gyure  
Neva Gindlesperger  
Jeff Miller, Solicitor

Absent:

Kristen Teeter  
Gwen Dellett  
Mary Strucaly

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bob Gamble asked for help with an ongoing storm water drainage issue in his driveway on Furnace Lane. He wants St. Clair Township and New Florence Borough to work together to determine and correct the issue.

Carl Fabrizio spoke for St. Clair Township supervisor. He presented pictures and agreed to work with the Borough and share costs on a solution.

Mary Watt asked the council for help with ordinance enforcement for unsightly rental properties along Fifth Street.

Pat Betts of Bolivar asked for police coverage their July Fireman's Carnival and Parade. Chief Salley indicated that the dates have been put on their schedule.

### **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Salley presented the May report. (Attached)  
He said he is having an issue with bats in the police garage.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Jeff Rager motioned to approve minutes from the May meeting. Seconded by Kay Mayer. Motion passed.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

No Report

Chuck O'Shell motioned to pay the borough bills. Kay Mayer seconded. Motion passed.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Ron reported that meeting room air conditioner was replaced. He also arranged for a contractor to look at the concrete slabs at the Playground to determine if they can be leveled to eliminate tripping hazards.

Ron and Neva both reported that some of lawns of the vacant properties are only being partially cut. There was some discussion on citing the holding companies for the violations.

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

The current estimate for 2018 paving projects is at \$52,650.00. Jeff Rager and Chuck O'Shell will prioritize the list in to reduce the estimate. Ron Gyure made a motion to set the target cost at \$40,000.00. Jeff Rager seconded. Motion passed.

Jim Moore reported that Comcast want to replace their overhead cable that spans Norfolk Southern tracks at the subway. They inquired instead about running it underground due to the deteriorated poles. Jim informed them that they need to contact PennDOT as the sidewalk is within their right of way.

The new branch of the Somerset Trust Company will officially open on 06/27/2018.

Mark Watt reported that replacement grates for catch basins will cost approximately \$85.00 each. .

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

Kay Mayer reported that additional letters were sent to violators in April.

Jeff Rager inquired if the current Ordinance 213 would prohibit residents from discharging their grass clippings into the street. This is an issue as they can clog the storm water catch basins. Jeff Miller said the ordinance should cover this.

### ***GRANTS & FUNDING*** - Gwen Dellett, Chairperson

Gwen Dellett sent a thank you to Westmoreland Cleanways for their acceptance of the electronics collected during Dumpster Days.

Gwen will submit grant application for purchase of a new cruiser.

Jim Moore report that the CDBG grant should be awarded in late July.

***SESQUICENTENNIAL*** - Ron Gyure, Chair

Ron reported that the committee held its first meeting. There were seven attendees. The next meeting will be held at the Borough Building on July 11th at 9:30 am.

***SOLICITOR'S REPORT*** - Jeff Miller, Solicitor

A warning letter will be re-sent to the updated Robson mailing address for violations on Sassafra Street giving 30 days for corrections. Following this a formal complaint will be filed in court.

***MAYOR'S REPORT*** - Neva Gindlesperger

The new bank is opening.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Council asked that the solicitor contact April Kopas of the Westmoreland County Land Bank to discuss any concerns with their contract language.

Jim Moore asked Street committee to inquire if our PennDOT rep could provide specs for repair of the road openings caused by the utility companies in performing their work

**NEW BUSINESS**

CCA inquired about a price for purchase of the yellow brick building now that there appear to be no legal reason council could not sell it. Jim Moore informed them that talk of a sale is premature at this point in time.

**ADJOURN**

Chuck O'Shell motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ron Gyure seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned.