

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES - AUGUST 21, 2018

President, Jim Moore called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 7:04 pm in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Absent:

Kristen Teeter
Mary Strucaly

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carl Fabrizio (St. Clair Township) wants to replace drain line at Bob Gamble's residence on Furnace Lane in concert with the New Florence Borough.

Greg Csehoski asked if the Borough currently has an electronic presence. He also reported that the storm catch basin at 17th and Ligonier Streets was not catching water due to the surrounding grade.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Salley presented the July report. (attached)
Jeff Rager inquired if any citations had been issued for resident putting grass in the roadways when they mow. Officer Salley had not observed any violations in July.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gwen Dellett motioned to approve minutes from the July meeting. Seconded by Chuck O'Shell. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gwen Dellett motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report for July. Seconded by Jeff Rager. Motion passed.

Jeff Rager motioned to pay the current borough bills. Kay Mayer seconded. Motion passed. Ron Gyure abstained.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Ron Gyure obtained a bid for replacement of several concrete slabs at Memory Park and the Playground Pavilion. The quotes from Alan Steele were \$4,500.00 for the park and \$6,000 for the playground

Chuck O'Shell says the Merry-Go-Round ride at the Playground needs the bearings replaced before someone gets hurt. The borough has the new bearings. Gwen Dellett will follow up with the Recreation Board on the repairs.

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

Chuck O'Shell reported that some residents complained about standing water follow recent rains.

Jeff Rager reported that he will have Smithley Construction return to scope the drain again on Furnace Lane. He also reported that Kim Shaffer at Mike Reese's office is looking into the drainage problem at the underpass.

The solicitor had several comments on the proposed The EADS contract for the Vine Street project. Council direct the solicitor to draft revisions for submission to EADS.

SESQUICENTENNIAL - Ron Gyure, Chair

Jim Moore reported that a new Sesquicentennial Fund account has been opened at Somerset Trust. Ron Gyure suggested that Council donate \$500.00 to the Sesquicentennial Fund. Jeff Rager made the motion. Kay Mayer seconded. Motion passed.

The next meeting will be held at Stuart's Funeral Home on 09/18/18 at 7:00 pm.

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

Chief Salley reported that the Vine Street property owner with the encroaching hedges was cited for violation.

The solicitor informed council that citations for vehicles only lacking license and/or registration would not be enforceable. The vehicle must also present a hazard.

GRANTS & FUNDING - Gwen Dellett, Chairperson

Gwen Dellett will need to meet with Chief Salley on specifications for a new cruiser.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Jeff Miller, Solicitor

The Robson complaint has been filed and served. The next complaint will be filed on at or near the beginning of September.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Neva Gindlesperger

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

Jim Moore inquired if there had been any discussions between the solicitor and the Westmoreland Community Land Bank. The solicitor will call Ms. Kopas to discuss.

Jim Moore reported that several borough properties are listed for delinquent tax sale in September.

NEW BUSINESS

Gwen Dellett reported that the PGC will loan cameras for monitoring our public dump as well as assist with prosecution of illegal dumping.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session to discuss personnel matters was held from 8:16 pm to 9:28 pm.

Following the executive session, Gwen Dellett motioned to raise Officer Childcare's pay rate to \$12.00 per hour and Officer Salley's to \$15.00 per hour. Kay Mayor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Council decided to conduct a special meeting to address consent or non-consent of the police canine training proposal presented by Mr. Hedges.

The meeting will be at 6:00 pm on 08/29/18.

ADJOURN

Gwen Dellett motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kay Mayor seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned.