

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

President, Jim Moore called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 7:01 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
Mary Strucaly
Gwen Dellett

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

POLICE REPORT

Chief Salley presented the August report. (attached)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes available yet for the August 29th meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jeff Rager motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report for August. Seconded by Ron Gyure. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Ron Gyure reported that the truck may need new batteries soon as he's had to jump start it a few times lately. The Yellow Brick School needs to have the doors re-keyed.

Ron also reported that High Ridge Water Authority is requiring we the Borough install backflow devices on the water supply lines to both the Yellow Brick School and the Borough Building. The cost estimate is \$700.00 per site.

Ron also reported that a recent Saturday work party completed repairs to the Merry-Go-Round. Tammy Stuart painted the ride.

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

Chuck O'Shell reported that the 2018 paving projects have been successfully completed.

Water is still not draining adequately at Furnace Lane near Penn Street. Jeff Rager will discuss possible repairs with Carl Fabrizio of St. Clair Township.

Jeff Rager reported on underpass survey conducted today with PA PUC, Norfolk Southern Railroad, PennDOT and Borough represented. He feels it's a good start. PUC says if we are not satisfied with results the Borough can submit a formal complaint.

SESQUICENTENNIAL - Ron Gyure, Chair

The committee is meeting again tonight. Jim Moore has received quotes for portable lighting generators and port-a-potties.

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 property owner next door to the Borough Building has been cited several times for garbage and trash in their yard with no improvement.

Jeff Rager inquired on the status of the Robson complaint.

GRANTS & FUNDING - Gwen Dellett, Chairperson

No Report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Jeff Miller, Solicitor

Jeff Miller reported on the following items:

The recommended changes to the EADS contract for the Vine Street Project have been drafted and will be sent to them tomorrow.

Had a discussion with April Kopas of the Westmoreland County Redevelopment Authority and distributed his comments on the proposed Land Bank Agreement to Council.

Reviewed the suggested Vacant Property.. It is very limited and Council would be better served by enforcing the current Nuisance ordinance.

The Fire Escrow Ordinance does not require any additional action by the Borough in the event of a total lose due to fire.

Council might consider renegotiating the Comcast contract but the effort would be costly.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Neva Gindlesperger

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

No discussions

NEW BUSINESS

Greg Csehoski has presented many good ideas for the borough's web site. He also volunteered to update and maintain it for the Borough. The Council unanimously approved.

Jim Moore edited the Bolivar agreement which expires at the end of September. The edits were to extend for another six (6) months and adjust the hourly rates to reflect the recent increases awarded to the police officers. A discussion followed regarding the changes. Mayor Gindlesperger agreed to discuss the changes with Bolivar before we sent the amended agreement.

Jim Moore announced PSABs Fall Leadership program would be at Seven Springs on October 12th through 14th. Anyone interested in attending should let him know so he can sign them up.

The Fall Dumpster Days was set for October 19th and 20th from 7:30 am to 2:30 pm or until full. Mark Watt will contact McInchok to make the arrangements.

ADJOURN

Jeff rager motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kay Mayor seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned.