

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES MARCH 19, 2019

President, Jim Moore, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Tuesday, MARCH, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Jim Moore
Kristen Teeter
Chuck O'Shell
Ron Gyure
Jeff Rager
Mary Strucaly, Secretary
Neva Gindlesperger, Mayor
Jeff Miller, Solicitor

Absent:

Gwen Dellett
Kay Mayer

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Chuck Payne informed council that he would be available for hauling items during clean up days that the borough did not want to accept. Dumpster days this year will be the June, 7th & 8th

Tim Clark announced that he intends to run for council in November as a write-in candidate. He discussed some issues that people have addressed to him.

POLICE REPORT

No Report

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chuck O'Shell made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 2019 & October 2018 meeting. Seconded by Jeff Rager. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jeff Rager made a motion approve the Treasurer's Report for January, 2019 & October 2018. Seconded by Chuck O'Shell. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Now that the ordinance for the additional stop signs has been passed, Council gave Mark Watt approval to order the necessary materials.

SESQUICENTENNIAL – Ron Gyure, Chair

A grant from the Ligonier Valley Endowment will be required for sesquicentennial funds. Jeff Rager made a motion for to proceed with application. Seconded Ron Gyure. Motion passed.

The Next meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

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

An ad for 2019 mowing bids will be posted.

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

There was much discussion on the Burning Ordinance and the use of ATVs within the borough.

GRANTS & FUNDING- Gwen Dellett. Chair

Jim Moore reported that the Multimodal Transportation Grant program was for a minimum of \$100K and that the borough would have to match 33%. It was decided not to pursue the grant at this time.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Jeff Miller advised council to move forward with clean up efforts at 10th and Sassafras Streets.

Jeff Miller has filed a request for tax exemption for the basement space at the Yellow Brick School Building.

Jeff reported that, to date, there has been no response to his letter to the Norfolk Southern regarding their proposed Communication Tower at 12th and Sassafras Streets.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The maintenance shed at the playground will need to be torn down and be replaced.

The police cruiser is in need of two tires, brakes and suspension work. Jim Moore asked for a list of needed parts to get prices and suggested we have a local shop perform the work.

A suggestion was made to, perhaps, purchase the Bolivar cruiser. The Mayor will follow up with Bolivar council to see if there is any interest in selling.

OLD BUSINESS

Storage roof leak – Jim Moore suggested that maybe we could get some volunteers and do the work. He and Ron Gyure agreed to assess the job.

Mark Watt asked Mack M. Darr to provide a price for a new water heater in the Borough Building restroom.

The Council gave approval to EADS to advertise for construction bids for the Vine Street Project.

Jim Moore reported that we are close to being able to close out the last of the First National Bank accounts. Per prior council discussions a portion of the funds will be moved to the General Fund per the approved 2019 budget. The balance will be invested in a high interest CD and a money market account.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Moore reported that the 2019 Liquid Fuels money will be deposited in March. The amount will be \$37,111.27

Mark Watt will contact Brian Rearick at MDIA regarding specifications for new stairs construction at the Yellow Brick Building.

EXECUTIVE

ADJOURN

Jeff Rager motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:41PM. Seconded Ron Gyure. Motion passed.