

## **BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES MAY 21, 2019**

President, Jim Moore, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Building.

### **ROLL CALL**

#### **Members Present:**

Jim Moore  
Jeff Rager  
Gwen Dellett  
Kristen Teeter  
Chuck O'Shell  
Neva Gindlesperger, Mayor  
Jeff Miller, Solicitor

#### **Absent:**

Kay Mayer  
Ron Gyure  
Mary Strucaly, Secretary

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chuck Payne reported that he is ready for scrap collection during clean up days June 7th and 8th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Dave Krause reported that the stuff in his yard on Fifth Street is not junk and will be used for remodeling his house. He has covered the piles with tarps.

Dave Cocchia asked what is wrong with burning tree branches in his fire pit. He was informed that it is against current borough ordinance and he should set the branches out for pick up by the borough or haul them to the dump. He also asked about a tree on his property and was informed that it is the homeowner's responsibility to remove if necessary.

Al Dequant inquired about the burnt out house on 12th Street. No apparent heirs have been found. The borough anticipates the house will go up for Sheriff's sale this fall.

### **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Salley presented the April Report (attached). He also reported on ordinance enforcement progress.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Jeff Rager made a motion to approve the minutes from both the April 16th and April 22nd meetings. Seconded by Chuck O'Shell. Motion passed.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

No Report

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Chuck O'Shell reported that the Vine Street Project will begin in June. A pre-construction meeting was held on May 9th.

Mark Watt reported that the drains at 13th and Chestnut Streets were cleared with assistance from the Fire Department.

### **SESQUICENTENNIAL** – Ron Gyure, Chair

The regular meeting was held on May 20th. The next meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Borough Building. The Committee is still in need of additional volunteers.

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

Jim Moore reported that Commonwealth Charter Academy agreed to the borough's requested rent increase and a new lease was executed for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Jim Moore reported that the borough has received an insurance settlement in the amount of \$2,861.11 for the damaged storage building at the Playground.

Mark Watt is seeking additional quotes for repair of the Development Committee's storage unit roof.

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

Jim Moore has decided to eliminate the Ordinance Compliance Committee. It has slowed the process down by adding another layer of administration. All observed ordinance violations and concerns should now be directed to the Mayor for action. Jim thanked everybody for their hard work and dedication while serving on the committee.

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

No grants are in progress. Council discussed potential grants for a new police vehicle. Gwen Dellett requested a Borough Financial Statement as many grant programs require the information be included.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Jeff Miller reported that he has still not received responses from either Norfolk Southern regarding their proposed communication tower or from Comcast regarding their contract rates.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor, Neva Gindlesperger reminded everybody of the upcoming Yard Sale Days on June 1st.

Neva also spoke with the Emergency Manager, Keith Boring , who reported that the Laurel Valley EMS has beefed up support lately.

Jeff Rager reminded everybody that the Memorial Day parade will be next Monday 05/27/19.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **EXECUTIVE**

Council entered into Executive session at approximately 8:50 pm to discuss personnel matters.

Executive session ended at 9:14 pm.

## **ADJOURN**

Jeff Rager motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. Seconded by Gwen Dellett. Motion passed.