

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES JULY 16, 2019

President, Jim Moore, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Absent:

Neva Gindlesperger, Mayor
Mary Strucaly, Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

Timothy Clark said that the stop sign on Birch Street in the Manor is too short and presents a hazard. Borough will get materials to raise the sign.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Salley presented the June Report (attached). Jeff Rager inquired about what work the Chief is doing while the cruiser is out of service. A discussion followed on the need for police protection while the vehicle is being outfitted with lights, etc.

Chief Salley advised he could not be "in service" without an equipped vehicle even for ordinances. He has contacted the DA's office for a ruling on doing ordinance compliance without an equipped vehicle.

Kristen Teeter motion to approve the additional \$2,225.00 in spending to equip the vehicle for service. Gwen seconded. Motion passed.

Jeff Rager motioned to limit police hours to 32 hours per week for Chief Salley (not including court time) and 8 hours per week for Officer Chilcote until such time as we get DA approval or the vehicle is equipped. Seconded by Chuck O'Shell. Motion passed.

Chief Salley also report that the dog has been certified for Drug Detection and can now be in service.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes available

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 next week. Mark Watt reported that James Construction has made repairs to 15th Street so they can haul dirt to the dump during the project.

Jeff Rager reported that Gap has taken a look at some of our catch basins. He is now waiting on a quote from them for cleaning.

SESQUICENTENNIAL – Ron Gyure, Chair

The next meeting is scheduled for July 22, 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 he's still waiting to hear back from the architect on ADA compliant stair design the school building.

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

No Report

GRANTS & FUNDING- Gwen Dellett, Chair

The Ligonier Valley Endowment funds are being spent in preparation for the Sesquicentennial event. Concrete has been replaced at the Playground. Shannon Creek Baptist Church is repairing picnic tables and we have been shopping for a pre-fab shed to replace the one that is being demolished.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Jeff Miller reported our tax exemption for the basement of the school building has been denied. He will appeal the decision.

Jeff also said that any disputes regarding unopened alleys are between the adjoining neighbors and the Borough should not be involved.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

Mark Watt has ordered the necessary posts and hardware for the new stop signs.

Jim Moore reported that our EMS Manager, Keith Boring agreed to provide the borough with questions for evaluating any future EMS ambulance proposals.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a discussion regarding hiring a possible Ordinance Officer. A resume was received from Dave Ling who is the officer for St. Clair Township. Council agreed to table the discussion for later consideration.

EXECUTIVE

ADJOURN

Kristin Teeter motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jeff Rager. Motion passed.