

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES - FEBRUARY 19, 2019

President, Jim Moore called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Jim Moore
Jeff Rager
Ron Gyure
Chuck O'Shell
Gwen Dellett
Kristen Teeter
Kay Mayer
Neva Gindlesperger, Mayor
Brian Litzinger, Solicitor

Absent:

Mary Strucaly

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Chuck Payne offered his services for the removal of abandoned and/or discarded appliances at no cost to the Borough. Mr. Payne will be notified of coming dates for spring clean up.

Mrs. Tammy Stuart informed borough that the collapsed drain line along 9th Street is causing water to back up into her basement and they are having to run sump pumps to eliminate. The borough will address the lie as soon as weather permits.

Alyssa Rouser of EADS delivered updated drawings for the Vine Street Project. In the interest of time, she agreed to return at 1:00 PM on Friday, February 22, 2019 for a thorough review.

Greg Csehoski, Web Administrator brought everyone up to date on the Borough Web Page improvements and plans for future development.

Mr. Timothy Clark addressed council with some questions regarding how to run for borough office.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Salley was unavailable. The December report is attached.

Jeff Rager distributed charts he has prepared from the 2017 and 2018 monthly police reports. He asked council to review data for discussion at a later meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes available yet for the January meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurers report for January 2019 was reviewed. Kristen Teeter motioned to approve the report. Seconded by Chuck O'Shell. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

The remedial drainage work on Furnace Lane appears to be helping. There was no standing water at Mr. Gamble's driveway during the last heavy rainstorm.

SESQUICENTENNIAL - Ron Gyure, Chair

Ron Gyure reported that everything is moving forward nicely. The committee inquired about the use of the Yellow Brick basement for possible vendors during the celebration. There was no objection from council. The next meeting will be held at Stuart's Funeral Home on March 11, 2019 at 6:00 pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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

Ron Gyure reported that the roof of the Development Committee's storage space next door was leaking. He and Mark Watt will check to see if the roof or the contents need to be covered until repairs can be made.

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

GRANTS & FUNDING - Gwen Dellett, Chairperson

MAYOR'S REPORT - Neva Gindlesperger

Mayor Gindlesperger received a letter from Norfolk Southern regarding a proposed communications tower to be erected near the intersection of NS right of way and Sassafras Street. Some discussion followed with many questions raised. The solicitor will draft a response letter to NS.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Jeff Miller, Solicitor

Brian Litzinger presented the new ordinance for additional stop signs to be installed on Borough intersections. Chuck O'Shell motioned to pass Ordinance 1 of 2019. Ron Gyure seconded. Motion passed.

Solicitor has filed a tax exemption request on behalf of the Borough for the Yellow Brick Basement space.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mark Watt is soliciting multiple bids for the cleanup work at 10th and Sassafras Streets (Robson property). Jeff Rager motioned to award a contract for the cleanup to the lowest bidder not to exceed \$4,000.00. Seconded by Kay Mayer. Motion passed.

The borough office computer and printer needs upgraded. Jeff Rager motioned to proceed with upgrades not to exceed \$1,000.00 total. Seconded by Gwen Dellett. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

Jeff Rager made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Chuck O'Shell. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm