

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES OCTOBER 20, 2020

President, Jim Moore, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the School Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Jim Moore
Jeff Rager
Chuck O'Shell
Ron Gyure
Kay Mayer
Neva Gindlesperger, Mayor
Jeff Miller, Solicitor

Absent:

Gwen Dellett
Kristen Teeter
Mary Strucaly, Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank Johnstone asked when borough burning times were and why burning is allowed at the dump on off days. Jim Moore explained that the dump is located outside of the borough in St. Clair Township and that burning must be done when the weather is conducive, and labor is available.

POLICE REPORT

Jim Moore introduced Dave Ling as the new Ordinance Officer for the Borough.

Jim Moore reported that he and Ron Gyure attended an informal meeting at St. Clair Township to hear details of their proposal to contract police services to New Florence and Seward boroughs. There will be a community Q&A meeting at the Seward Fire Hall on November 4th at 6:30 pm. Jim Moore and Ron Gyure will attend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jeff Rager made a motion to accept the regular September meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Kay Mayer. All in favor. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim Moore reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

Chuck O'Shell made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report for September 2020. The motion was seconded by Ron Gyure. All in favor. The motion passed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Jeff Miller

Jeff Miller reported that the tax exemption for the basement space at the school building has been granted. He also reported that the new stormwater ordinance is still in progress.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Ron Gyure reported that he has made an appointment at Sowers Tire to have the brakes repaired on the dump truck.

A quote for additional repairs to the siding of the borough garage was received from Helsel Home Remodeling. The cost will be \$4,600.00.

Chuck O'Shell motioned to award a contract to Helsel for the repairs. The motion was seconded by Ron Gyure. All in favor. The motion passed.

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

Chuck O'Shell reported that Dean Smuro has completed paving of a small parking lot on his property at the corner of 12th and Penn Streets.

GRANTS & FUNDING- Gwen Dellett, Chair

No Report

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Neva Gindlesperger reported a complaint on the condition of property at 206 Chestnut Street.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim Moore reported that EADS has submitted the CDBG application for the 9th Street project.

Jim Moore reported EADS has received only two bids for cleaning of stormwater catch basins. One was for \$59,750.00 and the other for \$26,060.00. Jeff Rager made a motion to EADS advertise for sealed bids for this work. Chuck O'Shell seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

Jim Moore reported that the architectural drawings for the handicap ramp for the school building have been submitted. We are still waiting for a construction estimate to complete the permit application.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Moore has sent an email to all council members with a report of actual costs vs. budget for 2020 and asked for all to review and submit any comments to him for preparation of the 2021 budget which will need to be approved at the November meeting.

Jim Moore announced that they are looking for two people to help at the poll for the upcoming election. Anyone that is interested should contact Debi Bartley at (724)840-9880.

The Community Development Committee has set the Halloween Trick or Treat time for October 31st from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. There will be no parade this year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURN

Jeff Rager made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ro Gyure. All in favor. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.