

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES MARCH 16, 2021

President Jim Moore, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 6:30 pm in the School Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Absent:

Neva Gindlesperger, Mayor
Kristen Teeter

PUBLIC COMMENT

A resident questioned whether a potbellied pig kept as a pet would violate any borough ordinance. There is no ordinance regarding pet pigs and, therefore, would be no violation.

Ed Craft informed Council that he will be running for the office of Mayor in November.

POLICE REPORT

Mike Koch, St. Clair Township Supervisor reported on the police activity. Manning is currently at ninety-two (92) hours per week. This is down slightly due to a resignation. One of the part time officers has agreed to make up the difference after completion of some training.

Captain Karl Kinkopf spoke regarding speeding in the borough and has been aware of the "hot spots" in town.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jeff Rager made a motion to accept the February meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Chuck O'Shell. All in favor. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, & EQUIPMENT – Ron Gyure, Chair.

Ron Gyure is pleased with the new furnace and AC unit installed by Mack M. Darr. Jim Moore commented that the project was fully funded by an LV Endowment grant and the contractor has been paid in full.

2021 Mowing - Jim Moore says we will keep the mowing schedule the same as last year. Ron Gyure made a motion to advertise for bids and was seconded by Gwen Dellett. All in favor. Motion was passed. Bids will be opened at the April 20th meeting.

Rick Skovensky of PennDOT estimated our 2021 paving list at slightly over \$29,000.00. Rick has prepared a bid package for the Borough. Chuck O'Shell recommended that we do the entire list.

Jeff Rager made a motion to advertise for bids and was seconded by Chuck O'Shell. All in favor. Motion passed. Jim Moore will arrange to advertise for bids which requires two (2) ads to be run at least three (3) days apart. Bids will be opened at the April meeting.

Westmoreland County has informed us that our Ninth Street project for new storm drains was approved for \$191,000.00. The Borough is required to provide a 15% matching for the project. The money has not yet been received by the county. The Borough is required to get permission prior to any preliminary engineering to begin.

Jeff Rager called PennDOT regarding a feasibility study to reduce the speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph through whole town.

Fifteenth (15th) Street catch basin and related piping need repairs. Compass quoted a price of \$4,200.00 for repairs. Jeff Rager made a motion to award the job to Compass and Chuck O'Shell seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Passed.

Wheelchair lift/ramp at school building: Ron Gyure has received two (2) quotes so far. One from Access for \$13,200.00 and one from Laurel for \$10,960.00. Ron will continue to solicit quotes.

STREETS AND DRAIN

No Report

GRANTS & FUNDING

No Report

MAYOR'S REPORT

No Report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Jeff Presented the new Stormwater Ordinance. He will revise the date and bring to the April meeting. Motion to adopt as written (with date correction) by Chuck O'Shell and seconded by Ron Gyure. All in favor. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

The St. Clair Township police officers catalogued and removed all old evidence from the New Florence evidence locker for proper disposal. The suggested that the drug collection/disposal box located in the police office be relocated to where it's more accessible to all.

NEW BUSINESS

Borough Supervisor, Mark Watt will be retiring by the end of April. Jim Moore will ask Greg to post the opening on the borough website and bulletin board at the post office.

ADJOURN

Jeff Rager made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Chuck O'Shell. All in favor. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.