

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES MAY 18, 2021

President Jim Moore, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Tuesday, May 18, 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
Kay Mayer
Cheryl Priest

Absent:

Neva Gindlesperger, Mayor
Kristen Teeter
Gwen Dellett

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kara Kester asked if they could have food vendors set up for yard sale over in front of football field for fundraiser for their church. Jeff Miller will put a waiver together for them.

Dave Jacoby is seeking advice regarding his neighbor building a structure right on property line, if not legit it might cause issues down the road if he sells his property. The roof overhang is (1) foot across the property line. Jeff Miller said the borough has no jurisdiction regarding property lines and suggested they discuss it with the building inspector from MDIA as there may be something in the building code encroachment.

POLICE REPORT

Captain Karl Kinkopf said they are working on a policy for Narcan administration. For April there were 60 police calls in New Florence, Seward had 50 calls. They are checking into certified stop watches and getting new measuring tapes for speed control. Council was pleased with the Police Report.

Council discussed and agreed to aid New Florence Volunteer Fire Company and Pam Hysong in completing an application for a grant for improvements to the Fire Hall. Their intention is to renovate and make improvements so they can be a temporary emergency shelter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jeff Rager made a motion to accept the regular April 20, 2021 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.

Jim Moore informed council that the Charter School does not want to renew its lease and wanted to know if they could rent monthly until they can complete the remove of their property from the building. The current lease expires June 30, 2021. The Council agreed to let CCA have as much time as they need to remove property.,

Jim Moore met with the President of the Library to discuss their insurance coverage. According to the lease agreement the Borough is responsible for providing some basic coverage. Jim asked FWF Agency to review the library's current policy.

Ron Gyure Reported that he had the batteries replaced in Borough truck.

He also reported that he has ordered four (4) dumpsters for our annual summer dumpster days.

The borough is still in need of as replacement for Mark Watt's vacated position.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Jeff Rager spoke to the possibility of using one of the St. Clair Twp officers for enforcement of the ordinances. He is particularly concerned with #161 - nuisance dogs and #203 – at large dogs. He asked if Jeff Miller could review these two ordinances.

STREETS AND DRAINS

Jim Moore spoke regarding the speed study that was performed on Route 711 and Ligonier Street. According to a call he received from PennDOT, the reported safe speed for the portion from the south of town to the borough line at the Manor is 36 mph. The safe speed for the portion from UniMart to the north boundary is 30 mph. Jim Moore has left messages and e-mails requesting a copy of the study.

Jim Moore reported that all EADS agreements are in place for the 9th Street project.

Jim Moore said that paving risers will need to be secured prior to the beginning of the paving work.

Jim Moore asked for a list of catch basins that need repaired or replaced so we can review them with EADS so they can put the bid paperwork together.

A woman came out from the county to survey mosquitoes in the ditch north of 15th Street. She said there has been much improvement regarding the West Nile mosquitoes.

GRANTS & FUNDING

Council discussed and agreed to aid New Florence Volunteer Fire Company and Pam Hysong in completing an application for a Cares Act Emergency Solutions grant for improvements to the Fire Hall. Their intention is to renovate and make improvements so they can be a temporary emergency shelter. The filing deadline is June 4th.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None

OLD BUSINESS

Considering the CCA lease termination, the wheelchair lift replacement is tabled for now.

BUILDING GROUNDS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The Sewage Authority is down (3) board members. Any borough residents interested in being on the committee please contact the Borough.

ADJOURN

Chuck O'Shell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ron Gyure. All in favor. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.