

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES JULY 20, 2021

President Jim Moore, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 6:30 pm in the Borough Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Thomas addressed council regarding neighbors in St. Clair Township having chickens roaming and disturbing his mulch. There is currently a borough ordinance prohibiting chickens but there is no such ordinance in St. Clair Township.

POLICE REPORT

Mike Koch informed us that the captain said to call 911 for all non-emergency calls. All go through the Greensburg office.

Ron Gyure asked if there is a place that St. Clair Twp. Residents can take their tree clippings, etc., instead of taking them to New Florence Borough dump area.

First meeting on a shared ordinance office with Seward Borough and St. Clair TWP will take place on Tuesday, July 21, 2021. Jim Moore and Jeff Rager will attend.

The June police report will be available on the borough web site.

Jeff Rager commented on the problem of side-by-sides, quads, and ATV's on the side streets, some are legal some are not.

Chuck O'Shell has complaints that he does not see any Police in New Florence, but sees them in Seward, doesn't feel New Florence is getting their fair share of protection.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jeff Rager made a motion to accept the regular June 15, 2021, meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Chuck O'Shell. All in favor. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Council members received the June 2021 report details. After review, Gwen Dellett made motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for June 2021. The motion was seconded by Kristen Teeter. All in favor. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Ron commented that we are still in need of a replacement for Mark Watt's position.

The Yellow Brick school has been cleaned out and the lease deposit money will be returned to CCA.

The old police car will need the lights and stickers taken off so that it will not be seen as a police car once it has been sold.

Ron Gyure has concerns about brick coming apart over in Memorial Park. There are issues on illegal dumping at the dump. Mention of putting up more cameras or barriers.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Jeff Miller has not heard back from Penn DOT regarding the brake retarder ordinance.

Jim Moore reported that the Speed Study has still not been sent from PennDOT. If necessary, a Right To Know request could be sent to view the report.

Jim Moore inquired if asked if letters could be sent to residents on various violations regarding junk, high grass. A couple of places need addressed concerning these issues. Jeff Miller said it would be ok.

Chuck O'Shell discussed the property at 10th and Sassafras Streets that the borough had cleaned up and now, a year later it's worse than it was before. Need follow up or enforcement.

STREETS AND DRAINS

Jim Moore said the 9th Street project is on hold awaiting the HUD funds per EADS engineer.

Jim Moore presented a grant opportunity call WalkWorks that may be helpful for future sidewalk projects such as 13th Street from Ligonier Street to the Manor. Gwen Dellett agreed to investigate the grant.

GRANTS & FUNDING

Jim Moore reported that the application filed on behalf of the Volunteer Fire Company for a Cares Act Emergency Solution grant was denied. The reason given was that the project was not specifically geared towards assisting homeless people.

Jim Moore reported that the borough's application for COVID Relief (ARPA) funds is completed. There has been no word as to when we can expect the funds.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Neva spoke regarding contacting of 911 for non-emergencies.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim Moore reviewed the invoice from Quaker Sales for the 2021 paving projects. The invoice is in the amount of \$31,066.88 which is slightly lower than their bid price of \$31,100.00. Kristen Teeter made a motion to pay the invoice. Chuck O'Shell seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was passed.

NEW BUSINESS

The Municibid auction for the old police cruiser has been advertised. The auction will run from 07/28/21 thru 08/16/21.

Jim Moore reported that a new Sunshine Act revision now requires that council meeting agendas be available at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. The agenda will also be posted at the meeting site and a copy provided for everyone in attendance. Jim says our agendas are posted on the borough's web page.

Jim Moore received a letter from Brandon Teeter, President of the NFVFD expressing interest in the school building now that the cyber school leases has ended.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jim Moore called for a Council Executive Session at 7:52 p.m. to discuss borough owned real estate.

Council exited the Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Kristen Teeter to enter negotiations with the Volunteer Fire Company for sale of the school building. Kay Mayer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Jim Moore appointed Chuck O'Shell, Gwen Dellett, and himself to the negotiation committee.

ADJOURN

Kristen Teeter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jeff Rager. All in favor. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.