

## **BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES AUGUST 17, 2021**

President Jim Moore, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Tuesday, August 17, 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

Absent:

Cheryl Priest

Kay Mayer

Kristen Teeter

Gwen Dellett

Neva Gindlesperger

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments.

### **POLICE REPORT**

Capt. Karl Kinkopf commented that the regular hours that the contract terms calls for has hit the 104-hour mark. There were a total 250 calls last month. No other changes.

Jeff Rager and Jim Moore attended a couple meetings regarding a shared Ordinance officer. Each municipality will get (8) eight hours per week. Jeff Miller prepared Resolution No. 3 Of 2021 to negotiate the ordinance officer contract that was read by Jim Moore. Chuck O'Shell made a motion to approve the resolution and Jeff Rager seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chuck O'Shell made a motion to accept the regular July 20, 2021 meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Jeff Rager. All in favor. Motion passed.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Jeff Miller discussed the (3) three phases of tax sales procedures on the Upset sale of properties. Questions were raised about issuing liens or citations on properties that have high grass.

Jeff Miller has not yet received a response from Penn DOT regarding the brake retarder ordinance.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Council members received the July 2021 General Fund and State Highway Fund reports. After review, Jeff Rager made motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for July 2021. The motion was seconded by Chuck O'Shell. All in favor. Motion passed.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **BUILDING, GROUNDS, & EQUIPMENT – Ron Gyure, Chair.**

Jim Moore reported on Municibid results. We received a high bid in the amount of \$1,400.00 for the 2005 cruiser. The bid was accepted. Jim Moore will arrange for pick up as early as tomorrow.

Burning restrictions were mentioned by Ron Gyure. The DEP has deemed tree branches and trimmings as waste and prohibits burning them at the dump.

Jeff Rager will arrange to have the 2014 cruiser inspected.

### **STREETS AND DRAINS**

Jim Moore mentioned that he heard from Alyssa Rouser of EADS. She says that precast collection basins are not available currently. Council decided to delay the 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Ligonier Street projects until the Spring of 2022.

## **GRANTS & FUNDING** – Gwen Delett, Chair, Kay Mayer, Second

Jim Moore received an e-mail from New Florence Volunteer Fire Company about a possible grant opportunity to erect an electronic marquee sign in town to show events and fund raisers.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

No Report

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The PennDOT speed study was presented to council members and discussed. Jim Moore said we did not yet receive the actual permit and will follow up. There were discussions on whether to lower the speed to 25 mph. Ron Gyure made motion to pursue the signs and Chuck O'Shell seconded the motion. All in favor.

A meeting is scheduled on Friday with the Fire Company to discuss the Yellow School building.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

We have received several calls regarding the Borough Supervisor position.

The Laurel Valley Historical Society is doing a project to refurbish the (2) two signs on Route 711 and are requesting financial support. Their anticipated costs are \$800.00 to \$1,000.00. Council discussed funding the project. Ron Gyure made a motion to cover the material costs of the project. Seconded by Chuck O'Shell. All in Favor. Motion passed.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Jim Moore called for a Council Executive Session at 7:35 pm to discuss personnel and real estate.

Council exited the Executive Session at 8:05 pm.

## **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 8:10 pm.