

## **BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**

President Jim Moore, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 6:30 pm in the Borough Building.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present:

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

Absent:

Neva Gindlesperger -

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Greg Csehoski gave an update on the website. Great historical capture of news. Events calendar is well received. Ordinances need to be added to the website. Overall website is working very well.

### **POLICE REPORT**

August Police Report was reviewed by Jim Moore. Jim Moore said the Police are going to keep the same report format, but we need to see better metrics. Jeff Rager addressed speed control of the coal trucks and how many citations have been written. Jeff Rager also questioned the use of ENRAD device for speed control.

A discussion was held on the renewal of the contract for up to (5) five years. Kristen Teeter made a motion of to negotiate to renew the Police contract and Kay Mayer seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion passed.

Jim Moore updated council on the Ordinance Officer Contract. There is a contract on the table. St. Clair Township wants to meet review it one last

time. A rough draft was sent to Jeff Miller, he made comments and approved it. Jim Moore made a motion to execute the contract if no additional changes are made. Kristen Teeter seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chuck O'Shell made a motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from August 17, 2021, as written. The motion was seconded by Kristen Teeter. All in favor. Motion passed.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Jeff Miller said he hasn't heard back from PennDOT on the brake retarder ordinance. Jeff Miller reviewed the EADS professional services agreement for the storm water inlet replacement project and approved it for execution. The project is on hold until Spring 2022 as pre-cast catch basins are in short supply. A motion to execute the EADS professional services agreement for the inlet repairs was made by Chuck O'Shell and seconded by Ron Gyure. All in favor. Motion passed.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Jim Moore discussed the 2021 General Fund, State Highway Funds and Money Market accounts. After review, Gwen Dellett made motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for August 2021. The motion was seconded by Kristen Teeter. All in favor. Motion passed.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Ron spoke on the pond near Dollar General and the Manor. There was discussion on the dump, brush, and burning issues. The dump needs to be secured by a chain link fence and only open on certain days to control unwanted dumping.

Jim Moore spoke on selling the 2014 police cruiser on Municibid. Chuck O'Shell made a motion to sell the cruiser and Kristen Teeter seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion passed. Jim will research the borough costs to set the reserve price.

### **STREETS AND DRAINS**

Chuck O'Shell asked council to pay Jim Moore for helping Ron Gyure clean and repair catch basins. Jim said that his are volunteer hours, and he did not want compensated. The discussion was tabled.

Jeff Rager commented on a resident digging a ditch in his yard on 15<sup>th</sup> Street and whether he is in violation of the Storm Water Ordinance. Jeff Miller suggested someone check on this situation.

A discussion was led by Jeff Rager on a recent fly ash spill in the underpass and the proper protocol to follow in these types of events.

**GRANTS & FUNDING** – Gwen Dellett, Chair, Kay Mayer, Second  
Walk works, no report till Spring.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Jim Moorer asked if there was a way to see the results of the recent tax sales within the borough. Jeff Miller will check.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Jim Moore reported that the Sewage Authority is interested in relocating their office to the vacant police office. The old records can be shredded

per Capt. Karl. Jeff Rager made motion to let Sewage Authority to use the old police office. Seconded by Ron Gyure. All in favor. Motion passed.

Fall dumpsters are set for Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Hours will be 8-4 or until full.

Jim Moore said that 2022 budget time is upon us and asked that all council members pass on their suggestions and comments for next year's budget to him.

Jim Moore received a letter from the PA Auditor General stating we will be getting a direct deposit in the amount of \$2,452.51 for the 2021 Volunteer Fire Relief Allocation. This money will be passed on to the New Florence Fire Company upon receipt.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Jim Moore called for an Executive Session at 8:06 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. Council exited the Executive Session at 8:19 p.m.

Jeff Rager made a motion to hire Orville Saunders as the new Borough Supervisor for a probationary period of six (6) months at a rate of \$17.00 per hour beginning September 27, 2021, seconded by Chuck O'Shell. All in favor. Motion passed.

### **ADJOURN**

Jeff Rager made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Kristen Teeter. All in favor. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.