

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES OCTOBER 19, 2021

President Jim Moore, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at 6:30 pm in the Borough Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg Csehoski gave an update on the Webpage and presented a list of ordinances he intends to post on the website.

POLICE REPORT

The September Police Report was reviewed by Jim Moore. Jeff Rager made a comment on the issuing of warnings when be a citation would be more effective.

Kevin McLaughlin, Mayor of Seward sent out the recent Ordinance Officer Contract for review. Waiting to hear back on that. Police Service Contract was discussed (4) four years in duration, the cost for each year is set with a nominal increase over the next (4) four years. It has already been signed by both St. Clair Twp and Seward Borough.

Kristen Teeter made a motion to accept and execute the four-year police contract. A roll call vote was conducted. Six (6) in favor. One (1) against. Motion passed. Jim Moore signed the contract.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After a brief review, Chuck O'Shell made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular meeting of September 21, 2021, as written. The motion was seconded by Jeff Rager. All in favor. Motion passed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Jeff Miller reported that he has not yet heard back from Eric Bell of Penn DOT on the brake retarder ordinance. Jim Moore reported that he has not received the permit yet to reduce the speed limit on the north end of town. Jeff Miller will check into getting a response pertaining to the brake retarder ordinance.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim Moore reported on current balances in the General Fund, State Highway Funds and Money Market accounts. After review, Jeff Rager made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report for September. Ron Gyure seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Ron Gyure led a discussion on the borough dump. Orville Saunders received several quotes on fencing. They averaged more than \$20,000.00. There was a discussion on getting clean fill dirt from St. Clair Twp to construct an earthen berm around the dump area to restrict access. The cost of equipment rental and labor would be approximately \$5,000.00. Jeff Rager made a motion to proceed with the berm. Gwen Dellett seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion passed.

There was a discussion on giving the Yellow Brick School Building to the Volunteer Fire Company. They also want a portion of the football field for parking. Dave Meketa, Engineer spoke on the area needed for events to accommodate 100 to 150 parking spots. Kim Houser, Attorney for NFVFD will draft the terms for the lease of a portion of the field and the transfer in ownership of the building and contact Jeff Miller.

STREETS AND DRAINS

Council held a discussion regarding upcoming streets and drains projects. All projects are on hold till the spring of 2022.

GRANTS & FUNDING – Gwen Dellett, Chair, Kay Mayer, Second

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim Moore asked if Jeff Miller could get any information on the results of the September tax sales. Jeff Miller will see if he can get the information. The borough will continue to offer the brush collection to our residents. Council discussed the possible sale of the 2014 Ford Explorer police cruiser via Municibid. Jeff Rager made a motion to set a reserve price of \$18,000.00. Kristen Teeter seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2022 Budget needs to be drafted by council and advertised prior to the December council meeting. Jim Moore will schedule and advertise for a special budget so council can prepare a Draft Budget to be considered at the regular November meeting. Jeff Rager inquired on the possible reduction of the size of the council from (7) seven seats to (5) five seats. Jeff Miller will investigate the process required after the November elections.

ADJOURN

Kristen Teeter 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 7:49 pm.