

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES JANUARY 18, 2022

Vice President Jeff Rager, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 6:30 pm in the Borough Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Gwen Dellett	Jeff Rager
Ron Gyure	Chuck O'Shell
Jason Beatty	Ed Craft, Mayor
Cheryl Priest	

Jim Moore - Absent

Mason Luther - Absent

Jeff Miller, Solicitor-Absent

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment.

POLICE REPORT

Jeff Rager discussed the metrics on the December Police Report. Gwen will have another committee meeting with Chief Jeff Jacinga and Mike Koch. A new police officer was hired, Brandon Marsh will be full-time. A part-time police officer will be hired also to make sure they meet the 104 hours. Council noted that a police officer needs to attend our monthly meetings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chuck O'Shell made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular meeting of December 21, 2021 as well as the minutes from the January 3, 2022 re-org meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Ron Gyure. All in favor. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Jeff Rager spoke regarding getting St. Clair Twp. to fulfill their obligation 49.3% Workers Compensation to the annual NFVFD, have Jeff Miller to write a letter on the population.

Jeff Miller also needs to write a letter to Penn DOT to request that Norfolk Southern provide for an inspection on the bridge.

The Jake Brake Ordinance is tabled until the next regular meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Police car got inspected for (1) one year. No news on the Yellow Brick School. Ron Gyure spoke of changing the furnace filters at the school. Jeff Rager commented on Orville's plowing, good job on his first time plowing.

There was a question raised whether we plow Rick Ludwig's' driveway, no it's a paper alley.

STREETS AND DRAINS – Chuck O'Shell, Chair., Jason Beatty

No report, all projects are on hold till the spring of 2022.

GRANTS & FUNDING – Gwen Dellett, Chair, Mason Luther, Second
Sidewalks were mentioned that needed repair.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Ed Craft has no report.

OLD BUSINESS

We have received the Jake Brake and speed limit signs.

Phil Fuller was tentatively appointed as the new Tax Collector. We are waiting on results from the training. No activity, it was tabled per Jeff Rager.

NEW BUSINESS

Right to Know Officer, was tabled.

PSAB Training – Purchases & Contracts limits have changed regarding bids. The Federal mileage reimbursement rate for 2022 now \$0.585 per mile. Boot Camp e-mails for the new councilmen to attend. Free Covid Tests are available at Covidtest.gov up to (4) four per family.

Chuck O'Shell spoke on doing a memorial for Keith Boring regarding putting the fountain back up and a plaque. The class of 1966 would like to do a memorial for Jerry Page also. A bench was mentioned, dry fountain/open fountain donated by Civics Club.

A letter to High Ridge whether it's feasible to restore water to the fountain. Council agreed on doing something related to the above suggestions.

ADJOURN

Ron Gyure 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 7:18 p.m.