

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES FEBRUARY 15, 2022

President Jim Moore, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 6:30 pm in the Borough Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Jim Moore	Gwen Dellett
Jeff Rager	Cheryl Priest
Chuck O'Shell	Jason Beatty
Ron Gyure	Mason Luther
Jeff Miller, Solicitor	Ed Craft

PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank Johnstone asked if there was a "Code of Conduct" as to how council is to act inside/outside of the Borough Council Meetings. Jeff Miller spoke on the State Ethics Act regarding being civil to one another.

POLICE REPORT

Gwen discussed the refund check in the amount of \$11,381.01 was mailed to the Borough from last years' Police payment that was made. An ENRAD speed control study will be conducted in the spring. Jeff Rager volunteered to accompany the officer for the study.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ron Gyure made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular meeting of January 18, 2022, as written. Jeff Rager seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

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 December. Gwen Dellett seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Jeff Miller spoke regarding the Jake Brake Ordinance No. 1 of 2022 Jim Moore read the Ordinance. Jeff Rager made a motion to accept the Jake Brake Ordinance. Jason Beatty seconded motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Jim Moore spoke on the Resolution for the sale of the Yellow Brick School. Chuck O'Shell made a motion to accept the Resolution for sale of the Yellow Brick School. Ron Gyure seconded motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Chuck O'Shell made motion to lease 100% of the parcel that was the old football field to the Volunteer Fire Company provided that 50% of the lot shall remain undeveloped. Jeff Rager seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Ron Gyure said he put a (3) three-year battery in the backhoe and purchased a new battery charger. The police cruiser will be going to Tri-Star Motors for a recall.

Some potholes need repaired that were left over from the People's Gas project. Issues regarding the condition of the underpass were discussed. Memory Park sidewalks need some snow removal.

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

Chuck O'Shell commented when the weather gets nice, he will get with Rick Skovensky and do a survey for 2022 paving projects.

A discussion on dumpsters at 17th and Franklin Street that creates a hazard for people pulling onto 17th Street. Also, people parking along the roads are creating problems when plowing snow.

EADS proposed the Ninth Street Project bid dates. A pre-bid meeting will be held on March 1, 2022, the award date is April 19, 2022. Jeff Rager made motion to give EADS approval to advertise. Seconded by Gwen Dellett. All in favor. Motion passed. Jim Moore will contact Alyssa at EADS.

The EADS annual retainer agreement was reviewed for this year. The rates remain at 2021 levels. Jeff Rager made motion to accept and execute the 2022 Agreement. Seconded by Ron Gyure. All in favor. Motion passed.

GRANTS & FUNDING – Gwen Dellett, Chair, Mason Luther, Second

The need for sidewalks along 13th Street to the Dollar General store were discussed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Ed Craft attended a mayor's seminar meeting in Punxsutawney. Jeff Rager discussed a letter regarding the ordinance violation that can it be sent out by the mayor.

OLD BUSINESS

Phil Fuller has made several trips to the County office and is training with Myrtle Luther and on-line for the Tax Collector position. He is waiting for Bonding.

Underpass inspection, a letter needs to go through Penn Dot and/or Norfolk Southern RR. An inspection needs to be performed soon as some rebar is exposed.

Jeff Rager spoke on doing a memorial for Keith Boring by repairing and installing the fountain at the corner of 13th and Ligonier Streets.

The high school class of 1966 is planning to do some sort of a memorial for Jerry Page also. A bench is possible.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Moore spoke on the Right to Know Officer and appointed Cheryl Priest. Jeff Rager seconded motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Discussion on the need for a new Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) since Keith Boring passed. Phil Ferris is the EMC Director for both St. Clair Township and Seward Borough. Jim Moore will contact him.

PSAB training is available for all to take advantage of. State Ethics Act is also available.

Jim discussed Joshua Hamley who is an Eagle Scout and doing a project for the United Methodist Church and is selling memorial brick pavers as a fundraiser to build a prayer labyrinth.

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 7:58 p.m.