

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES MARCH 15, 2022

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Gwen Dellett

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bud Lewis and Rick Davis of the New Florence Lions Club asked permission to put a bench with plaque in honor of Mr. Jerry Page at Memorial Park. Permission was granted.

Phil Fuller was sworn in as the new Tax Collector by Mayor Ed Craft.

Jim Moore made a motion to appoint Phil Ferris as the Emergency Management Coordinator and Jeff Rager seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

POLICE REPORT

Jeff Rager wants to review Police contract, not happy with the traffic control effort.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jeff Rager made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular meeting of February 15, 2022, as written. Ron Gyure seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim Moore 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 February. Chuck O'Shell seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Jeff Miller spoke regarding re-writing the lease for the football field to New Florence Fire Department. Ron Gyure commented on the borough mowing for 2022. Jim Moore asked for permission to advertise with the Tribune Democrat for sealed bids to be opened at the April meeting. Ron Gyure made a motion to advertise. Jason Beatty seconded motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING, GROUNDS, & EQUIPMENT – Ron Gyure, Chair, Jason Beatty, Second

Still having top box/cylinder issues with the plow. It will need repaired again or we should consider purchasing a new one. Orville Saunders did work on the berm at the dump. Restrictions to limiting public access to the dump were discussed. Orville Saunders will be putting up the new 25 mph speed limit signs up this week.

There was a 9th Street Project meeting with Alyssa of EADS. There were three contractors in attendance. Nine contractors had requested bid documents. Compass is the apparent low bidder. Alyssa will review all bids for completeness and present the results at the April meeting.

Catch basins on 17th and Mulberry Streets needs repaired.

STREETS AND DRAINS – Chuck O'Shell, Chair, Jeff Rager, Second

Chuck O'Shell commented when the weather gets nice, he will get with Rick Skovensky and develop a list of roads to pave in 2022.

GRANTS & FUNDING – Gwen Dellett, Chair, Mason Luther, Second
Sidewalks were mentioned to go along 13th Street to the Dollar General.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Underpass inspection, a formal inspection request letter should be sent to Norfolk Southern.

Jeff Rager 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 possible.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Executive Meeting was called at 7:33 p.m. Council was back in session at 8:00 p.m. Council set Orville Saunders's performance review to the May 17, 2022, meeting.

Council gave Jeff Miller permission to investigate the possibility of hiring an outside attorney familiar with PUC regulations to formally address the underpass issues.

ADJOURN

Jeff Rager made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron Gyure seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.