

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES JANUARY 20, 2026

President Jason Beatty, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on January 20, 2026, at 6:30 pm in the Borough Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Jason Beatty, President	Scott Fuller
Todd Hepner, V.P. - Absent	Toby McIlwain, Solicitor - Absent
Ed Craft	Chuck O'Shell - Absent
Gwen Dellett - Absent	Jeff Rager
Mark Dellett, Mayor - Absent	Cheryl Priest, Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

Misty Clawson of Community Development gave a report to update the council on 2026 years events as follows:

- June 6th Yard sale day
- August 23rd Back to school event
- September 26th Vendor show 1-5pm
- October 24th Pumpkin carving 1-3pm
- October 25th Trick or treat
- November 29th Light up night

Misty also discussed they are still getting the trees evaluated on Ligonier Street that need to be trimmed/removed.

Will Clawson announced that he is the new Chief of the New Florence Fire Department. Will also gave the council a list of their 2026 events and they can be found on the website.

The Fire Department is open as a warming center if anyone is in need during the storm.

There was a discussion on a possible open house at the Fire Department sometime this year.

POLICE REPORT

Office Brandon Marsh gave the December 2025 Police Report. St. Clair Township had one (1) reported Access device fraud. Seward Borough had one (1) reported Harassment/corruption of minors, this investigation remains open. There was one (1) reportable vehicle crash in Seward Borough. New Florence Borough had no crime or crashes reported to the department. The department acquired a second desk top computer. The purchase of two (2) desktops was approved several months ago. It was decided to purchase one, try it for several months to see if it met their requirements before purchasing the second one. The department would like to thank the New Florence Borough VFW for a donation of \$3,200.00, which was used for the replacement of two (2) outdated ballistic vests for Officers Marsh and Johnson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jeff Rager made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular Meeting of December 16, 2025 as written. The motion was seconded by Scott Fuller. All in favor. Motion passed.

Jeff Rager made a motion to accept the minutes from the Re-Organization Meeting on January 5, 2026 as written. The motion was seconded by Ed Craft. All in favor. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Scott Fuller made a motion to accept December 16, 2025, Treasurer's Report as written. Ed Craft seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor, Toby McIlwain is creating a new ordinance combining #43 and #181 with regard to removing ice, snow and leaves on the sidewalks on Ligonier Street.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING, GROUNDS, & EQUIPMENT – Todd Hepner, Chair. Scott Fuller, second.

The back-up generator was serviced last week.

Council received complaints of snow piles at the Lodestar Bus Garage, being an obstruction for residents when pulling out on Rt. 711.

STREETS AND DRAINS – Chuck O'Shell, Chair, Jeff Rager, Second
EADS approved the Memory Park extension per the contractors to start in the spring. Council will re-apply for the CBDG grant for storm drains this year and updating sidewalks.

GRANTS & FUNDING – Gwen Dellett, Chair, Todd Hepner, Second
No report.

LANDBANK – Ed Craft, Chair; Todd Hepner, Second
No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT
No report.

ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT – Ed Craft
No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Tree cutting at the old dentist office.

NEW BUSINESS

Jason Beatty discussed the Senior Center grant for the generator has been submitted and at their meeting in February we will know whether we are getting the grant.

Jason Beatty and Ed Craft were approached to get a handicap ramp parking space at the Ligonier Street Diner. Council will check into this.

ADJOURN

Scott Fuller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ed Craft. All in favor. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.