

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES FEBRUARY 17, 2026

President Jason Beatty, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on February 17, 2026, at 6:30 pm in the Borough Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Jason Beatty, President
Todd Hepner, V.P.
Ed Craft
Gwen Dellett
Mark Dellett, Mayor

Scott Fuller - Absent
Toby McIlwain, Solicitor - Absent
Chuck O'Shell
Jeff Rager
Cheryl Priest, Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

Abigail Hakas introduced herself as a reporter for the Latrobe Bulletin.

POLICE REPORT

No officers were in attendance to give the January 2026 Police Report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gwen Dellett made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular Meeting of January 20, 2026, as written. The motion was seconded by Ed Craft. All in favor. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jeff Rager made a motion to accept January 20, 2025, Treasurer's Report as written. Todd Hepner seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor, Toby McIlwain created a new ordinance combining #43 and #181 and added new language for snow removal with penalties. Council will review and make edits at the next Borough meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

No report.

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

Jeff Rager had a discussion with Brandon Firestone, our Liquid Fuels representative, regarding the intent of the council not to do seal coating like they did last year. We will pave the streets every other year with milling and paving only, no tar and chipping. Beginning April 1, 2026, council will meet with Mr. Firestone to discuss the process for this year's paving.

GRANTS & FUNDING – Gwen Dellett, Chair, Todd Hepner, Second

No report.

LANDBANK – Ed Craft, Chair; Todd Hepner, Second

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Dellett had some inquiries from residents as to where to put the snow upon removal.

ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT – Ed Craft

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Ligonier Endowment sent a check in the amount of \$21,000.00 for a generator at the Laurel Valley Senior Citizen Center in New Florence.

New Florence Borough received payment from St. Clair Township for 2025 and 2026 their portion of the workman's compensation for the New Florence Fire Department.

NEW BUSINESS

Somerset Trust Bank inquired as to whether they are permitted to bring in a petting zoo for New Florence Community Days. Council voted unanimously for approval.

ADJOURN

Todd Hepner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Gwen Dellett. All in favor. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.