

## **BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

President Jason Beatty, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the Borough Building.

### **ROLL CALL**

Members Present:

Jason Beatty, President	Scott Fuller - Absent
Mason Luther, V. P.	Gwen Dellett
Jeff Rager	Ed Craft
Chuck O'Shell	Cheryl Priest, Secretary
Dan Hewitt, Solicitor	

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Misty Clawson presented a calendar of events for 2024 New Florence Community Development Committee.

### **POLICE REPORT**

Officer Marsh gave the January Police Report. The NIBRS certification was completed this month and there is an internet search also; which will provide a wealth of information. (4) four criminal investigations occurred this month. The Police department completed mandatory training sessions which were all virtual. of CJIS. The Township and Boroughs involved with the police service agreement were urged to contract with a dog service collection to avoid any instances in the future with running loose as they are not trained or have the equipment to maintain a captured dog.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chuck O'Shell made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular meeting of January 16, 2024 as written. The motion was seconded by Jeff Rager. All in favor. Motion passed.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mason Luther made a motion to accept the January 2024 Treasurers Report as written. Gwen Dellett seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed. Ed Craft abstained.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Dan Hewitt discussed the Property maintenance Ordinance No. 1 of 2024. He also spoke regarding the Community Development Committee needing their EIN number and he will check into this.

Dan Hewitt spoke on the advertising of Ordinance No. 1 of 2024. Mason Luther made a motion to advertise the Ordinance. Jeff Rager seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BUILDING, GROUNDS, & EQUIPMENT** – Mason Luther, Chair. Scott Fuller, second.

Jeff Rager discussed the "outdoor" furnaces.

Mason Luther discussed the new replacement of the secretary's computer is done and running smoothly.

Al Thomas replaced new led lights in the garage (backhoe area) and attic that had been donated to us.

Al Thomas has requested to get a lift cart to make it easier to remove the spreader off and on from the dump truck. Council is in agreement to purchase the cart at Harbor Freight.

Jason Beatty discussed that Al Thomas is starting to put the street signs back up.

**STREETS AND DRAINS** – Chuck O’Shell, Chair, Jeff Rager, Second  
Chuck O’Shell and Jeff Rager took a trip around town regarding tar and chipping paving projects for 2024.

Jeff Rager mentioned Norfolk Southern bringing their large equipment in and placing it on the roads. Jason Beatty spoke on an e-mail he received from Peoples Gas on our paving plan.

**GRANTS & FUNDING** – Gwen Dellett, Chair, Mason Luther, Second  
Mason Luther spoke on the grant we were awarded for Memory Park in the amount of \$71,400.00. EADS will be contacted regarding Memory Park.

**LANDBANK** – Ed Craft, Chair; Mason Luther, Second  
No report on the Landbank.

**ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT** – Ed Craft

Ed Craft reported on a house that is going to be vacated and he is working on getting it cleaned before they leave. He will also keep council informed as the letters that were sent out.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Jeff Rager to contact Dan Beyer of EADS on the Osborne Street repairs. We are still waiting on paperwork for the demolition of the Overall Factory. Group training was discussed by Jason Beatty. File storage was discussed by council on a date to start.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Jason Beatty discussed that the Sewage Authority Board still has an open seat.

There was a discussion on the Borough Employee Supervisor, which is now eliminated.

Jason Beatty spoke on sending St. Clair Township an invoice on the Workers Compensation that they owe.

Jason Beatty called for an Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss Real Estate and Open Positions. Executive Session ended at 7:48 p.m.

The Borough of New Florence will advertise to hold a special meeting at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 to convene the Vacancy Board to consider the opening position of Mayor.

## **ADJOURN**

Mason Luther 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 7:50 p.m.