

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES MARCH 17, 2026

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No report.

POLICE REPORT

Officer Marsh gave the February Police Report. St. Clair Township had one (1) reported burglary which remains under investigation. One (1) reported theft of a cell phone. Also, under investigation are three (3) Child Line complaints. There were four (4) reported crashes two (2) of which are DUI related charges pending. Also, a non-reportable hit and run, no suspects at this time. New Florence has one (1) Child Line investigation which was unfounded. Seward had one (1) reported attempted theft which is under investigation and one (1) reposed vehicle. The department had two (2) assists with the Pennsylvania State Police in Fairfield Township. The department received a grant from Ligonier Valley Endowment in the amount of \$21,000.00 which will be used for the purchase of portable radios and tasers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Scott Fuller made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular Meeting of February 17, 2026, as written. Todd Hepner seconded the motion.

All in favor. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chuck O'Shell made a motion to accept February 17, 2026, Treasurer's Report as written. Scott Fuller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Jason Beatty and Jeff Rager had a conversation earlier and decided to table the Sidewalk Ordinance until they get more time to review it.

There is a Fire Department Billing Ordinance which local fire companies can do a third-party billing. Jeff Rager made a motion to advertise in the newspaper. Chuck O'Shell seconded the motion. Jason Beatty abstained. All in favor. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Jeff Rager made a motion to advertise for bids for the generator at the Senior Center. Todd Hepner seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Scott Fuller discussed getting a quote from Mosquito Joe for this years spraying.

STREETS AND DRAINS – Chuck O'Shell, Chair, Jeff Rager, Second
Jason Beatty mentioned we still have paving projects for this year but obviously don't have the weather. The catch basin at 13th and Sassafras Streets were discussed by council members on getting a quote to replace.

Willie Clawson asked about repairing Penn Street, EADS Engineering is looking into this matter.

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
No report.

NEW BUSINESS
No report.

ADJOURN

Jeff Rager made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Scott Fuller. All in favor. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.