

## **BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES MARCH 19, 2024**

President Jason Beatty, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the Borough Building.

### **ROLL CALL**

Members Present:

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Phil Ferris thanked the Borough for the card and flowers that were sent during the funeral of his father. The New Florence Fire Department is looking to approach the Endowment for a grant. Phil has asked permission to use the Borough since they do not have their (501)c yet to apply for grants. Ed Craft made a motion to support the request of the New Florence Fire Department to the Endowment. Gwen Dellett seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

### **POLICE REPORT**

Jason Beatty would like to thank Officer Marsh for coming on duty and doing a traffic detail on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 during the funeral viewing as we had doubled the population of town and he assisted with traffic. Jason Beatty gave the February Police Report. The Police Department has begun the NIBRS report as of February 1, 2024. Crime reporting is publicly available on this website ([www.ucr.pa.gov/PAUCRSPUBLIC/Home/Index](http://www.ucr.pa.gov/PAUCRSPUBLIC/Home/Index)). Seward/St. Clair Twp. Had an increase of vandalism and thefts from motor vehicles. February

was a busy month with investigations. Please keep your vehicle locked and valuables inside your residence.

Jeff Rager made a comment that he thinks this Police Report is ridiculous, unprofessional to have no traffic stops in (3) three communities for a whole month.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Jeff Rager made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular meeting of February 20, 2024 as written. The motion was seconded by Chuck O'Shell. All in favor. Motion passed.

Gwen Dellett made a motion to accept the minutes of the special meeting of the Vacancy Board on February 27, 2024 as written. The motion was seconded by Scott Fuller. All in favor. Motion passed.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Gwen Dellett made a motion to accept the February 20, 2024 Treasurers Report as written. Chuck O'Shell seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Jason Beatty made a motion that we write a check to New Florence Fire Department in the amount of \$453.48 out of the General fund which was the money left over from the Memory Park project that the Eagle Scouts did and we send it to New Florence Fire Department to do the memorial bench. Jeff Rager seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Dan Hewitt advertised the Property maintenance Ordinance No. 1 of 2024. Ed Craft made a motion to approve Property maintenance Ordinance No. 1 of 2024. Scott Fuller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Dan Hewitt will draft an ordinance to advertise the liquid fuels map for the culdesac in the manor.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Ed Craft discussed selling the ENRADD system to Derry. Ed Craft made a motion to sell the ENRADD to Derry Borough for \$300.00 as is. Chuck Jeff seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Al Thomas discussed putting stop signs up. The cart lift table for the spreader is made which will make it a lot easier to use.

**STREETS AND DRAINS** – Chuck O'Shell, Chair, Jeff Rager, Second  
Jeff Rager discussed paving the streets with a "seal coat" which is better than tar and chipping. Brandon Firestone, our liquid fuels representative wrote up an estimate to do all the paving.

Al Thomas will contact R & L to sweep streets.

**GRANTS & FUNDING** – Gwen Dellett, Chair, Mason Luther, Second  
No report.

**LANDBANK** – Ed Craft, Chair; Mason Luther, Second  
No report on the Landbank, should be done before summer.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

No report.

**ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT** – Ed Craft

Ed Craft will work with Dan Hewitt on the new ordinances to be used.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Group training and going through the file storage.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Jason Beatty discussed that the Sewage Authority Board still needs one person.

Jason Beatty also discussed that there are (4) four open seats on the Rec Board.

## **ADJOURN**

Jeff Rager 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 7:25 p.m.