

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES APRIL 15, 2025

President Jason Beatty, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 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 - Absent
Chuck O'Shell	Cheryl Priest, Secretary
Dan Hewitt, Solicitor - Absent	Mark Dellett, Mayor

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chad Gutshall spoke on speeding issues in town and mentioned some council members and family and friends are guilty.

POLICE REPORT

Officer Brandon Marsh gave the March 2025 Police Report. The department continues to move forward without any major problems. Patrols were increased with regards of juveniles and ATV complaints resulting in citations issued. Burglaries in Seward where a bicycle and air compressor were taken, that remains under investigation. Attempted burglary at St. Vincent DePaulStore where a window was smashed out. Criminal mischief was reported in New Florence as juveniles were breaking windows of an unoccupied structure. Traffic citations were issued in New Florence Borough, St. Clair Township and Seward. One reportable crash in St. Clair Township. The "mini-bikes" from Johnstown are being looked into by the Police Department. The "jake-brake" ordinance was also discussed regarding the trucks coming through town.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gwen Dellett made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular Meeting of March 18, 2025 as written. The motion was seconded by Chuck O'Shell. All in favor. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jeff Rager made a motion to accept the March 18, 2025 Treasurer's Report as written. Scott Fuller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Al Thomas reported that the streets were swept about two (2) weeks ago by R&L and they did a good job. Al is working on the hydraulic unit for the dump truck. The main breaker/pole at the playground seems to be tripping, Al Thomas and Jeff Rager will check it out.

Scott Fuller discussed the quotes for mosquitoes. Jason Beatty made a motion to hire D-Bug to do the mosquito litigation not to exceed \$3500.00 for the summer. Chuck O'Shell seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed. The lights at Memorial Park are on a timer and a discussion was led by council to replace with a photo cell.

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

Jason Beatty discussed getting prices on crack seal from Quaker Sales. Jeff Rager is contacting EADS with the CDBG grant at Memory Park. Dan Beyers of EADS will send an e-mail updating council.

Chuck O'Shell gave a report on the catch basin on 15th Street and water isn't draining properly.

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

LANDBANK – Ed Craft, Chair; Mason Luther, Second
No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mark Dellett gave a discussion regarding the parked cars/large trucks on Rt 711 by the restaurant and coming out on 15th Street are causing a problem with some residents pulling out, having difficulty seeing.

ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT – Ed Craft
No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Jason Beatty spoke on the insurance quotes and this is pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Jason Beatty announced New Florence/Community yard sale days is June 7, 2025. Somerset Trust and Community Development are going together, activities at the playground starting at 11:00 a.m. Dumpster days are June 20 and 21, 2025.

Jason Beatty called for an Executive Session at 7:34 p.m. to discuss Budget issues. Executive session ended at 7:43 p.m.

ADJOURN

Jeff Rager 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 7:44 p.m.