

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES APRIL 21, 2026

President Jason Beatty, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on April 21, 2026, at 6:30 pm in the Borough Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Misty Clawson of Community Development asked if they could have a waiver to serve alcohol if they have alcohol vendors participate in the Craft and Vendor show at the New Florence playground. Council will check with our Solicitor before taking any action.

Misty Clawson also discussed the issue of dead trees that need to come down, especially the tree in front of the library.

POLICE REPORT

Officer Marsh gave the March Police Report. St. Clair Township had three (3) Child Line referrals 2 of which were unfounded and one (1) remains under investigation. One (1) reportable crash (open container/littering). One (1) trespass/break in under investigation. One (1) false report/abuse of 911 is under investigation.

New Florence Borough also had three (3) Child Lines. One (1) unfounded, two (2) under investigation. One 1 disorderly conduct. One (1) PFA violation. One (1) Domestic Aggravated Assault/strangulation. One (1) obstruction of justice.

Seward Borough had one 1) child line which is under investigation. One (1) domestic harassment/disorderly conduct and one (1) terroristic threats which is under investigation.

The department had five (5) assist in March, two (2) with Ligonier Valley three (3) with the Pennsylvania State Police.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chuck O'Shell made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular Meeting of March 17, 2026, as written. Todd Hepner seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Scott Fuller made a motion to accept March 17, 2026, Treasurer's Report as written. Jeff Rager seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Jason Beatty read Ordinance 1 of 2026 Fire Department Billing Ordinance to council. Todd Hepner made a motion to proceed with Ordinance 1 of 2026. Jeff Rager seconded the motion. Jason Beatty sustained. All in favor. Motion passed.

Jason Beatty discussed the Sidewalk Ordinance with council and it is still pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Al Thomas checked on prices for cold patch.

Jason Beatty is getting two (2) bids for the generator at the Senior Center.

Scott Fuller presented a quote from Mosquito Joe \$1900.00 for ten (10) treatments for this year's spraying.

Dumpster Days will be on June 19, 20, 2026 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM or until full.

STREETS AND DRAINS – Chuck O’Shell, Chair, Jeff Rager, Second
Jeff Rager discussed the 13th Street catch basin project along with several other streets in New Florence that need paving.

EADS Engineering will check into re-applying for the CDBG grant this year.

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
Ed Craft gave an update on the properties which are in violations.

OLD BUSINESS
No report.

NEW BUSINESS
Painting the sub-way was discussed by an individual. Council will look into this project.

ADJOURN
Scott Fuller 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 8:03 p.m.