

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES MAY 17, 2022

President Jim Moore, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 6:30 pm in the Borough Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Jim Moore	Gwen Dellett
Jeff Rager	Jason Beatty
Chuck O'Shell	Ed Craft, Mayor
Ron Gyure	
Jeff Miller, Solicitor	

Members Absent:

Cheryl Priest
Mason Luther

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Watt asked if any progress has been made on the Ordinance enforcement. Jim Moore replied yes.

POLICE REPORT

Jim Moore reviewed the Police Report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chuck O'Shell made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular meeting of April 19, 2022, as written. Jason Beatty seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim Moore reported on current balance in the General Fund, State Highway Funds and Money Market accounts. After review, Jeff Rager made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report for March. Gwen Dellett seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Jeff Miller reported he was unable to find outside counsel for the underpass issue. He will contact PSAB regarding any recommendations for a PUC counsel.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING, GROUNDS, & EQUIPMENT – Ron Gyure, Chair.

Ron Gyure discussed planning for concrete sidewalks at Memory Park. Costs for concrete work are high currently. He suggested asphalt instead. Ron said some of the concrete slabs at the playground is beginning to sink due to roof drainage. Ron said memorial benches should be standardized and the installation costs should be covered by the donator. Ron asked about grass contract, Jim Moore said MPH is mowing again in 2022. Ron said a contractor has dumped blacktop at dump.

STREETS AND DRAINS – Chuck O'Shell, Chair, Jason Beatty second

Chuck O'Shell asked if patching on 5th Street was done, Orville Saunders replied yes.

Jim Moore said a pre-construction meeting for the 9th Street project was held. They expect to start the project in early. Jim Moore mentioned that the quotes for street sweeping bids are in. R & L is \$123.00 per hour for labor and \$146.00 per hour for machine time. A & H costs to rent street a sweeper for a week is \$3,850.00. Jeff Rager made motion to hire R & L for a maximum of (16) sixteen hours for sweeping. Ron Gyure seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Jim Moore said there is currently a plate over a collapsed catch basin on Osborne Street and that repairs are required. Jim will follow-up with Jim Pillsbury. Jeff Rager asked about shale pile, Orville Saunders said it is cleaned up.

GRANTS & FUNDING – Gwen Dellett, Chair, Mason Luther, Second
Gwen Dellett mentioned a grant from PennDOT which could be used for sidewalks. Gwen Dellett was also looking for a recycling grant.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Ed Craft and Jeff Rager are working on letters for ordinance violations. The mayor will need to be certified before he can issue any citations. There may be a class available at IUP

OLD BUSINESS

Jim Moore said a lease for the football field has been completed with the Fire Company. It just needs signed. Jim Moore asked if anyone has suggestions for a Sewage Authority Board appointment. Ron Gyure asked if St Clair Township has been paying their share of the workers compensation costs for the New Florence Fire Company. Jim Moore replied that they have not been paying for some time and asked if the solicitor could draft a letter to the Township on the matter.

NEW BUSINESS

Dumpster days are set for June 17th and 18th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or until full. Chuck O'Shell made motion to accept the dumpster dates. Jim Moore seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

The Boy Scouts were recognized for their attendance at the meeting. They are working on Citizenship in Community merit badge. The Scouts are accepting donations for the yard sale and will be set up at the Methodist Church.

Greg Csehoski provided some statistics on the borough web page. The page Our website now consists of forty-two pages. There have been 10,792 visitors to the website in the past year.

Jim Moore provided the new guidelines for spending the COVID relief funds. Council had originally earmarked the funds for catch basin repairs. However, the money can now be spent in many ways. Jim Moore appointed Chuck O'Shell, Jason Beatty and Gwen Dellett to form a committee to review and recommend projects for Covid Relief Funds.

Ron Gyure said the Historical Society does not want to take on the project of restoring the old public fountain.

Jim Moore called for an Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. for Real Estate and Personnel issues. Executive Session ended at 7:58 p.m.

Jeff Rager made motion to retain Orville Saunders at \$17.50 per hour. Gwen Dellett seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

Ron Gyure made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jason Beatty seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.