

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES JUNE 16, 2026

President Jason Beatty, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on June 16, 2026, at 6:30 pm in the Borough Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No report.

POLICE REPORT

Jason Beatty gave the May Police Report. St. Clair Township: Two (2) Citations for confinement. One (1) reported Identify theft which is under investigation. One (1) reported theft and two (2) Child lines also under investigation.

New Florence Borough: One (1) reported runaway who was located in Nashville, Tennessee. One (1) identity theft/fraud which is under investigation. Two (2) child line reports which are under investigation.

Seward: One (1) child endangerment under investigation and one Assault/criminal mischief which is still under investigation.

Assists: Game commission with trespassing. Two (2) assist with New Florence Codes. One (1) assists with Highland Water Authority. Assisted West Hills/Ligonier with a man hunt. Assisted Pennsylvania State Police with reportable accident/DUI arrest which occurred in Fairfield Township with the vehicle fleeing Ligonier Valley Elementary School where the suspect was apprehended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jeff Rager made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular Meeting of May 19, 2026, as written. Gwen Dellett seconded the motion.

All in favor. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gwen Dellett made a motion to accept May 19, 2026, Treasurer's Report as written. Ed Craft seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Toby McIlwain led a discussion on the draft Sidewalk Ordinance with Borough council. Ed Craft made a motion to advertise the Sidewalk Ordinance in the newspaper. Todd Hepner seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

The Senior Center generator is on hold until the Pittsburgh Foundation re-issues the money.

Al Thomas discussed not replacing the string/weed trimmer and purchasing a head trimmer attachment.

Dumpsters will be arriving on June 18, 2026, for Dumpster Days on June 19 and 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 and Chuck O'Shell are still waiting for bids on the catch basin project along with several other streets in New Florence that need paving. Jeff Rager is going to contact Brandon Firestone, Liquid Fuels representative, to discuss the streets and price.

GRANTS & FUNDING – Gwen Dellett, Chair, Todd Hepner, Second
No report.

LANDBANK – Ed Craft, Chair; Todd Hepner, Second
No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Dellett received a complaint from a resident who received a written notice on her door to evacuate, etc.

ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT – Ed Craft

Ed Craft sent out ten (10) letters on the properties which are in violations.

OLD BUSINESS

A discussion regarding the bees nest down in the subway.

Overgrown trees on the east side of the subway need trimmed.

NEW BUSINESS

Jason Beatty discussed the 2020 back taxes requesting payment. Cheryl Priest, Secretary is looking into this issue.

New Florence Borough council received REC Board updates for the summer.

ADJOURN

Jeff Rager made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Todd Hepner. All in favor. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.