

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES JUNE 20, 2023

President Jim Moore, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 6:30 pm in the Borough Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Jim Moore, President	Mason Luther
Jeff Rager, V.P.	Jason Beatty
Ron Gyure	Chuck O'Shell
Jeff Miller, Solicitor	Cheryl Priest, Secretary
Ed Craft, Mayor	

Members Absent:
Gwen Dellett

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment.

POLICE REPORT

Jim Moore presented the May Police Report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chuck O'Shell made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 16, 2023, meeting as written. Mason Luther seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mason Luther made a motion to accept the May 2023 Treasurers Report as written. Jason Beatty seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Jeff Miller stated the draft agreement for the Property Condition Assessment with the Land Bank is still in progress.

No activity on an ordinance for the 15th Street dumping.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING, GROUNDS, & EQUIPMENT – Ron Gyure, Chair. Jason Beatty, second.

Jim Moore discussed the estimates he received on putting a new drain in front of the garage door to keep from flooding. The quotes also consisted of a sidewalk running along the building, making a new handicap accessible entrance and an additional concrete catch basin. The low bid was \$16,500 from Hillsvew Landscaping of Ligonier, PA.

Mason Luther made a motion to go forward with the drainage and sidewalk project with Hillsvew Landscaping as the contractor. The motion was seconded by Chuck O'Shell. All in favor. Motion passed.

Jim Moore made a motion that we use the covid funds for the work at the borough building. Jeff Rager seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Jason Beatty spoke on a quote for a back-up generator. Curbs are currently being painted; Jake St. Clair is doing a fantastic job.

Jason also discussed that Blairsville Borough has a leaf collection machine for sale for \$1.00.

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

Jim Moore gave a report on repair activity on the subway. Norfolk Southern has provided specs of the improvements.

Jim Moore also received a letter from the PUC folks that defines the subway maintenance responsibilities for all parties.

EADS engineer Dan Beyers will look at the 9th Street project punch list and the work to be completed at the Todd Page building.

GRANTS & FUNDING – Gwen Dellett, Chair, Mason Luther, Second
Dan Beyers is working on a grant application for new walkways for Memory Park.

LANDBANK – Ed Craft, Chair; Mason Luther, Second

Ed Craft received paperwork from the Landbank to move forward on the demolition of the 15th Street Property.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Ed Craft discussed the issues of contacting individuals in violation of ordinances with respect to garbage and overgrown grass.

OLD BUSINESS

No update.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Moore called for an Executive Session at 7:44 p.m. to discuss contracts and personnel issues. Executive Session ended at 8:07 p.m.

Jim Moore made a motion to award Jacob St. Clair a wage increase of a \$1.50 effective with the next pay period. Jason Beatty seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Jeff Rager made a motion that New Florence Borough have our solicitor, Jeff Miller send a letter to the St. Clair Township supervisors pertaining to the current police contract. Jim Moore seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

Jeff Rager made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jason Beatty seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.