

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES JUNE 21, 2022

Vice President Jeff Rager, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 6:30 pm in the Borough Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Jeff Rager	Gwen Dellett
Chuck O'Shell	Jason Beatty
Ron Gyure	Ed Craft, Mayor
Mason Luther	Cheryl Priest
Jeff Miller, Solicitor	

Members Absent:

Jim Moore

PUBLIC COMMENT

Judy Korchnak, Laurel Valley Class of 1966, asked for permission to put a bench up in front of the New Florence Library in memory of Jerry Page. Permission was granted.

POLICE REPORT

Jeff Rager reviewed the Police Report. Discussion regarding fireworks not allowed in New Florence. Quarterly meetings are held with the Police, Jeff Rager wants to keep Mayor Ed Craft involved and up to date. Brandon Marsh was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gwen Dellett made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular meeting of May 17, 2022, meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Chuck O'Shell. All in favor. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jeff Rager reported on current balance in the General Fund, State Highway Funds and Money Market accounts. After review, Ron Gyure made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report for May. Jason Beatty seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Jeff Miller reported on the Worker's Compensation reimbursement statute, regarding the adjoining municipalities requirement to help offset WC costs for first responders.

Discussion was brought up regarding an individual serving community service and having insurance.

151 Mulberry Street sale of property was discussed and willing to sell to Borough at a private sale. Gwen asked about if there are demolition funds available. The COVID Relief funds were brought up as to if the Borough could use those funds for this type of project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Ron Gyure mentioned the Memory Park issue needs to be looked at.

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

Chuck O'Shell said Compass Excavating is to start in August. R & L completed the street sweeping. Ron Gyure to get rates from GAP regarding the catch basins.

Mr. David Cocchia has a concern about a tree at his house. The roots have pushed up the sidewalk. Jeff Miller explained that property owners are responsible for their sidewalks. Tree removal and sidewalk repairs are the responsibility of the owner.

GRANTS & FUNDING – Gwen Dellett, Chair, Mason Luther, Second

Gwen Dellett still has not heard from PennDOT regarding the sidewalk to Dollar General.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Ed Craft mentioned he was sending out ordinance letters to individuals who are in violation.

OLD BUSINESS

Jeff Miller discussed the underpass issue, no word from the PUC. He is to follow-up on contacts. Tony Riviera sent in his resignation as a sewage board member. Jeff Rager is looking for Sewage Authority Board appointment.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

Ron Gyure made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mason Luther seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.