

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES JUNE 30, 2025

President Jason Beatty, called the re-scheduled June meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Monday, June 30, 2025, at 6:30 pm in the Borough Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Jason Beatty, President	Scott Fuller - Absent
Mason Luther, V. P. - Absent	Gwen Dellett
Jeff Rager	Ed Craft
Chuck O'Shell	Cheryl Priest, Secretary
Dan Hewitt, Solicitor - Absent	Mark Dellett, Mayor

PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg Csehoski discussed the website with regard to CourseVectors ADA compliance.

Greg would like to make repairs/fix up the bulletin board at the Post Office. Once Greg gets estimates on repairs, council will approve.

Jason Beatty received a letter from Councilmen Mason Luther tendering his resignation due to relocation out of the area. Jeff Rager made a motion to accept Mason Luther's letter of resignation effective June 30, 2025. Chuck O'Shell seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Mayor Dellett asked for nominations to fill council vacancy. Jason Beatty made a motion to accept Todd Hepner to finish out the vacated term of Mason Luther that ends on December 30, 2025. Gwen Dellett seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Todd Hepner accepted his nomination. Affidavit of Residency and Oath of Office were done.

Resolution 1 of 2025 was passed that made Mr. Hepner a member of the Borough Council. Chuck O'Shell made a motion to accept Resolution 1 of 2025. Ed Craft seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

POLICE REPORT

Jason Beatty gave the May 2025 Police Report. The department received a new computer, Bulldog Technologies installed software that is compliant with the PSP and FBI requirements. A burglary was reported in St. Clair Township at the St. Vincent DePaul Thrift store. Also burglaries in Seward Borough at Stiles Hardware and Ice Cream stand. Incident in New Florence Borough involving fire works being tossed from a moving vehicle at pedestrians. Three (3) people were charged with reckless endangerment. Three (3) citations issued for dog confinement in two (2) separate incidents and one (1) simple assault filed in New Florence. Please beware of active children now that school is out for the summer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jeff Rager made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular Meeting of May 20, 2025 as written. The motion was seconded by Gwen Dellett. All in favor. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jeff Rager made a motion to accept the May 20, 2025 Treasurer's Report as written. Ed Craft seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Jason Beatty is still waiting from Dan Beyer of EADS to give us the bid package of Memory Park. Jeff Rager made a motion to advertise the DCNR

grant for Memory Park. Chuck O'Shell seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Al Thomas gave a report that Jim Miranda removed the stump in Memory Park. New batteries were installed in the cameras.

Jeff Rager gave a report on the existing sidewalks needing replaced throughout New Florence. Jason Beatty is going to check on getting prices on replacing the sidewalks.

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

No update on the CDBG grant.

Potholes will begin patching on Thursday.

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

No report.

LANDBANK – Ed Craft, Chair; Todd Hepner, Second

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mark Dellett was approached by several people during the rentals at the playground and complaints of the ballfield overgrown with weeds and not kept up.

ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT – Ed Craft

Ed reported all the registered letters that were sent out were received. Ed is working with some of the individuals to get the work done. Citations are being issued with some residents.

OLD BUSINESS

Dumpster Days went well.

Council received a letter from Mr. Bartlett regarding the mosquitos and what action is being taken. Jason Beatty responded by mailing a letter back to him stating "Mosquito Joe" has been spraying each month

beginning in April. An email was received by DEP saying they were going to spray the whole bottom on Thursday.

NEW BUSINESS

Jason Beatty is going to contact Pam Hysong and write a grant request to the Ligonier Endowment for the generator at the Senior Center.

Mayor Dellett asked for nominations for council vice president. Chuck O'Shell made a motion to nominate Jeff Rager for Vice President. Gwen Dellett seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed. Jeff Rager abstained.

Todd Hepner was voted to replace Mason Luther in all three (3) committees.

Jason Beatty called for an Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss Personnel. Executive session ended at 7:36 p.m.

Chuck O'Shell made a motion to raise all borough employees salary by a \$1.00 increase per hour effective next pay period till the rest of the year. Jason Beatty seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

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 7:37 p.m.