

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES JULY 19, 2022

President Jim Moore, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Tuesday, June 19, 2022, at 6:30 pm in the Borough Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Jim Moore	Jason Beatty
Jeff Rager	Mason Luther
Chuck O'Shell	Cheryl Priest
Jeff Miller, Solicitor	Ed Craft, Mayor

Members Absent:

Gwen Dellett
Ron Gyure

PUBLIC COMMENT

High Ridge Water representative, Calvin Gindlesperger, spoke about a water main break. It will be necessary to install a bypass on the main line to avoid shutting the entire borough off to make repairs. An Easement Agreement was sent to the Solicitor regarding the bypass work to be performed. Jeff Miller explained the Easement to the Borough Council to approve. Jim Moore made a motion to approve the easement. The motion was seconded by Jeff Rager. All in favor. Motion passed.

Rich Trottier spoke on an inlet box issue in the New Florence Manor. The Housing Authority has been notified.

Dan Bowers spoke on cleaning up the property that he just purchased at the former Sheriffs Pizza Shop. After demolition is complete, he is considering opening a Farmers Market for the community in the space.

POLICE REPORT

Jim Moore reviewed the Police Report. Discussion by Officer Brandon Marsh regarding new computers, looking for (4) four more part-time police officers, funding for dash cams and switching up the schedules for patrolling. National Night Out will be August 2, 2022, from 5:00 – 8:00 PM. Brandon Marsh hopes to be certified on the ENRAD speed control system the middle of August.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chuck O'Shell made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular meeting of June 21, 2022 meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mason Luther. All in favor. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim Moore reported on current balances in the General Fund, State Highway Funds and Money Market accounts. After review of expenditures and credits to the General Fund, Jeff Rager made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report for June. Chuck O'Shell seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Jeff Miller reported on the underpass. He still hasn't located an attorney that specializes in PUC issues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING, GROUNDS, & EQUIPMENT – Ron Gyure, Chair; Jason Beatty, Second

Jason Beatty is still needs to review new walkway design ideas in Memory Park.

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

Jim Moore spoke with Alyssa Rouser of EADS regarding the 9th Street project which is scheduled to start in August. Test holes will be dug soon. Work will begin as soon as the precast catch basins are delivered.

Chuck O'Shell brought up discussion on paving of 12th Street following the gas line work. Orville will ask Lindy Construction for a quote on the work. Jim Moore will contact our PennDOT rep to discuss.

GRANTS & FUNDING – Gwen Dellett, Chair, Mason Luther, Second
No Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Ed Craft reported that he was sending out ordinance letters to individuals who are in violation. He has sent sixteen (16) so far. He is also taking pictures to document. Ed Craft to go to Magistrate and get sworn in so he can write citations. A council member from Burrell Township is assisting him in on getting certification as an Ordinance Officer.

Ed Craft led a discussion on the Land Bank in Westmoreland County. He will contact Haley Katzfield to see if she can attend our next Borough Council meeting to give a presentation.

OLD BUSINESS

Lenny Lichtenfels said the New Florence Sewage Authority Board has one (1) opening due to Tony Rivera's recent resignation. Jim Moore asked Greg Csehoski to post a notice for volunteers on the Borough website.

McInchok Sanitation charged the Borough \$1,650.00 for 3 dumpsters for Spring Clean-up days this year. Next year we may have to consider charging residents for the service.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

Jeff Rager made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Chuck O'Shell. All in favor. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.