

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES AUGUST 16, 2022

Vice President Jeff Rager, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 6:30 pm in the Borough Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Jeff Rager
Gwen Dellett
Cheryl Priest
Jeff Miller, Solicitor

Jason Beatty
Mason Luther
Ed Craft, Mayor

Members Absent:

Jim Moore
Ron Gyure
Chuck O'Shell

PUBLIC COMMENT

Megan Henry stated she would like to be considered for a position on the sewage committee and apply for the secretary position. Jeff Rager explained the position is for New Florence Borough and Megan resides in St. Clair Township, may change later.

POLICE REPORT

Jeff Rager reviewed the Police Report. Discussion on Chestnut Street whereas (3) to (4) kids were riding quads. Also discussed coal trucks using Jake brakes on the south end of town. Need to monitor that more closely.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gwen Dellett made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular meeting of July 19, 2022, minutes as written. Jason Beatty seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Jeff Miller reported on the status of proposing a Code Enforcement Officer and prepared an advertisement. Gwen Dellett made a motion to advertise Ordinance No. 2 of 2022. Mason Luther seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Status of the burned property on Mulberry Street, it is scheduled for Judicial sale in December 2022 due to unable to serve papers on the two (2) heirs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Mark Dellett gave an update on the playground ballfield. A surveillance system has been installed. Upgrades were made to the restrooms. A new agreement has been reached with the soccer league. New upgrades within the kitchen are next on the list. A batting cage was erected. A new piece of equipment, a tire swing, was installed by Allen Solich.

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

Still waiting on a quote for to repave a section of 12th Street. The cost from quoted from COG of Blairsville for 24 hours of vacuum cleaning was \$4,400.00. Mason Luther made a motion to hire this contractor for three (3) days to do work. Jason Beatty seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

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

Mason Luther discussed putting in sidewalk by Dollar General and decided it would be in the best interest to do something in Memorial Park instead.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Ed Craft has been busy the last couple of weeks at the courthouse. Denell O'Brien was highly informative regarding the demolition of properties. A meeting with the Westmoreland County Landbank is set-up for September 20, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. at the Borough building.

Subway issues regarding the giant potholes, Mike Slope to discuss with Ed Craft. Susan Alexandria to also deal with PennDOT.

Ed Craft gave fifteen (15) ordinance letters out and five (5) have begun to clean up. He will keep writing letters every thirty (30) days. The mayor asked permission to purchase an iPad to assist in his work. Council approved the purchase. Again, Council was pleased to hear this update from the mayor.

OLD BUSINESS

New Florence Sewage Sanitary Authority Board is still down one (1) person. New Florence Borough is asking for volunteers.

Jim Moore and Jeff Rager had previously discussed paving walkways in on Memory Park. We will need quotes from contractors.

St. Clair Township is still behind approximately five (5) years of payments towards the Volunteer Fire Company's workers compensation insurance. Jim Moore has provided the information to the Township supervisors.

COVID relief funds were mentioned and was tabled until a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

Jeff Rager discussed the Ordinance Enforcement Officer ad to be placed in the Tribune-Democrat.

Jeff Miller explained the distinct types of tax sales are Annual Sales, Judicial Sales, and Repository Sales.

ADJOURN

Mason Luther made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jason Beatty seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.