

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES AUGUST 18, 2026

President Jason Beatty, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on August 18, 2026, at 6:30 pm in the Borough Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Jason Beatty, President
Todd Hepner, V.P.
Ed Craft
Gwen Dellett
Mark Dellett, Mayor

Scott Fuller - Absent
Toby McIlwain, Solicitor - Absent
Chuck O'Shell
Jeff Rager
Cheryl Priest, Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathy and Dave Jacoby are concerned with motorcycles racing up and down the streets. Storm drains going down to the dump do not drain properly and retaining water in their yard.

Garbage service was discussed as now there are (3) different vendors in town. Roads, catch basins, etc., are getting torn up.

POLICE REPORT

Officer Johnson gave the July Police Report. Crime for the month of July is as follows: St. Clair Township: One (1) Trespass and one (1) littering complaint both were cleared by arrest. Also, one (1) animal abuse investigation remains open. New Florence Borough had one (1) domestic assault which was cleared by arrest. Seward had nothing to report. The Department received two (2) portable radios through Ligonier Endowment Fund. These radios are currently being programmed and should be in service soon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chuck O'Shell made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular Meeting of July 28, 2026, as written. Todd Hepner seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jeff Rager made a motion to accept July 28, 2026, Treasurer's Report as written. Gwen Dellett seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Jason Beatty discussed the 2nd quarterly budget review with council.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

The Senior Center finally received the grant money from the Ligonier Endowment Fund.

Al Thomas and Jake St. Clair trimmed some trees and stick pickup as usual. Cleaned the grate where the motorcycle incident was. Also, if your yard waste is too heavy, maintenance workers will not pick it up. They will spray paint a green X on it.

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

Jason Beatty announced that the two (2) catch basins by the bus garage are completed and the contractor did a fantastic job.

Jason Beatty and Jeff Rager mentioned since we didn't get the CDBG Block Grant last year, the Application came back in and we contacted EADS Engineering and re-submitted the same project from last year and hopefully for next year.

Jason Beatty opened and read Paving Bids. Three (3) bids as follows:

United Paving, Quaker Sales and El Grande.

El Grande - \$58,641.00

Quaker Sales - \$59,670.00

United Paving - \$55,688.20

Chuck O'Shell made a motion to accept United Paving's bid of \$55,688.20.

Jeff Rager seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

GRANTS & FUNDING – Gwen Dellett, Chair, Todd Hepner, Second

Jason Beatty and Gwen Dellett are going to look into the LSA grant which is zero (0) match. EADS Engineering will assist in applying for this grant by September 30, 2026.

LANDBANK – Ed Craft, Chair; Todd Hepner, Second

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Dellett had several residents mention high weeds at the ballfield. The REC Board was contacted about this issue.

ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT – Ed Craft

Ed Craft is sending out citations regarding properties which are in violations.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Jason Beatty discussed and read the Disposition of Meeting Recordings, Resolution No. 1 of 2026 to the borough council. Jeff Rager made a motion to accept Resolution No. 1 of 2026. Gwen Dellett seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

A discussion was held regarding Singer Accounting holding a meeting with council to perform annual audits on September 17, 2026.

Jason Beatty also led a discussion on handling Quarterly Taxes. Jason Beatty made a motion to pay Carrie Tantlinger the rate of \$25.00 an hour for assisting with the quarterly taxes in Quick Books. Ed Craft seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Todd Hepner discussed speaking with Parrish Contracting regarding the sidewalks at the New Florence Library. A bid of \$400.00 to grind the sidewalks was received. Jeff Rager made a motion to grind down the high spots. Ed Craft seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Jason Beatty read Solicitation Ordinance No. 3 of 2026. Todd Hepner made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 3 of 2026. Chuck O'Shell seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

Jeff Rager made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chuck O'Shell seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.