

## **BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES AUGUST 19, 2025**

President Jason Beatty, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on August 19, 2025, at 6:30 pm in the Borough Building.

### **ROLL CALL**

Members Present:

Jason Beatty, President  
Jeff Rager, V. P.  
Ed Craft - Absent  
Gwen Dellett - Absent  
Mark Dellett, Mayor

Scott Fuller  
Todd Hepner  
Dan Hewitt, Solicitor - Absent  
Chuck O'Shell  
Cheryl Priest, Secretary

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No report.

### **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Patrick Goggin gave the July 2025 Police Report. The department had several criminal investigations in July, which required a fair amount of time. One investigation required the assistance of Westmoreland County Detectives and other agencies to complete and only to be unfound. The department updated its crash reporting system security measures; all were revised and in compliance with Pennsylvania State Police and FBI standards. St. Clair has an open theft investigation. New Florence has an open investigation for burglary/assault. Seward had a reported child endangerment case which is under investigation. A domestic dispute resulted in 3 disorderly conduct and a harassment citation being issued. Second domestic resulted criminal charges for aggravated assault/strangulation. 3 traffic citations were filed on information received.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Jeff Rager made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular Meeting of July 15, 2025 as written. The motion was seconded by Scott Fuller. All in favor. Motion passed.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Jeff Rager made a motion to accept the July 15, 2025, Treasurer's Report as written. Chuck O'Shell seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Jason Beatty gave the Quarterly Budget Review report.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

No report.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Jason Beatty announced that Memory Park bid has been advertised on PennBid. Bids are due on September 15, 2025.

Drain cameras were discussed by Jason Beatty and Scott Fuller. Jason Beatty made a motion to purchase a 100-foot drain camera for \$300.00. Todd Hepner seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

We are still waiting to hear from HUD regarding the release of funds.

Al Thomas discussed the dump rules need to be read when dumping at the site, oversized logs, 4x4 boards with nails in them, not acceptable.

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

No report.

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

No report.

**LANDBANK** – Ed Craft, Chair; Todd Hepner, Second

No report.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

No report.

## **ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT – Ed Craft**

No report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Jason Beatty discussed receiving the sidewalk grinding quote in the amount of \$2000.00 from Parrish Contracting. Jeff Rager made a motion to hire Parrish Contracting to grind down and remove the materials. The motion was seconded by Scott Fuller. All in favor. Motion passed.

Greg Csehoski discussed fixing the bulletin board with a price of \$265.00 and volunteering his time. Council made a motion pay for the materials, Greg will donate his time to the project.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Jason Beatty and Jeff Rager led a discussion on updating/revising the burning ordinance. Adjusting the time allotments on Tuesday and Thursdays to open later, due to some residents working second shifts, weather, activities related. Stipulations regarding recreational fires were also discussed.

Council discussed having fire hydrant issues and will be contacting Highridge Water Authority.

Council received a letter regarding the CDBG 2026 Grant application process. Jeff Rager will contact Dan Beyer of EADS Engineering.

Jason Beatty called for an Executive Session at 7:33 p.m. to discuss contracts. Executive session ended at 7:58 p.m.

Dumpsters Days are being discussed.

## **ADJOURN**

Jeff Rager made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Scott Fuller. All in favor. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.