

## **BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES SEPTEMBER 16, 2025**

President Jason Beatty, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on September 16, 2025, at 6:30 pm in the Borough Building.

### **ROLL CALL**

Members Present:

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

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Misty Clawson spoke on behalf of Community Development asking for road closure for the Halloween Parade, Sunday, October 26, 2025. The council will take care of this.

### **POLICE COMMENTS**

Several residents gave their input on keeping the Police coverage in New Florence Borough.

### **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Patrick Goggin gave the August 2025 Police Report. The department will be receiving an Apple I Pad from Westmoreland County DA's Office. Items were purchased through a grant. The I Pad will be available to all officers for video arraignments, investigations and crime screen photos. This eliminates the use of officers' personal phones. St. Clair Township had 1 criminal mischief to a stop sign and the parking lot of Foxes Pizza, charges are pending. Trespass by motor vehicle (dirt bike) charges pending. Seward also had trespass by motor vehicle at the Fire Hall, warning issued. The department assisted Conemaugh Township with a

man hunt and also Ligonier Valley with a separate incident. An assist Fish Commission with trespass on game land.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Gwen Dellett made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular Meeting of August 19, 2025 as written. The motion was seconded by Todd Hepner. All in favor. Motion passed.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Jeff Rager made a motion to accept August 19, 2025, Treasurer's Report as written. Scott Fuller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Dan Hewitt gave the council a draft of a burning ordinance for recreational burning to review/make changes.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Jason Beatty mentioned council received the drain camera, Al Thomas tested it out and it takes fantastic pictures. Bids came in for Memory Park grant. EADS Engineering has checked out this contractor and feels they are qualified; all paperwork has been received.

Jeff Rager made a motion to award this contract through EADS to El Grande Industries, Inc., for \$21,705.50. Chuck O'Shell seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Jacob St. Clair spoke on getting the trees in Memory Park checked on for some type of fungus on the trees.

Scott Fuller spoke on getting 1 more treatment in October from Mosquito Joe. The dryness helped immensely with the issues.

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

No word from HUD regarding the release of funds.

Jason Beatty made a motion to hire COG for an 8-hour day to clean storm drains. Chuck O'Shell seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

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

**LANDBANK** – Ed Craft, Chair; Todd Hepner, Second  
Four (4) residents want to dismantle properties.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**  
No report.

**ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT** – Ed Craft  
No report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Todd Hepner is contacting Parrish Contracting to get an estimate start date on the sidewalk grinding.

Dumpster Days are set for October 17 and 18, 2025.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Jason Beatty discussed increasing the Lien Letter fees with the assistance of our Solicitor, Dan Hewitt. Jason Beatty made a motion to increase the price of our Lien letters to \$35.00. The motion was seconded by Ed Craft. All in favor. Motion passed.

Jeff Rager asked Chief Goggin about the status of the quads and dirt bikes on Mulberry Street and Furnace Lane, his response was numerous people were cited.

Jason Beatty called for an Executive Session at 7:16 p.m. to discuss contracts. Executive session ended at 7:51 p.m.

## **ADJOURN**

Ed Craft made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jeff Rager. All in favor. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.