

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

President Jason Beatty, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the Borough Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Jason Beatty, President	Scott Fuller
Mason Luther, V. P. - Absent	Gwen Dellett - Absent
Jeff Rager - Absent	Ed Craft
Chuck O'Shell	Cheryl Priest, Secretary
Dan Hewitt, Solicitor	Mark Dellett, Mayor

PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg Csehoski discussed the discrepancy on the railroad crossing being closed. He is waiting on an answer and then he will update the Borough website and facebook.

POLICE REPORT

The department is seeking a part time police officer to improve coverage. Residents are urged to secure your vehicles due to another stolen vehicle unlocked with the keys in it.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chuck O'Shell made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular meeting of August 20, 2024 as written. The motion was seconded by Ed Craft. All in favor. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Scott Fuller made a motion to accept the August 20, 2024 Treasurers Report as written. Chuck O'Shell seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Dan Hewitt prepared a draft resolution of the Right to Know Law. There are no updates. A separate e-mail address will need to be made.

Dan Hewitt also recommended that Council adopt a resolution which includes the Policy and Right To Know Officer. The Secretary will be the Open Records Officer.

Scott Fuller made a motion to accept the new Right To Know Policy and Resolution. Ed Craft seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Dan Hewitt discussed taking no action on the Senior Center Deed Transfer and follow up at the next meeting with more information. Chuck O'Shell made a motion to table the Senior Center Deed Transfer. Scott Fuller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING, GROUNDS, & EQUIPMENT – Mason Luther, Chair. Scott Fuller, second.

Scott Fuller is waiting on getting mosquito mitigation quotes back. D-Bug did respond with a quote.

Jason Beatty discussed COG doing the catch basins.

Jason Beatty spoke on getting a lockable sealed bulletin board that mounts to the Borough building and a drop box for contractors, Fed Ex show up with packages, it's lockable.

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

Chuck O'Shell spoke on Russell Standard came in today and tarred and chipped, not a finished product. They will return on Friday, tweek it and come back Monday or Tuesday and put the modified version on.

Jason Beatty will contact Dan Beyer of EADS to discuss the Stormwater CDBG grant for 2025.

Jason Beatty made a motion to accept the 15% match on the 2025 CDBG Grant. Chuck O'Shell seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

HET finished up with the current stormwater project.

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

LANDBANK – Ed Craft, Chair; Mason Luther, Second
Ed Craft spoke with Haley of the Landbank regarding some issues tearing down two (2) of the properties, a house and garage. The issue is being looked into.

MAYOR'S REPORT
No report.

ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT – Ed Craft
Ed Craft helped out a residence regarding grass cutting with her mower. Letters are continuing to be sent out.
A complaint of over grown bushes by the Senior Center was discussed.

OLD BUSINESS
Jerry Lych thanked the New Florence Borough for their donation to the Block Party.

NEW BUSINESS
Dumpster Days are being set up.
Jason Beatty discussed getting a small work session together with council members to go over 2025 budget.
Community Development asked for road closures for the Halloween parade on October 27, 2024.

ADJOURN
Scott Fuller 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 7:16 p.m.