

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

President Jim Moore, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 6:30 pm in the Borough Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Jim Moore, President	Mason Luther
Jeff Rager, V.P.	Jason Beatty
Ron Gyure	Gwen Dellett
Chuck O'Shell	Ed Craft, Mayor
Dan Hewitt, Solicitor	Cheryl Priest, Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment.

Jim Moore made the announcement that he informed EADS that, based on PennDOT information, the miles within the New Florence Manor are included in our liquid fuel calculation. Therefore, the borough is responsible for the roads and drains within the Manor. EADS Engineering will work up a price for the replacement of a drain and two catch basins.

POLICE REPORT

Jim Moore gave the report on August's Police Report. The Police Department has continuing criminal investigations, NIBRS certification and a dash camera has been installed in one of the cruisers. There is an issue with the computer system. Officer Marsh attended the National Night Out program. School is in session, so please drive cautiously and pay attention to your speed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chuck O'Shell made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular meeting of August 15, 2023, as written. Jeff Rager seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jeff Rager made a motion to accept the August 2023 Treasurers Report as written. Jason Beatty seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Dan Hewitt stated there is no report on the draft agreement on the Property Condition Assessment.

Jeff Rager made a motion to have the Solicitor draft an ordinance to change the Sewage Authority Board from (7) seven seats to (5) five seats. Mason Luther seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Dan Hewitt commented that he contacted Attorney Messina regarding the Police Contract and has not responded back to him yet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING, GROUNDS, & EQUIPMENT – Ron Gyure, Chair. Jason Beatty, second.

Ron Gyure discussed the new Yard Waste Pick-Up Rules that Greg will post on the borough web site.

The contractor suggested we put sealant on the new sidewalk seams before winter.

Jason Beatty spoke on two quotes for a back-up generator, waiting on a third quote.

STREETS AND DRAINS – Chuck O'Shell, Chair, Jeff Rager, Second
Jim Moore spoke with COG to do the catch basins Monday morning.

Start at the subway and work our way down.

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

LANDBANK – Ed Craft, Chair; Mason Luther, Second

Mason Luther spoke with Hallie of the Landbank, and the borough needs to re-file the (3) three applications as the criteria has been revised.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Phil Ferris will be making some revisions to the Emergency Operations Plan.

Mason Luther discussed purchasing a TV for the meeting room so the Council can watch PSAB training sessions. Jim Moore made a motion to spend up to \$1000.00 on the tv, mount and equipment to set it up. Ron Gyure seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

There was discussion about placing another ad for the Borough maintenance employee.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Moore reported no official word yet on the Police Contract.

Jim Moore also discussed file storage in the attic.

Dumpster Days are set for October 20 and October 21, 2023, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or until full.

Jim Moore called for an Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss Contracts. Executive Session ended at 7:55 p.m.

ADJOURN

Ron Gyure made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jason Beatty seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed. The council adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.