

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES OCTOBER 15, 2024

President Jason Beatty, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the Borough Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Jason Beatty, President
Mason Luther, V. P.
Jeff Rager
Chuck O'Shell
Dan Hewitt, Solicitor

Scott Fuller
Gwen Dellett
Ed Craft
Cheryl Priest, Secretary
Mark Dellett, Mayor

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kay Mayer and Geoff Mayer discussed the property behind their house and looking to get it on the Landbank project.

Kathryn Jacoby presented council with an updated New Florence Library Directors list. Cameras are up and running.

Taylor Solich and Brandon Teeter gave an updated report on the New Florence REC Board. They are looking into acquiring grants.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Patrick Goggin gave the September 2024 Police Report. The department is running smoothly on reduced staff. A reminder to be on the lookout for school buses and children crossing in early and after hours when it's dark out. Officer Marsh and I toured the Laurel Valley Elementary School and met with all students and teachers to help with community relations. The department will be conducting several mandatory training of force and firearms qualifications.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chuck O'Shell made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular meeting of September 17, 2024 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 September 17, 2024 Treasurers Report as written. Mason Luther seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Jason Beatty presented a draft budget for council to look over and update for the year end.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Dan Hewitt discussed the Senior Center Deed grant and the existing paperwork that the New Florence Borough would incur if we did the transfer. Council will hold a special meeting at a later date for further action on this matter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Scott Fuller is waiting on getting mosquito mitigation quotes back in November. D-Bug did respond with a quote. DEP is done doing mosquito monitoring for this year.

STREETS AND DRAINS – Chuck O'Shell, Chair, Jeff Rager, Second
Chuck O'Shell and Jeff Rager gave a report regarding Russell Standard and the work they have done. Jeff Rager will contact our liquid fuels representative regarding the payment due.

COG was here and did the manholes as requested and did a thorough job as well.

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

Mason Luther spoke on the Memory Park grant regarding an update.

LANDBANK – Ed Craft, Chair; Mason Luther, Second

Ed Craft spoke with Haley of the Landbank regarding the demo permits and the 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 spoke with House to Homes regarding the bushes being cut and the matter is complete. He had a total of (8) eight, (2) two were done and (6) six verbal contacts with property owners regarding citations being issued as a result if no action is taken.

Kathyrn Jacoby questioned the Dog Ordinance in New Florence with the barking, number of dogs you're allowed to own. County dog warden is in charge of this issue of licensing the pet.

OLD BUSINESS

Jason Beatty said we got our application in for the 2025 CDBG grant including Penn Street, pipes at the park manholes and possible more catch basins on Ligonier Street.

NEW BUSINESS

Jason Beatty discussed getting a small work session together with council members to go over 2025 budget, Tuesday, October 22, at 6:00 p.m. is scheduled.

Dumpster Days are over and were successful.

Jason Beatty mentioned receiving a Notice of estimated Liquid Fuels allocation for 2025 in the amount of \$33,256.63.

A discussion on the insurance with the New Florence Fire Department has been ongoing regarding the yellow brick school building, the borough will

continue to pay the portion till the end of this year and the Fire Department will take over beginning the new year.

ADJOURN

Mason Luther made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ed Craft. All in favor. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.