

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES OCTOBER 17, 2023

President Jim Moore, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 6:30 pm in the Borough Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Norm Kaufman discussed putting in a pre-built portable garage on his lot and wanted to know if he needed a building permit. He was advised to contact TKL Inspection to clarify.

Phil Ferris gave a note of thanks to council members Ron Gyure, Mason Luther, and Jason Beatty for working at the New Florence Fire Hall with Borough equipment the last several evenings on a project with the garage doors that are going to be installed.

Taylor Solich gave a report on the Community Development/Rec Board. There were (3) three new members added to the Community Development, and they also lost (3) three members. They did a Pumpkin Fest; the weather did not cooperate. A real Christmas tree is being planted.

The Rec Board had (9) rentals this summer. Jason Beatty asked if the Rec Board would investigate installing rain gutters on the pavilions as the grass is wet and the cement is sinking.

Jim Moore made the announcement that he let EADS know based on the information he obtained that the miles in the New Florence Manor are included in our liquid fuels. We are responsible for the roads and drains and EADS Engineering will work up a price to do the replacement of the (2) two drains and catch basins.

POLICE REPORT

Officer Brandon Marsh gave the report on September's Police Report. The Police Department has remained steady with criminal investigations. Dash cameras have been installed in the marked Police Explorer as well as the unmarked Police Explorer with recording both video and audio. NIBRS certification is continuing by the Police Department (webinars) State required, yearly training is ongoing. Half of the Department is qualified in the use of firearms.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chuck O'Shell made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular meeting of September 19, 2023, as written. Ron Gyure seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jeff Rager made a motion to accept the September 2023 Treasurers Report as written. Mason Luther seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Dan Hewitt reported he will have to get back with us on the Ordinance for the 15th Street dump restrictions.

Dan also spoke on the Sewage Authority Board Ordinance. Jeff Rager made a motion to advertise the Ordinance to amend the Sewage Authority Board. Jason Beatty seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Dan Hewitt commented that he contacted the Land Bank Cooperation Agreement and there is a cost of \$6,000.00 Mason Luther made a motion to table this discussion. Chuck O'Shell seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Jason Beatty discussed the (3) three generator quotes.

- Backup Power - \$13,730.82
- Siemko Electric - \$14,356.00
- T.P. Electric - \$24,877.00

Jason Beatty made a motion to award the generator bid to Backup Power paying for it from the General Fund. Ron Gyure seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

The dump truck is getting inspected on Monday. Mowing is done for the year.

STREETS AND DRAINS – Chuck O'Shell, Chair, Jeff Rager, Second
No update.

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 she received the re-filing of the (3) three applications as the criteria has been revised. No date has been scheduled yet.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

No update regarding the Emergency Operations Plan.

Group training is on hold, we purchased the tv and must install it.

No news on the ad for the Borough maintenance employee.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Moore reported there has been no official response from St. Clair Township regarding the Police Contract.

Jim Moore called for an Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Contracts. Executive Session ended at 6:35 p.m.

Jim Moore called for a second Executive Session at 7:36 p.m. to discuss Personnel issues. Executive Session ended at 7:44 p.m.

ADJOURN

Jeff Rager made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron Gyure seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.