

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES OCTOBER 21, 2025

Vice President Jeff Rager, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on October 21, 2025, at 6:30 pm in the Borough Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Jason Beatty, Absent

Jeff Rager, V. P.

Ed Craft

Gwen Dellett - Absent

Mark Dellett, Mayor

Scott Fuller

Todd Hepner

Dan Hewitt, Solicitor - Absent

Chuck O'Shell

Cheryl Priest, Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Clawson spoke on behalf of the New Florence Fire Department and they are asking for help in purchasing (3) three LED handheld flashlights, for traffic control devices. Council will discuss and take care of this.

Adam Kopp and Carrie Waldron of Somerset Trust discussed the new sign that is being put up at the new site. The replacement of the fountain up and running was discussed.

POLICE REPORT

Officer Brandon Marsh gave the September 2025 Police Report. St. Clair Township had one reported criminal mischief to a road sign. A disorderly conduct summary citation was issued. One hit and run Summary citation issued. New Florence had one citation criminal trespass, and one reported criminal mischief under investigation. Seward Borough had one retail theft. Seward also had an aggravated assault/strangulation. The theft of a firearm, the handgun was recovered. The department assisted PSP with a domestic in Bolivar. Also assisted the PA Game Commission with dumping complaint.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chuck O'Shell made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular Meeting of September 16, 2025 as written. The motion was seconded by Scott Fuller. All in favor. Motion passed.

Chuck O'Shell made a motion to accept the minutes from the Special Meeting of October 7, 2025 as written. The motion was seconded by Todd Hepner.

Scott Fuller made a motion to accept the minutes from the Special Meeting of October 16, 2025 as written. The motion was seconded by Todd Hepner.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Todd Hepner made a motion to accept September 16, 2025, Treasurer's Report as written. Scott Fuller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Jeff Rager gave the council a copy of the Recreational Burning Ordinance for advertisement. Scott Fuller made a motion to advertise the Recreational Burning Ordinance. Ed Craft seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Chuck O'Shell made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2 of 2025 to increase the Tax Collector Fees. Ed Craft seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Al Thomas is working on the hydraulic motor for the spreader and putting a seal on.

STREETS AND DRAINS – Chuck O’Shell, Chair, Jeff Rager, Second
Chuck O’Shell and Al Thomas got 15 drains vacuumed out. Bricks are caving in on Ligonier Street. Underpass was done also.

GRANTS & FUNDING – Gwen Dellett, Chair, Todd Hepner, Second
No report.

LANDBANK – Ed Craft, Chair; Todd Hepner, Second
No report.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mark Dellett discussed the motorcycles and e-bikes speeding through town, doing wheelies and not stopping at the stop signs. Officer Marsh will look into this.

ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT – Ed Craft

Ed Craft received (6) six more complaints.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Dumpster Days were October 17 and 18, 2025 and were very successful.

NEW BUSINESS

Scott Fuller made a motion to purchase (3) three handheld flashlights for the New Florence Fire Department at the price of \$213.88 a piece, total of \$641.64. Todd Hepner seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Jeff Rager called for an Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. to discuss Sewage Authority potential litigation. Executive session ended at 7:47 p.m.

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 7:50 p.m.