

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES NOVEMBER 18, 2025

President Jason Beatty, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on November 18, 2025, at 6:30 pm in the Borough Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Jason Beatty

Jeff Rager, V. P.

Ed Craft - Absent

Gwen Dellett

Mark Dellett, Mayor

Scott Fuller

Todd Hepner - Absent

Dan Hewitt, Solicitor

Chuck O'Shell

Cheryl Priest, Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

No report.

POLICE REPORT

Officer Brandon Marsh gave the October 2025 Police Report. The department held mandatory firearms qualifications with duty weapon, patrol rifle and shotgun at Sandy Bottom Sportsman Club with certified instructor Mark Kasterko. St. Clair Township had one (1) disorderly conduct, one (1) reported theft and one (1) hate crime. New Florence had one (1) confinement citation and Seward had no reported crimes. Also one (1) assists PSP for domestic, DCNR one (1) assists with abandoned vehicle. New Florence codes one (1) assist. Grants for Ligonier Endowment and State Representative were submitted. A slight increase in crisis calls were noted for October.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chuck O'Shell made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular Meeting of October 21, 2025 as written. The motion was seconded by Gwen Dellett. All in favor. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jeff Rager made a motion to accept October 21, 2025, Treasurer's Report as written. Scott Fuller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The clean-up has been on-going and is 100% better, therefore the last hearing has been cancelled. Dan Hewitt asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 1 of 2025. Chuck O'Shell made a motion to approve the Recreational Burning Ordinance. Jason Beatty seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Purchasing salt for the Senior Center and sidewalks was discussed by council.

Al Thomas is continuing to pick up sticks weather permitting. He installed the spreader on the borough truck.

The attic door needs replaced on the borough building. Al Thomas will check into this matter.

Scott Fuller spoke on getting quotes from Mosquito Joe for next year's spraying.

Jeff Rager discussed giving the contractors an extension regarding Memory Park work with EADS Engineering and council due to the weather.

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

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

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT – Ed Craft

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Jason Beatty discussed Parrish Contracting to start working on the sidewalk grinding next week.

NEW BUSINESS

Jason Beatty and Jeff Rager discussed the issue of three (3) different garbage collectors in New Florence and the truck traffic on the streets. This discussion will be scheduled to a later date.

Jason Beatty addressed the 2026 Budget with the council. Jeff Rager made a motion to advertise the 2026 New Florence Budget with a tax milage rate of 27 mills. Chuck O'Shell seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Jason Beatty made the announcement that our current solicitor, Dan Hewitt, is resigning due to retirement. We would like to thank Dan for all the help and guidance he has provided us with. Jason Beatty made the motion upon the resignation of Dan Hewitt that we hire Toby McIlwain of Spence Custer Saylor Wolfe & Rose, LLC to replace Mr. Hewitt. The motion was seconded by Gwen Dellett. All in favor. The motion passed.

ADJOURN

Jeff Rager made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Scott Fuller. All in favor. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.