

## **BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES NOVEMBER 21, 2023**

President Jim Moore, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Tuesday, November 21, 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             |
| Chuck O'Shell         | Ed Craft, Mayor          |
| Dan Hewitt, Solicitor | Cheryl Priest, Secretary |

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Phil Ferris gave an additional note of thanks to the council members for the installation of the garage doors. Seven (7) of the New Florence Firemen completed a forty (40) hour course in equal update rescue. New Florence VFW has agreed to fund the AED project in full and the two (2) new units have been ordered.

Sharon Marsh commented on how "unsafe" she feels in the community between the drugs and the violence, and finding a pack of meth laying on the floor and being told that nothing can be done. When she has called 911 it goes straight to the State Police office in Greensburg, and nothing is being done. She is asking for help with the local Police.

### **POLICE REPORT**

Officer Brandon Marsh gave the report on October's Police Report. Residents are reminded to keep their vehicles locked at all times. Keep handguns out of sight. Continued work on the NIBRS certification. The Chief has attended a 2-day virtual training course on the NIBRS system. The Police Department has remained steady with criminal investigations.

Dash cameras and video recordings have been used in one of our case filings. Winter is fast approaching, please slow down when driving in the snow.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Jeff Rager made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular meeting of October 17, 2023, as written. Mason Luther seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Jason Beatty made a motion to accept the October 2023 Treasurers Report as written. Gwen Dellett seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Jim Moore made a motion to donate the remainder of the COVID monies (\$27,165.10) to the New Florence Volunteer Fire Department for heating/cooling chairs and traffic control. Jeff Rager seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Dan Hewitt reported that the Ordinance for the 15<sup>th</sup> Street dump restrictions needs to be withdrawn as it is in St. Clair Twp., as we have no Police power.

Dan also spoke regarding the Sewage Authority Board Ordinance. Ron Gyure made a motion to accept and enact Resolution No. 3 of 2023 reducing the Board membership for the sewage authority from seven (7) members to five (5) members. Mason Luther seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Jason Beatty spoke on the generator installation to start on January 3, 2024.

Jason Beatty is meeting with an asphalt contractor about sealing the cracks outside the borough building.

Jason Beatty has a quote from Gutshall's Handyman and Remodeling to replace the man door on the small garage. \$500.00 to remove existing door and jam replace with new door and jam. Jason Beatty made a motion to award the bid to Gutshall's Handyman and Remodeling to replace the man door on the small garage not to exceed \$500.00. Ron Gyure seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

**STREETS AND DRAINS** – Chuck O'Shell, Chair, Jeff Rager, Second

The handicap ramp was fixed. Ron Gyure spoke on the drainage issue down at the playground.

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

Mason Luther spoke with a lady from Senator Leslie Rossi's office on some leads on applying for grants.

**LANDBANK** – Ed Craft, Chair; Mason Luther, Second

No report on the Landbank.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Ed Craft has received complaints about garages falling over onto alleys, which are in the Borough's properties. Also, an outside furnace chimney is blowing smoke in everybody's yards and houses.

Jim Moore discussed the international codes regarding Ordinances.

**OLD BUSINESS**

We are waiting for paperwork for the demolition of the Overall Factory.

No update regarding the Emergency Operations Plan.

No news on the ad for the Borough maintenance employee.

Jason Beatty discussed Community Development being recognized as a (501c3).

December 3, 2023, is Light up Night in New Florence.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Jim Moore discussed the 2024 Budget draft. Jeff Rager made a motion to advertise the 2024 Budget. Jason Beatty seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Sewage Authority appointments will be tabled until we do the re-org meeting on January 3, 2024.

Jim Moore called for an Executive Session at 7:49 p.m. to discuss the Police Contract. Executive Session ended at 8:24 p.m.

The council directed Jason Beatty to do research on radar speed signs for New Florence Borough.

## **ADJOURN**

Jeff Rager made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mason Luther seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.