

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES DECEMBER 19, 2023

President Jim Moore, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 6:30 pm in the Borough Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment.

POLICE REPORT

Jim Moore gave the report on November's Police Report. A new Evidence system was put in place due to updating the policy. Continued work on the NIBRS certification. Fraud: watch out for your debit and credit cards at this time of the year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chuck O'Shell made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular meeting of November 21, 2023 as written. The motion was seconded by Gwen Dellett. All in favor. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jason Beatty made a motion to accept the November 2023 Treasurers Report as written. Mason Luther seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Jim Moore spoke on behalf of Solicitor, Dan Hewitt on the Resolution 4 of 2023-2024 Budget and Tax Rate. The New Florence Borough Budget for 2024 is set at \$161,200.00. The millage rate will remain the same at 20.5 mils. This Resolution shall become effective on January 1, 2024.

Jim Moore made a motion to accept Resolution 4 of 2023. Jason Beatty seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Jim also spoke on the Property maintenance ordinance. Jim Moore made a motion to give Dan Hewitt the green light to work on a new modified property maintenance ordinance. Mason Luther seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Ron Gyure spoke on the backhoe hose that seems to be leaking. Also discussed putting calcium on the new sidewalks. Ron sealed the cracks up also.

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

Jason Beatty spoke on the radar signs. There is a quote of \$9300.00 for three (3) panels which collects data also. Jason Beatty made a motion that we tentatively purchase three (3) of these electronic speed limit signs provided it is not a major deal with PennDOT to get them installed. Chuck O'Shell seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

GRANTS & FUNDING – Gwen Dellett, Chair, Mason Luther, Second
No report.

LANDBANK – Ed Craft, Chair; Mason Luther, Second

No report on the Landbank.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

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

No update regarding the Emergency Operations Plan.

We received an application for the Borough maintenance employee.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Moore discussed that the Sewage Authority appointments will be done at the re-org meeting on January 2, 2024.

Jim Moore spoke on a webinar scheduled for January 17, 2024, Wednesday on Liquid Fuels Funding 101 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Jim Moore called for an Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss the Police Contract and personnel matters. Executive Session ended at 7:50 p.m.

Jason Beatty made a motion that we hire Al Thomas as the Borough maintenance employee starting January 2, 2024 at a pay rate of \$20.00 per hour. Ron Gyure seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Jim Moore made a motion that New Florence Borough council remain in the police service contract with St. Clair Township. Chuck O'Shell seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

Jason Beatty made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ron Gyure. All in favor. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.