

FERNDALE BOROUGH
Regular Meeting
April 13, 2023

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, April 13, 2023, in the Fireman's Recreation Hall at 618 Westinghouse Avenue, Johnstown, PA.

President Owen Hofecker called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

President Owen Hofecker then asked for a moment of silence in honor of Bill Richards who recently passed away.

ROLL CALL

The Roll Call showed the following present: VP Eric Baumbaugh, Art Boring, Trish Corle, Cindy Dom, Connie Hobbs, President Owen Hofecker, Mark Wissinger Jr, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Attorney Joe Green, Secretary Nancy Hofecker, and Street Foreman Sean Simmons. Absent: Police Chief Adam Richards.

A motion was made by Trish Corle to adopt the April 13, 2023 agenda seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

VISITOR'S

Zachary Neal was present to observe.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the March 9, 2023 minutes. A motion was made by Art Boring to accept the minutes, seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

President Owen Hofecker did a little recap of the committee meeting. Those in attendance were: VP Eric Baumbaugh, Trish Corle, Cindy Dom, Connie Hobbs, President Owen Hofecker, Mayor Ralph Boyle. Absent: Mark Wissinger (excused) and Art Boring. They created the agenda for this evening's meeting and reviewed the action items that are listed.

PERSONNEL

President Hofecker presented Resolution #2 Waiving Employee Contribution for Non-Uniform Pension for 2023. A motion to pass the resolution was made by Mark Wissinger seconded by Cindy Dom. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Joe Green said that Ms. Edwards did turn the keys over to the borough office.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that the parking ordinance needs updated to include the PA vehicle code. They will work on that and update the stop sign ordinance at the same time.

Bill Richards has passed away and his funeral will be held tomorrow.

There is a retaining wall on Summit Avenue that was knocked down by the gas company a few years ago and still isn't repaired. Mayor Boyle feels it needs to be addressed before the hillside falls.

WEST HILLS REPORT

West Hills Regional e-mailed their report to the office, if anyone would like a copy, please contact the secretary.

Bill Cornell did submit a letter of resignation. He will be resigning as our EMA Coordinator effective April 30, 2023.

FERNDALE FIREMAN'S ASSOC. REPORT

No report given

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Sean said that the high lift will be fixed next week, it has a leaking hose. 850 and 851 need brakes they will be done next week. 851 has a recall that Sean is working on taking care of.

Trish Corle asked if we heard anything about the grant for the new cruiser. Nancy said documents have been signed. We are now waiting for the grant money. Mayor Boyle said that the new cruiser will be a marked cruiser.

The playground swings are up and the tennis courts are ready to go. The street sweeper has been out running. River rock was purchased and placed around the building. The entrance door for the street department was ordered from Home Depot.

TREES

No report given

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank DiLoreto was present from EADS.

Six pressure tests were completed in March.

Station St Walkway Rehabilitation Project: EADS has completed their QC review on the project and is ready for advertisement. The bid advertisement is scheduled for April 19th with bids to be opened May 19th.

Rigby Park Improvements Project: DCNR grant was awarded \$170,000.00 to the borough. This includes replacing the playground equipment, pavilion roofs, and adding ADA walkways to the pavilions and playground. EADS has received the engineering services request for the Rigby Park project. EADS quote will be submitted for the project.

Local Share Account Statewide Program & GTRP Program: Ferndale was awarded the grant for a police cruiser.

PennDOT MTF Grant Application: Submitted grant for the Rigby Park Pedestrian Lighting Project. Announcement for the grant is anticipated to be April 2023.

DCED Small Water and Sewer Grants: Grants were submitted for Goucher St Storm Sewer Rehabilitation & Stormwater improvements and Manhole Rehabilitation. Announcement for the grant has not been determined.

DCED MTF Fund: Funds may be used for the development, rehabilitation and enhancement of transportation assets to existing communities, streetscape, lighting, sidewalk enhancement, pedestrian safety, connectivity of transportation assets and transit-oriented development. Depending on the bid results of the Station St Walkway Rehabilitation a grant may be submitted for the remaining work in that project. The 30% match requirement is waived for 2023. Application must be submitted by July 31, 2023.

West Hills Regional Stormwater Meeting: This is for the creation of a stormwater authority with City of Johnstown, Westmont Borough, Southmont Borough, Brownstown Borough, Upper Yoder Township, Lower Yoder Township and Ferndale Borough. EADS and Ferndale attended the meeting to discuss the creating of the West Hills Stormwater Authority. Another meeting will be scheduled to discuss estimated costs for a feasibility study to form a joint stormwater authority.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax Collector's Report was presented for March 2023. The amount collected in March was \$46,076.31.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion to pay all Accounts Payable was made by the committee, seconded by Cindy Dom.
The motion carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given

RECREATION REPORT

No report given

OLD BUSINESS


No Old business

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

The meeting adjourned at 6:41pm with Art Boring making the motion seconded by Cindy Dom.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary