

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

August 10, 2023

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, August 10, 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.

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, Street Foreman Sean Simmons and Police Chief Adam Richards.

A motion was made by Eric Baumbaugh to adopt the August 10, 2023 agenda seconded by Trish Corle. The motion carried.

VISITOR'S

Zachary Neal and Wes Watson were present to observe. Sean Glenn was there in regards to the EMA Director position.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the July 6, 2023 minutes. A motion was made by Mark Wissinger 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, Cindy Dom, Connie Hobbs, President Owen Hofecker, Mark Wissinger and Mayor Ralph Boyle. Absent: Art Boring (excused), Trish Corle (excused). They created the agenda for this evening's meeting and reviewed the action items that are listed.

PERSONNEL

No report given

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Connie Hobbs asked Attorney Green about an ordinance regarding solicitation. Attorney Green stated that there is a fine line between solicitation and freedom of speech. His suggestion was for residents who do not want people soliciting, that they should put a sign in the window or on the door that says no solicitation.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that cadet Gavin Pacewicz has changed his mind regarding the cadet agreement. He has chosen to go with another department. However, Michael Christopher Logsdon is interested in the cadet agreement.

A motion was made by Trish Corle to amend the agenda for tonight's meeting to include an emergency action item under the Mayor and Police Report to sponsor Michael Christopher Logsdon as a cadet. The motion was seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Connie Hobbs to sponsor Michael Christopher Logsdon as a cadet, seconded by Art Boring. A roll call vote was taken with all present member voting yes.

Cruiser 850 had an oil sensor issue and oil change completed. It is now back up and running.

Our new cruiser has arrived and we be going down to Black Out Tinting to be outfitted.

Council asked Attorney Green about having part time officers that don't give shifts. Council is concerned that our keys and badges are out there. He suggested putting it in the SOP that they will be required to give 3 shifts a month. If they don't then warn them the first month and terminate them the second month.

WEST HILLS REPORT

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

Eric Baumbaugh made a motion for Sean Glenn to be appointed as the new EMA Director for Ferndale Borough, seconded by Cindy Dom. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes.

FERNDALE FIREMAN'S ASSOC. REPORT

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that the jubilee was a success. They are still receiving bills. They should have a better idea next month as to what the profit will be.

Sean Glenn thanked council for allowing the firework show. He has heard nothing but positive feedback.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Sean Simmons said that they are trying to get caught up since they spent a whole month on potholes.

Eric Baumbaugh said they are now down to two people in the street department. Art is unable to work right now and our summer help is done. Eric suggested that we hire more part time help. Everyone was in agreement, starting wage \$12.00/hour.

Attorney Green said he did reach out and send letters to the gas and water authority regarding our paving ordinance.

The paving is complete. Since there was an excessive added cost to the project for paving, we will be changing the way the contract is written next year.

TREES

Art Boring said he has a few trees to go look at that people are asking him about.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank DiLoreto was present from EADS.

Four pressure tests were completed in July.

Station St Walkway Rehabilitation Project: EADS will be working with Straw Construction to review submittals prior to starting construction. So far 4 submittals have been reviewed. The anticipated mobilization is 9/5/2023 and the start date for construction is 9/11/2023.

Rigby Park Improvements Project: EADS is working on acquiring purchasing program quotes for the grant and preparing bidding documents for the pavilion roof. The DCNR would like public involvement on the Rigby Park. Ferndale's website will be updated to include public involvement.

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

DCED Small Water and Sewer/H2O Grants: Grants were submitted for Goucher St Storm Sewer Rehabilitation & Stormwater improvements and Manhole Rehabilitation. Announcement for the grant is expected to be after their meeting on Tuesday, September 19th.

DCED MTF Fund: Grants were submitted for Station St Walkway Rehabilitation Phase 2 and Ferndale Ave Sidewalk Rehabilitation. Announcement for the grant has not been determined.

PennDOT TASA Grant: The match requirement is waived for 2023. No design fees are covered by construction inspection is covered for the grant. Submitted draft application on 7/6/2023. Projects submitted include Station St Walkway Rehabilitation, Phase 2 and Ferndale Ave Sidewalk Rehabilitation. Final design application meeting was conducted on 8/8/2023. Final submission is due September 15.

DCED LSA Grant: Ferndale Borough Municipal Building Energy Efficiency Improvements, Storm Sewer Rehabilitation Project (Pending PennDOT MTF Award), Sanitary Sewer I&I Elimination Project, Ferndale Borough Maintenance Equipment, Ferndale Borough Mill & Overlay, Station St Phase 2, Ferndale Ave Sidewalk Rehabilitation, LPRs for Police Cruisers and Rigby Lighting (Pending PennDOT MTF Award).

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax Collector's Report was presented for July 2023. The amount collected in July was \$1,965.41.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion to pay all Accounts Payable was made by the committee, seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. 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 7:08pm with Art Boring making the motion seconded by Mark Wissinger.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary