

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

August 11, 2022

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, August 11, 2022, 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 Trish Corle to adopt the August 11, 2022 agenda seconded by Art Boring. The motion carried.

VISITOR'S

The following visitors were present: Scott Miles, Dennis Kassick, Gillian Bedoffe, Zachary Neal and Wes Neal.

Scott Miles addressed council with questions regarding sewer work on his property.

Gillian Bedoffe spoke regarding a campaign called fix Harrisburg.

Dennis Kassick, Zachary Neal and Wes Neal were just observing.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the July 7, 2022 minutes. A motion was made by Connie Hobbs to accept the minutes, seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

PERSONNEL

A job description for a full-time patrol officer has been created. Council reviewed the job description. A motion was made by the personnel committee to adopt the job description, the motion was seconded by Art Boring. The motion carried. The job will be posted internally at first.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Green had a discussion with council in regards to updating the sign ordinance. He wants to recreate the ordinance and was asking council for some ideas as to what they would like in the ordinance.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle and Trish Corle shared information regarding the purchase of a computer for inside the cruiser to help with citations. To purchase one computer, two printers and two brackets the cost would be \$3,410.97. A motion was made by the police committee to purchase the items seconded by Art Boring. The motion carried.

Mayor Ralph Boyle also said that they have received an application for a part time officer. They will be looking to interview him soon.

WEST HILLS REPORT

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

Resolution # 9 was presented. It is a resolution to adopt the Cambria County 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan. A motion was made by Trish Corle to pass resolution #9 seconded by Cindy Dom. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. The motion carried.

FERNDALE FIREMAN'S ASSOC. REPORT

Eric Baumbaugh said they think over all they had a successful jubilee. Mayor Ralph Boyle said they are still working on paying the bills from the jubilee.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Sean Simmons said they did update and redo the signs in front of the borough building.

Sean presented council with two quotes to purchase an electric tailgate spreader. One was from Super City for \$7,311.69 and the other was from A & H for \$7,419.00. After discussion council agreed to purchase it from A & H because they are the ones who built the other truck that we purchased. A motion was made by Eric Baumbaugh to purchase the electric tailgate spreader from A & H for \$7,419.00, the motion was seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

Sean said they got all the big potholes patched. There are a few popping up here and there, that they will also fill.

TREES

No report given.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Mark Muir was present from EADS.

One pressure test was completed in July.

Stonycreek will be purchasing the mag meter from JRA so that they can monitor their flowrate being contributed to Ferndale Borough.

Hystone Avenue Sewer Rehabilitation: Change Order # 2 – final will be used to extend the warranty for the pavement that did not receive tack coat. Once executed by Snyder, the final payment can be released. EADS will continue working on the closeout for the project.

Station St Walkway Rehabilitation Project: A preliminary design is being laid out to review with Laurel Municipal to determine if a stepped sidewalk is required along Station St or if there are acceptable alternatives. The retaining wall will be designed with Stone Strong blocks and the contractor will be responsible for obtaining sealed drawings.

Local Share Account Statewide Program: Announcement for the grants is anticipated to be the end of 2022.

GTRP Program: Announcement for the grants is anticipated to be the end of 2022.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax Collector's Report was presented for July 2022. Total amount collected was \$339.54.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion to pay all Accounts Payable was made by Trish Corle, seconded by Art Boring. The motion carried.

Trish Corle presented the 2021 audit to council. Trish did say that it was a clean audit with only one recommendation. Trish said good job and kudos to Nancy for doing a great job keeping the books. A motion was made by Trish Corle to approve the audit seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given.

RECREATION REPORT

No report given.

OLD BUSINESS

Nancy said she is still working on getting the taxes exonerated on the Edwards property located at 535-535 ½ Vickroy Avenue. Council will need to decide if they wish to tear it down and sell it or if they would rather use Act 152 funds to have it demolished.

NEW BUSINESS

Owen Hofecker presented council with a letter from Bishop McCort asking if they could Turn the Town Teal again and place ribbons on the trees. A motion was made by Cindy Dom allowing McCort to place the ribbons. Seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

Owen Hofecker shared a letter with council from Sam Cammarata. His address is 1600 Franklin Street. He is asking for a handicap spot to be placed on Hystone Avenue. Council did ask Sean and Chief Richards to look at the location to be sure that there was room for the spot. If so, council did agree to mark the spot handicapped.

Council reviewed the ads and specifications for the auditor and trash hauler. Nancy will be placing ads in the Tribune Democrat for both. Bids will be opened at the September 8, 2022 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm with Art Boring making the motion seconded by Cindy Dom.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary