

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

August 8, 2024

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, August 8, 2024, 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, Cindy Dom, Connie Hobbs, President Owen Hofecker, Mark Wissinger Jr, Mark Wissinger Sr, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Police Chief Adam Richards, Attorney Joe Green, Street Foreman Sean Simmons and Secretary Nancy Hofecker. Art Boring was absent.

A motion was made by Eric Baumbaugh to adopt the August 8, 2024 agenda seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

VISITOR'S

Sean Glenn, Al Cooper and Wes Watson were present to observe.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the July 11, 2024 minutes. A motion was made by Cindy Dom to accept the minutes, seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

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

PERSONNEL

No report given

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report given

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that Angel has completed her time and satisfied her contract with us. She is going to continue to stay with us.

The two cadets that we are currently sponsoring will be graduating in September.

Individuals are still being identified and cited regarding the incident that happened at the jubilee Saturday night. Investigation is still on going. They are currently looking into other avenues for additional law enforcement support next year.

WEST HILLS REPORT

Sean Glenn said he received an email as the EMA coordinator from the county in regards to Tropical Storm Debbie. There were resources listed in the email in case we receive damage from the storm.

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

FERNDAL FIREMAN'S ASSOC. REPORT

Ralph Boyle said they are still paying bills from the jubilee. He thanked council for allowing them to use the park.

The pavilions and electric shed have both been painted.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Sean Simmons said they got the park and playground area ready.

HRI, Inc milled and paved today. They will still need to seal.

Sean then shared that he will be leaving at the end of the month. August 30th will be his last working day. He has taken another position elsewhere. He thanked council for all they have done. Eric Baumbaugh thanked Sean for all he has done for the borough as well.

A motion was made by Eric Baumbaugh to accept Sean Simmons resignation seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

TREES

No report given

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank DiLoreto was present from EADS.

Eight pressure tests were completed in July.

Station St Walkway Rehabilitation Project: All utilities are transferred, and the pole has been removed. Straw patched the hole where the utility pole was located. Straw anticipates patching the hole in the retaining wall sometime next week.

Rigby Park Improvements Project: Marmat Inc has completed all necessary work for the pavilions. Park and Play and Schrock Fencing agreements were approved by the DCNR. Park and Play is scheduled to begin on the playground the week of 8/12/2024. Schrock is scheduled to begin on the fence work the week of 8/26/2024. Security camera installers were contacted to provide a price. One quote was received to date. EADS has reached out to more companies for quotes. Park security systems is preparing a quote for the project.

Ferndale Ave Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project: The site will be surveyed and fieldwork completed to establish the existing site conditions.

Station St Phase 2 Project: EADS is preparing an agreement for the preliminary design work that will be necessary for bidding on the project. The Business Partner ID was created. PennDOT is to be working on the Resolution agreement to accept the grant. Scoping Field View is scheduled for 8/29/2024.

PennDOT MTF Grant Application: EADS has been reaching out to determine the announcement of the grant.

DCED LSA Grant: Grant announcement is anticipated for Fall 2024.

DCED Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP): Grant announcement is anticipated for Spring 2024.

DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF): Applications were submitted for the walking track rehabilitation on 7/26/2024.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax Collector's Report was presented for July 2024. The amount collected in July was \$503.50.

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

Mark Wissinger Jr thanked Sean Simmons for all his hard work at the recreation park.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

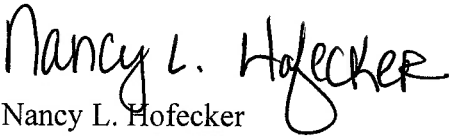
Nancy shared that she received a letter from Bishop McCort asking for permission to Turn the Town Teal by placing ribbons on the trees. It is for awareness of Ovarian Cancer.

Owen Hofecker then read a letter from resident Roger Kerekes. He was unhappy with the way the streets were marked and detoured. Eric Baumbaugh said that Roger had words with HRI, Inc, also.

The meeting went into executive session at 6:49pm for a personnel issue. The meeting came out of executive session at 7:10pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11pm with Eric Baumbaugh making the motion seconded by Connie Hobbs.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy L. Hofecker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "H" and "C".

Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary