

## **FERNDALE BOROUGH**

Regular Meeting  
December 8, 2022

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, December 8, 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 December 8, 2022 agenda seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

### **VISITOR'S**

Zachary Neal was present to observe.

### **MINUTES**

There were no changes to the November 10, 2022 minutes. A motion was made by Cindy Dom to accept the minutes, seconded by Art Boring. The motion carried.

VP Eric Baumbaugh did a little recap of the committee meeting. Those in attendance were: VP Eric Baumbaugh, Art Boring, Trish Corle, Cindy Dom, Connie Hobbs, Mark Wissinger, Mayor Ralph Boyle. President Owen Hofecker was 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**

Attorney Joe Green said he mailed all the documents to Delores Edwards to sign the property over to the borough.

## **MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS**

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that they will be sending the driver's seat to get repaired in 850. He said that 851 has been repaired from when it was backed into the garage.

The computer will be arriving tomorrow to be installed in the cruiser. The mounts for the computer will be coming shortly after.

## **WEST HILLS REPORT**

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

## **FERNDALE FIREMAN'S ASSOC. REPORT**

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that Santa's Sleigh will come through the borough on Christmas Eve starting around 5:00-5:30.

## **STREETS AND PROPERTY**

Sean said that the trees were trimmed on Plainfield Avenue this past Monday. They did the telephone pole side.

Trish Corle said that Penn Highlands will be offering free Hazmat Training through the state. It will be a 3-day course. We might want to consider sending Sean and/or Roger.

## **TREES**

No report given

## **SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT**

Frank DiLoreto was present from EADS.

Two pressure tests were completed in November.

Hystone Avenue Sewer Rehabilitation: Closeout documentation has been sent to Snyder for execution. EADS is waiting for Snyder to return signed information to close out the project. Payment is to be held until documentation is received.

Station St Walkway Rehabilitation Project: The retaining wall preliminary design is completed. The project's design is 90% completed and technical specification are being prepared for bidding. Advertisement will be mid-January after the council meeting and a final quality review is completed by EADS. EADS has submitted the easement documents for the Richards property to complete the retaining wall work and remove the existing maple tree.

Local Share Account Statewide Program & GTRP Program: Announcement for the grants is anticipated to be January 2023.

DCNR Fall Supplemental Grant Program (Park Rehabilitation and Development): Submitted grant for the Rigby Park Improvements on 10/26/22. Announcement for the grants is anticipated to be January 2023.

PennDot MTF Grant Application: Submitted grant for the Rigby Park Pedestrian Lighting Project on 11/14/2022. Announcement for the grant has not been determined.

DCED Small Water and Sewer Grants: Grants will be submitted for the following projects: Goucher St Storm Sewer Rehabilitation & Stormwater improvements and Manhole Rehabilitation. Eligible projects require a 15% match. Applications are due December 21, 2022.

### **TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

Tax Collector's Report was presented for November 2022. Total amount collected was \$437.27.

### **FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

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

A motion to adopt the 2023 budget as presented was made by the committee, seconded by Art Boring. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the 2023 salary schedule was made by the committee, seconded by Cindy Dom. The following members voted yes: Eric Baumbaugh, Cindy Dom, Connie Hobbs and Mark Wissinger. The following members abstained: Art Boring, Trish Corle and Owen Hofecker. The motion carried.

A motion to approve Barnes Saly & Co as auditors for financial years 2022-2024 was made by the committee seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

Trish Corle suggested putting out an RFP for the insurance policies we are currently carrying. It would also require putting together a committee to review the information.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

No report given

### **RECREATION REPORT**

Adam Hale reached out to Owen Hofecker asking about doing a drills and skills for baseball. It will be held in the junior high gym. The use of facilities form was completed and the insurance was put in place.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Nancy said that she placed the new 2023 meeting dates at everyone's seat. It will also be advertised on the website.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Cindy Dom mentioned about maybe doing a Christmas Tree in the park next year.

The meeting adjourned at 6:49pm with Trish Corle making the motion seconded by Art Boring.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Nancy L. Hofecker  
Borough Secretary