

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting
December 10, 2020

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, December 10, 2020, 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: President Owen Hofecker, VP Connie Hobbs, Eric Baumbaugh, Trish Corle, Cindy Dom, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Police Chief John Blake, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Street Foreman Sean Simmons. Art Boring, Mark Wissinger and Attorney Joe Green were absent.

VISITOR'S

Visitors present were Jerry Thomas (surveyor), Al Cooper and Henry Eisenhuth. Al Cooper was just observing.

Jerry Thomas presented council with a survey showing the division of a property on Ferndale Avenue.

Henry Eisenhuth addressed council with his concerns regarding the people who are moving into the borough and police coverage.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the November 12, 2020 minutes. A motion was made by Connie Hobbs to accept the minutes, seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

PERSONNEL

No report given.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report given.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that we are still waiting for Team Force to contact us to get the new cruiser in.

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that Officer Joe Marsh has passed his SRO Training and is now the new SRO at the school.

Chief Blake said that the police department has done great job the past month getting drugs off the streets. Officer Andrews and Officer Hess who both work full time for Upper Yoder and part time for Ferndale have both made significant drug arrests. Chief Blake said he also made a significant arrest. Chief Blake took \$2345.00 in drug seizure money to the county in which ½ of it will come back to the department to spend on officer safety. Two firearms have also been seized. He wanted to commend his officers for doing a fine job.

Owen Hofecker said that the money from the state for the SRO grant has been received. Representative Jim Rigby put Nancy in contact with the state to help get the ball rolling to get the money.

A motion to accept Mayor and Police Reports was made by Trish Corle seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

WEST HILLS REPORT

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

Owen Hofecker shared that Westmont Borough passed an ordinance in regards to giving income tax credit and local property tax credit to volunteer fire and EMS personnel. Because we are part of the West Hills Fire Department, they are asking if our borough is interested in also adopting the ordinance. After discussion council decided it would be best to discuss the ordinance with our solicitor before doing anything.

A motion to accept the West Hills Report was made by Connie Hobbs seconded by Trish Corle. The motion carried.

FERNDALE FIREMAN'S ASSOC. REPORT

Ralph Boyle and Eric Baumbaugh shared that Santa's Sleigh will be going through the borough on Christmas Eve around 5:30pm.

A motion to accept Ferndale Fireman's Assoc. Report was made by Eric Baumbaugh seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Sean Simmons said they put the two handicap spots in that were requested one on Harlan and one on Vickroy.

Penndot thought that there might be a crushed pipe on Ferndale Avenue. We had EADS camera the pipe and nothing is broken.

Sean said he believes the roof on the municipal building might be leaking again.

Eric Baumbaugh said that the mailman almost got hit a couple of times at the intersection of Summit Ave and Vickroy Ave. Eric along with Chief Blake suggested that we place a stop sign on Vickroy Ave to slow some traffic down. They are going to check with our solicitor to see what we need to do to make the change.

Eric Baumbaugh suggested that since Penndot will be paving Ferndale Avenue next year that we address the water issue at the intersection of Harlan Ave and Ferndale Avenue.

Nancy Hofecker said we are having issues with residents placing tvs out for trash. The trash hauler can't take them. We have tagged the tvs with a letter indicating such and have provided residents with a phone number where they can be recycled. Chief Blake said that if residents do not remove the tvs from the outside of their property they can be fined up to \$1000.00.

A motion to accept Streets and Property Report was made by Trish Corle seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

TREES

No report given.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank Diloreto was not present from EADS. He did supply his report to council for review and acceptance.

Five pressure tests were completed in November. The final date for residents to be fully pressure tested is September 1st, 2021.

Frank said they are anticipating work to begin around December 14th for Station Street Phase 1 and for it to be completed by December 18th. B. Hale Inc said he is delayed because his crew has limited family care options during school closures.

Since the quotes have been high for the Station Street Phase 2 project it will be bid together with the Hystone Ave project but under a separate contract.

Frank said that EADS has picked up the materials from Sherwin Williams to complete the Manhold Rehabilitation. EADS will schedule their confined space employees to complete the repairs.

EADS is going to apply for the next available CFA Mini Grant in January to help us fund a building audit. The audit will increase the chances of being awarded funds to repair/upgrade the building. Those grants are released in May.

James Excavating anticipates completing the work at 1713 Franklin Street sometime next year. Both them and their subcontractor had to quarantine due to COVID regulations and delayed their scheduling.

EADS has been notified that there is potential for COVID-19 stimulus bill for infrastructure projects that are ready to be constructed. A list of potential projects that could be funded are Station St Phase 2 and Goucher Street.

USG has completed the CCTV of the sewer line on Hystone Avenue and sent the report to EADS. EADS is reviewing the information and preparing a preliminary design of the project. They plan to bid the project early 2021 and construct in the spring/summer 2021. EADS has prepared the grant reimbursement request once it is signed it will be submitted.

A motion to accept the Sewer/Sewer Project Report was made by Trish Corle seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

A motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for November was made by Cindy Dom seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Trish Corle to approve and pass the budget for the 2021 year the motion was seconded by Cindy Dom. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried.

A motion to pay all Accounts Payable was made by Trish Corle and seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

A motion to accept Finance/Accounts Payable was made by Connie Hobbs seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given.

RECREATION REPORT

No report given.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Nancy Hofecker read Ordinance 497 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FERNDALE, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING FERNDALE BOROUGH CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 18 18-311 ORDINANCE NO 485

SECTION 11 EXPIRATION OF CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE REGARDING SEWER INFILTRATION AND ILLEGAL DISCHARGE TESTING. A motion was made by Trish Corle to accept Ordinance 497 seconded by Connie Hobbs. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried.

Nancy Hofecker read Ordinance 498 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FERNDALE, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING FERNDALE BOROUGH CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 18 18-202 2. B. ESTABLISHING A QUARTERLY SEWER USER CHARGE PAYABLE PER EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNIT. A motion was made by Cindy Dom to accept Ordinance 498 seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried.

Nancy Hofecker read Ordinance 499 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FERNDALE, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING FERNDALE BOROUGH CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 15 15-401 A VEHICLE PARKING ORDINANCE WHEREIN PARKING ON CERTAIN SIDES OF SPECIFIC STREETS WITHIN THE BOROUGH IS PROHIBITED. A motion was made by Trish Corle to accept Ordinance 499 seconded by Connie Hobbs. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried.

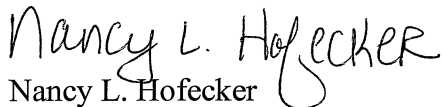
A motion was made by Eric Baumbaugh to accept Mark Wissinger Sr, Al Lushko and Sean Glenn as the new zoning board for Ferndale Borough. Motion was seconded by Connie Hobbs. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried.

A motion to accept Old/New Business was made by Cindy Dom seconded by Eric Baumbaugh.

At 6:52pm the meeting went into executive session regarding a personnel issue.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary