

FERNDALE BOROUGH
Regular Meeting
February 8, 2024

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

A motion was made by Art Boring to adopt the February 8, 2024 agenda seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

VISITOR'S

Wes Neal was present to observe.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the January 11, 2024 minutes. A motion was made by Eric Baumbaugh to accept the minutes, seconded by Mark Wissinger, Sr. 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 Sr and Mayor Ralph Boyle. Art Boring and Mark Wissinger Jr were absent (excused). They created the agenda for this evening's meeting and reviewed the action items that are listed.

PERSONNEL

President Hofecker presented Resolution #1 Waiving Employee Contribution for Non-Uniform Pension for 2024. A motion to pass the resolution was made by Eric Baumbaugh seconded by Cindy Dom. A roll call vote was taken with all present member voting yes. The motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Joe Green presented and read Ordinance # 507. AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FERNDALE, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CODIFIED FERNDALE BOROUGH ORDINANCE CHAPTER 20, SECTION 109,

PARAGRAPH 1. ENTITLED ANNUAL FEE FOR FAMILY UNITS (MUNICIPAL REFUSE COLLECTION). The ordinance will be advertised and voted on at March's council meeting.

Attorney Green is also going to prepare a resolution to be a part of the ordinance listing the cost of services.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that Officer Angel Raehl is close to fulfilling her hours that were required from our sponsorship in the academy.

There are two cadets who submitted applications for sponsorship. They will be setting up interviews.

WEST HILLS REPORT

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

Kevin Schrock from West Hills Regional was present to talk about the fire commission meeting. They are planning on bringing Jerry Ozog in to see what he can do to help facilitate the commission.

FERNDALE FIREMAN'S ASSOC. REPORT

No report given

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Sean Simmons said that they removed all the salt from the bin and cleaned it up to make room for the new salt they need to order.

Roger has been out with the street sweeper during the day when the weather is nice.

There are lights that need to be replaced at the park. Sean said the cheapest place to get them is from Amazon.

Nancy Hofecker said SR&G did complete the ceiling upstairs.

TREES

No report given

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank DiLoreto was present from EADS.

Five pressure tests were completed in January.

Station St Walkway Rehabilitation Project: Construction for the project is ongoing and approximately 90% has been completed to date. The only remaining items for the project are the handrail and final paving in the spring. The fencing wingwalls will need to be repaired do to damage to the brackets. Also, they will need to add additional support to mitigate damage. EADS has a meeting with Verizon on 1/14/2024 at 1:30 to visit the site and determine a new location for the utility pole.

Rigby Park Improvements Project: The final layout of the playground has been drafted and will be coordinated with Ferndale for approval. EADS will work with Sports Recreation Associates on confirming the playground equipment layout. The DCNR has provided their final review comments once corrected the documents will be approved for bidding. The bid advertisement is planned for February 19, 2024.

PennDOT MTF Grant Application: PennDOT anticipates a 2024 spring/summer announcement.

DCED MTF Fund: The announcement date for the grant is anticipated to be spring 2024.

PennDOT TASA Grant: The announcement is expected to be April 2024.

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

DCED Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP): Recreation projects up to \$250,000 with a 15% match. Example projects include bicycle and walking nature trails, passive recreation areas, access roads, parking areas, walkways, comfort station, lighting, landscaping, and signage. Applications are due by May 31st, 2024.

Township ROW: EADS is working on projects for Peoples Natural Gas and EADS was instructed to show the Borough's ROW. EADS sent a request to the Ferndale Borough for widths of the ROW on various streets. EADS will visit the Borough to go through maps to determine a ROW width.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax Collector's Report was presented for January 2024. The amount collected in January was \$987.86.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given

RECREATION REPORT

No report given

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Council received a letter from B. Hale requesting two parking spaces on Station Street for his business. Council all agreed that his request should be approved.

The meeting went into executive session at 7:03pm regarding a personnel issue. The meeting came out of executive at 7:29pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm with Cindy Dom making the motion seconded by Connie Hobbs.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary