

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting
February 13, 2020

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, February 13, 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, Art Boring, Trish Corle, Cindy Dom, Mark Wissinger, Dave Ziemba, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Attorney Joe Green, Police Chief John Blake, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Street Foreman Sean Simmons.

VISITOR'S

Visitor's present were Brendon Gorman, Lance Watson, Bryce Eisenhuth, Larry Illig and Jim Miliauskas.

Larry Illig addressed council regarding a parking issue in front of his residence. People keep pulling up onto the sidewalk of his property. He wants to know if the borough can help him in any way. He is concerned because the viewport for the sewer is right there. Council told him they will look at it and get back to him.

Jim Miliauskas was present to discuss the bike lane that would be placed through Ferndale Borough by PennDOT. PennDOT would place the bike lane but it would be up to the borough to maintain it. He mentioned there would be a conference call that coming Tuesday. He would provide the information to council if they wish to call in. Council addressed some issues regarding the bike lane. Council advised Jim that they will vote on it next meeting.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the January 9, 2020 minutes. A motion was made by Trish Corle to accept the minutes and seconded by Dave Ziemba. The motion carried.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Trish Corle to terminate the employment of Scott Bennett effective February 14, 2020. Scott has been tardy and a no show for work on several occasions. Scott received a written warning on October 4, 2019. Connie Hobbs seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following members voting yes; Trish Corle, Connie Hobbs, Mark Wissinger, Owen Hofecker and Dave Ziemba. Cindy Dom voted no. Art Boring abstained from the vote because he is also a street employee. The motion carried.

A motion to accept the Personnel Report was made by Trish Corle seconded by Art Boring. The motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Joe Green spoke regarding floating a bond to help the borough with the line of credit that they pay on and some additional projects. He asked council for the okay for him to speak with Joe Muscatello on council's behalf. Once he has additional information, he will share it with council.

A motion to accept the Solicitor's Report was made by Cindy Dom seconded by Dave Ziembra. The motion carried.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Chief Blake presented council with an animal control service agreement. The agreement would be with the Human Society of Cambria County. Attorney Green has reviewed the agreement and has some questions for Chief Blake to follow up on.

Chief Blake advised everyone to start locking their vehicles. Recently some vehicles have been broken into. The common dominator is that the vehicles aren't locked.

A motion to accept the Mayor and Police Reports was made by Mark Wissinger and seconded by Art Boring. 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.

FERNDALE FIREMAN'S ASSOC. REPORT

Ralph Boyle reminded everyone that the 90th Jubilee will be this year. They will be selling cash tickets this year. The ticket will go off the 4-digit daily lottery number that is drawn the Sunday after Jubilee. They are working on making the parade bigger this year.

A motion to accept the Ferndale Fireman's Association Report was made by Cindy Dom seconded by Trish Corle. The motion carried.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Ordinance 494 was presented. The ordinance states An Ordinance of the Borough of Ferndale, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, Amending Chapter 15 Section 403 of the Codified Ordinances of the Borough of Ferndale Titled Parking Prohibited in Certain Locations, Certain Days and Hours. The ordinance had been presented to council during the January meeting and it was

advertised in the Tribune Democrat. A roll call vote was taken to enact Ordinance 494. All members voted yes. The motion carried.

Owen Hofecker presented paperwork and a resolution from PennDOT regarding the traffic lights on Ferndale Avenue. PennDOT is going to upgrade/replace the lights and we will continue to maintain them. A motion was made by Trish Corle to sign the paperwork seconded by Art Boring. The motion carried.

Sean Simmons said that they went over all the trucks changing the oil in them. He said that once the weather breaks, he would like to reseal the tennis and basketball courts and get mulch for the playground. They are also going to work on the French drain on Saly and Harlan. He asked council if it would be okay if he got quotes. Council said that it would be okay.

Owen wanted everyone on council to be aware that the street department can only accept clean fill from the residents. Any additional items will need to be picked up by Advanced Disposal. Residents will need to schedule a special pickup with Advanced.

A motion to accept the Streets and Property Report was made by Cindy Dom seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

TREES

Art Boring asked if it would be okay if he had Roger contact Jim Smay to give us a quote for Plainfield Avenue. The trees need trimmed for the lights to be restrung on Plainfield. Council said that would be fine.

A motion to accept the Trees Report was made by Mark Wissinger seconded by Dave Ziembra. The motion carried.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank Diloreto was present from EADS. Five pressure tests were completed in January. Frank reviewed the items on hold.

Frank said that the PA Small Water Grant that we applied for should be announced in early March. The Community Foundation for Alleghenies Mini-Grant was submitted. The grant award will be announced mid-April 2020. He also discussed the Penelec Sustainable Energy Grant.

Frank said EADS did provide Chris Kriley from DEP a quarterly update on the flow reduction plan.

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

A motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report was made by Art Boring seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Trish Corle asked Nancy if she has heard anything from Barnes Saly regarding the audit for 2019. Nancy has not but will reach out to them.

A motion to accept the Finance/Accounts Payable Report was made by Cindy Dom seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given.

RECREATION REPORT

Nancy shared that Ferndale United Methodist Church made a donation to our playground/rec fund.

Mark suggested that if they reseal the basketball court and tennis court that they also repaint the lines. Sean said he would see that it gets done.

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

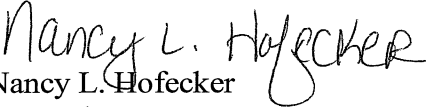
No old/new business.

At 7:10pm the meeting went into executive session regarding a personnel issue.

At 7:30pm council came out of executive session and went back into the regular meeting to the personnel report.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm with Trish Corle making the motion, seconded by Connie Hobbs.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary