

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

January 9, 2025

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, January 9, 2025, 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, Connie Hobbs, President Owen Hofecker, Mark Wissinger Jr, Mark Wissinger Sr, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Police Chief Adam Richards, and Secretary Nancy Hofecker. Art Boring and Attorney Joe Green were absent.

A motion was made by Cindy Dom to adopt the January 9, 2025 agenda seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

VISITOR'S

Zachary Neal was present to observe.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the December 12, 2024 minutes. A motion was made by Mark Wissinger Sr 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: President Owen Hofecker, VP Eric Baumbaugh, Cindy Dom, Connie Hobbs, 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 the year end report from the Chief shows that Ferndale Borough Police had 710 calls for 2024. He also said that ammunition was ordered for the department.

WEST HILLS REPORT

Kevin Schrock was present. He said the next fire commission meeting will be held on January 20, 2025. The meeting will be held in Brownstown.

Kevin said that in regard to Breezewood Dr, 911 has changed the mapping that they use. They need a letter from Upper Yoder and Ferndale Borough indicting that Breezewood Drive belongs in Ferndale Borough. Kevin sent a sample letter to Nancy and she passed it onto Attorney Green for review.

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 Santa made his rounds through the borough on Christmas Eve. He thanked everyone who helped. He said that everyone had a great time.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Nancy said that the guys have been doing a really good job. Residents have been coming in saying a lot of positive and nice things about the roads this winter.

Roger did order 100 ton of salt to help fulfill some of our contract with Costars.

Two new batteries had to be purchased for the new truck.

Owen Hofecker shared that there were some questions as to restrictions as far as use of the municipal building. Attorney Green did a deed search and there are no restrictions on the building in regard to usage.

TREES

No report given

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank DiLoreto was present from EADS.

Two pressure tests were completed in December.

Rigby Park Improvements Project: JCM is 80% complete with the camera installation. Their work is weather dependent so that moisture is not introduced into the camera housing. They anticipate on day of work left with good weather. Another reimbursement is being released for the work completed. The latest reimbursement will be for \$20,904.00. That leaves approximately \$49,500.00 remaining in outstanding invoices. Final inspection with the DCNR

was completed on 12/10/2024. There were no issues that were brought up by the DCNR. Final corrective photos will need sent when the cameras are installed.

Ferndale Ave Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project: EADS submitted the layout to CamTran for the relocated bus shelter. They had no comments about the layout. We can proceed with getting an easement with the Ferndale School District. PennDOT HOP was submitted on 12/9/2024. Received PennDOT HOP comments on 12/24/2024.

Station St Phase 2 Project: EADS is working with PennDOT on the URMS approval for all nearby utilities.

DCED LSA 2023 Grant: Received approval to equip the police cruisers with the LPRs. Waiting to receive agreement to receive funding.

DCED Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP): Grant announcement is anticipated for Spring 2025.

DCED LSA 2024 Grant: Grant announcement is anticipated for Fall of 2025.

CFA Mini Grant: EADS will submit an application to obtain funds for the Rigby Park with the goal to be used as matching funds for the pickleball court GTRP Grant.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax Collector's Report was presented for December 2024. The amount collected in December was \$5,408.02.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given

RECREATION REPORT

Mark Wissinger Jr thanked Frank DiLoreto the borough's engineer from the EADS Group. He expressed our gratitude for all his hard work with getting the grant to upgrade the park.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

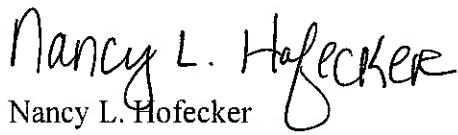
NEW BUSINESS

Mark Wissinger Sr spoke about Jerry Katzenstein and remembering all the things he did in the borough.

The meeting went into executive session at 6:36pm for a personnel issue. The meeting came out of executive session at 6:57pm.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58pm with Mark Wissinger Sr making the motion seconded by Eric Baumbaugh.

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 "K".

Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary