

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

July 6, 2023

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, July 6, 2023, 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, Trish Corle, Connie Hobbs, President Owen Hofecker, Mark Wissinger Jr, Attorney Joe Green, Secretary Nancy Hofecker, Street Foreman Sean Simmons and Police Chief Adam Richards. Absent: Art Boring, Cindy Dom and Mayor Ralph Boyle.

A motion was made by Trish Corle to adopt the July 6, 2023 agenda seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

VISITOR'S

Sean Glenn was present to observe. Brett Pribulsky presented his paperwork to council for the fireworks show at the jubilee.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the June 8, 2023 minutes. A motion was made by Eric Baumbaugh to accept the minutes, seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

There was no committee meeting held in July.

PERSONNEL

No report given

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report given

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Chief Adam Richards said he has 3 quotes to outfit the new cruiser. He had felt the quotes were high. There is a cruiser sitting at Laurel Ford for us to purchase. The cost of the cruiser is \$37,880.00. We will begin the paperwork for the cruiser in the next week or so.

Chief Richards said he reached out to Penn Highlands today regarding the 2 cadets we are sponsoring. He is looking for the invoice to pay for their schooling. He hasn't heard back from the college.

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

Sean Glenn said he submitted the request to use the recreation park for the jubilee. Jubilee will be from July 17-July 22. Fireworks will be at 10:15pm on Saturday, July 22nd. No matinee this year do to lower interest. Instead, jubilee will open at 4pm on Saturday giving an extra 2 hours to ride.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Sean Simmons said that they took the hot box back. They had it the whole month of June.

Paving of part of Margaret and Melander is complete. There is an issue on Melander with water runoff. Sean is going to speak with Quaker and Mike Bowser to see if it can be addressed.

Sean said they are back to street sweeping and cutting grass. They will be working on crosswalks next week to have them ready for the jubilee.

Eric Baumbaugh said that Chad from Coal Tubin is having issues with contractors dumping grass at his location. The dumping spot is meant for residences only. If a contractor or someone with a trailer full would like to dump they need to speak with Chad. Chad now owns the property. If a contractor is mowing in the borough and wants the grass dumped, they should leave it at the property where it was cut.

Nancy said the water damage that happened in the upstairs room above her office is not covered by the insurance company. The insurance company feels that it was because of a clogged drain on the roof and it leaked down through the vents. Regardless the ceiling needed to come down to prevent mold issues. We will be receiving a bill from Service Master for the cleanup.

Eric Baumbaugh said that we are having issues with the gas company not following our ordinance after cutting the roadway to do work. In most cases they should be paving curb to curb. Attorney Green is going to reach out to them.

TREES

No report given

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank DiLoreto was present from EADS.

Four pressure tests were completed in June.

Station St Walkway Rehabilitation Project: EADS sent contract documents to Straw for execution. Straw returned the signed documents for final execution by the Ferndale Borough. Joe Green reviewed the documents and saw no issues. EADS reached out to the DCED about having Station Street paved curb to curb under the grant. The DCED approved the mill and overlay of Station Street with grant funds. Straw Construction agreed to complete the extra paving under the bid price submitted. EADS will be working with Straw Construction to review submittals prior to starting construction. Also, a construction schedule will be determined.

Rigby Park Improvements Project: From the DCNR checklist the Project Start-up (Part 1) was approved and Approval to Proceed (Part II) may begin. EADS sent the DCNR Certification of Title document to Joe Green to complete. EADS is working on completing the project timeline, site development drawings and acquiring purchasing program quotes.

PennDOT MTF Grant Application: Submitted grant for the Rigby Park Pedestrian Lighting Project. Announcement for the grant is anticipated to be the end of July 2023.

DCED Small Water and Sewer/H2O Grants: Grants were submitted for Goucher St Storm Sewer Rehabilitation & Stormwater improvements and Manhole Rehabilitation. Announcement for the grant is expected to be after their meeting on Tuesday, July 18th.

DCED MTF Fund: The 30% match requirement is waived for 2023. Application must be submitted by July 31, 2023. Projects to be submitted include: Station St Walkway Rehabilitation Phase 2 and Ferndale Ave Sidewalk replacement from Clay St to Rigby Park.

Resolution # 3 was presented in regards to the Ferndale Ave Sidewalk Rehabilitation. A motion was made by Trish Corle to pass resolution # 3 seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes.

Resolution # 4 was presented in regards to the Station Street Walkway Rehabilitation, Phase 2. A motion was made by Eric Baumbaugh to pass resolution # 4 seconded by Connie Hobbs. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes.

PennDOT TASA Grant: The match requirement is waived for 2023. No design fees are covered by construction inspection is covered for the grant. Projects to be submitted include: Station St Walkway Rehabilitation, Phase 2 and Ferndale Ave Sidewalk Rehabilitation (Clay St to the Rigby Park). Draft submission due July 21st, final submission due September 15.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax Collector's Report was presented for June 2023. The amount collected in June was \$15,300.30.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given

RECREATION REPORT

Mark Wissinger said that the swim program finished up and was a huge success. There were 15 kids total.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old business

NEW BUSINESS

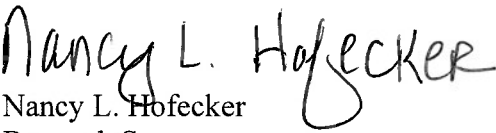
Owen Hofecker shared a letter from Bishop McCort asking to Turn the Town Teal again. They place ribbons on the trees on Ferndale Avenue for cancer awareness. Council was in agreement that they could do it again.

The meeting went into executive session at 6:58pm regarding contract negotiation.

The meeting came out of executive session at 7:13pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm with Eric Baumbaugh making the motion seconded by Connie Hobbs.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary