

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

June 8, 2023

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, June 8, 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, Art Boring, Cindy Dom, Connie Hobbs, President Owen Hofecker, Mark Wissinger Jr, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Secretary Nancy Hofecker, Street Foreman Sean Simmons and Police Chief Adam Richards. Absent: Trish Corle and Attorney Joe Green.

A motion was made by Art Boring to adopt the June 8, 2023 agenda seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

VISITOR'S

Zachary Neal was present to observe.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the May 11, 2023 minutes. A motion was made by Connie Hobbs to accept the minutes, seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

President Owen Hofecker did a little recap of the committee meeting. Those in attendance were: Art Boring, Trish Corle, Connie Hobbs, President Owen Hofecker, and Mark Wissinger. Absent: VP Eric Baumbaugh (excused), Cindy Dom (excused) and Mayor Ralph Boyle (excused). They created the agenda for this evening's meeting and reviewed the action items that are listed.

PERSONNEL

No report given

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report given

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that they got 2 quotes for a cruiser to be purchased using the grant funds that we received.

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that Angel Raehl from the police academy signed her agreement with Ferndale Borough. Gavin Pacewicz will be coming to sign in the next couple of days. The committee is looking to make an agreement with the cadets regarding vests for them to wear since it is in our SOP.

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

Mayor Ralph Boyle said the jubilee will be held from Monday, July 17th – Saturday, July 22nd. The kitchen will be open from 5pm-11pm except for Saturday it will be from 1pm-close. Fireworks will be held on Saturday, July 22nd at 10:15pm. Matinee will be on Saturday from 4pm-close because of the heat in the past years.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Sean Simmons said that they went and picked up the hot box and have been patching holes.

The bid packets for the proposed paving project in the borough were opened. The following bids were submitted: HRI option 1 \$59,858.00 – option 2 \$51,784.95 and Quaker Sales option 1 \$58,140.00 – option 2 \$49,986.00.

A motion to accept Quaker Sales option 2 to complete the paving project was made by Eric Baumbaugh seconded by Art Boring. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried.

TREES

Art Boring said that he received estimates to get the tree taken down up on Goucher St and to get some removed at the park. Tree Climber gave an estimate of \$5,500.00 that is cutting up the logs and leaving them there. Jordan Tree Service gave an estimate of \$4,700.00 and that is cutting and cleaning up all the wood. Everyone agreed to go with Jordan Tree Service. Art will be giving him a call to schedule it.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank DiLoreto was present from EADS.

Five pressure tests were completed in May.

Station St Walkway Rehabilitation Project: EADS conducted a bid opening bid meeting on May 19th at 11:00am. There were two bids received for the project from Straw Construction Co and Sanner Masonry & Excavation. Straw Construction was the low bidder with a Total Base Bid & Add Alternate #1 and Deduct Alternate Bid #2 of \$369,071.44. A copy of the bid report was provided to the Borough. The grant funds allocated for construction is a total of \$252,000.00. With the funds available only the base bid or the add alternate #1 can be constructed.

A motion was made by Cindy Dom to award the Station Street Project to Straw Construction with the base bid minus deduct alternate #2 bid for a total of \$185,795.13 seconded by Connie Hobbs. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried.

Rigby Park Improvements Project: The project startup call was completed on May 17th at 8:00am. During the call we discussed the initial steps to begin the project. Notable items discussed include: initial steps required by the grant (solicitor title review), costars requirements, non-cash match, design requirements and adding security cameras. The agreement between EADS and Ferndale was provided for Ferndale's execution.

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

DCED Small Water and Sewer/H2OGrants: Grants were submitted for Goucher St Storm Sewer Rehabilitation & Stormwater improvements and Manhole Rehabilitation. Announcement for the grant has not been determined.

DCED MTF Fund: Funds may be used for the development, rehabilitation and enhancement of transportation assets to existing communities, streetscape, lighting, sidewalk enhancement, pedestrian safety, connectivity of transportation assets and transit-oriented development. The 30% match requirement is waived for 2023. Application must be submitted by July 31, 2023. Submission ideas include: Station St Walkway Rehabilitation Phase 2 and Ferndale Ave Sidewalk replacement from Clay St to Rigby Park.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax Collector's Report was presented for May 2023. The amount collected in May was \$5,845.85.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given

RECREATION REPORT

Mark Wissinger said that the swim program started today. There are 13 kids signed up between the 2 sessions.

OLD BUSINESS

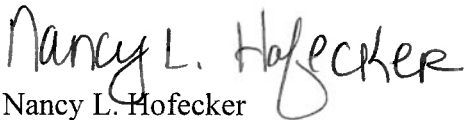
No Old business

NEW BUSINESS

Owen Hofecker read a letter that he received from Tina Smith in regards to a handicap spot. She resides at 538 Summit Avenue. She is asking for the spot to be placed near the intersection of Clem Alley and Station Street. Sean Simmons and Chief Richards will look to make sure it is placed correctly and not too close to the intersection.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03pm with Art Boring making the motion seconded by Connie Hobbs.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary