

**FERNDALE BOROUGH**  
Regular Meeting  
March 12, 2020

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, March 12, 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, Mark Wissinger, Dave Ziemba, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Police Chief John Blake, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Street Foreman Sean Simmons. Cindy Dom and Attorney Joe Green were absent.

**VISITOR'S**

Visitor's present were Al Cooper, Ethan Imhoff and Danny Taylor. Al Cooper was just observing.

Ethan Imhoff was there to answer any questions regarding the bike lane.

Danny Taylor addressed council regarding noise issues in the borough.

**MINUTES**

There were no changes to the February 13, 2020 minutes. A motion was made by Trish Corle to accept the minutes and seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

**PERSONNEL**

No report given.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

No report given.

**MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS**

Chief Blake presented council with a flyer that he made to hand out to the residence explaining why they need to lock their vehicles. He said that with all the break ins that have happened the vehicles have been unlocked.

Chief Blake said he would be asking someone from council to negotiate the contract with the Human Society. He said that the price he was quoted was rather high compared to what Westmont Borough pays. Westmont Borough is a lot larger than Ferndale. Their price that they pay was listed in the Tribune Democrat.

Chief Blake said that he would be hosting a taser recert class on May 8<sup>th</sup> in the back hall.

A motion to accept the Mayor and Police Reports was made by Dave Ziembra 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 they will be selling cash tickets this year for the jubilee. The ticket will go off the 4-digit daily lottery number that is drawn the Sunday after Jubilee. Tickets will be \$5.00 with (2) 4-digit numbers.

A motion to accept the Ferndale Fireman's Association Report was made by Mark Wissinger seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

## **STREETS AND PROPERTY**

Sean Simmons said they started taking the street sweeper apart to replace the bearings. They noticed that the brakes are leaking, discovered it is the master cylinder. Sean shared some ways to fix the problem along with cost info and asked council how they would like him to proceed.

Sean said they are done ordering salt for the year. The borough has met its quota with co-stars and we have a bin full of salt.

Owen presented a resolution and paperwork from PennDOT regarding the utility relocation for Ferndale Ave (Route 403). A motion was made by Trish Corle to allow Owen to complete the required paperwork seconded by Connie Hobbs. A roll call vote was taken with the following members voting yes: Trish Corle, Connie Hobbs, Owen Hofecker, Mark Wissinger and Dave Ziembra. Cindy Dom was absent and Art Boring abstained from the vote because he is a street employee.

A motion to accept the Streets and Property Report was made by Trish Corle seconded by Dave Ziembra. The motion carried.

## **TREES**

Art Boring said he has been working with and talking to some residents who recently removed trees from their properties.

Art Boring is working with Jim Smay to get some trees trimmed on Plainfield Avenue. The trees need trimmed for the lights to be restrung on Plainfield.

A motion to accept the Trees Report was made by Dave Ziemba seconded by Trish Corle. The motion carried.

## **SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT**

Frank Diloreto and Mark Muir were present from EADS. Four pressure tests were completed in February. Frank reviewed the items on hold.

Frank said that the PA Small Water Grant that we applied will not be announced until mid-July. He has all the information he needs to submit the Penelec Sustainable Energy Grant. He will see that it gets submitted. They will be announcing that grant in late July 2020.

Frank reviewed some properties that residents had questions on regarding sewer work.

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

## **TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

No report given.

## **FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

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

Owen shared that council requested 1<sup>st</sup> Summit Bank to open an account for Penn Vest to deposit the remaining money owed to the borough. The checking account was opened and has four signers on the account. Two out of the four signers must sign at all times.

A motion to accept the Finance/Accounts Payable Report was made by Art Boring seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

No report given.

## **RECREATION REPORT**

Mark asked Sean to see that new mulch gets placed at the playground this year.

Sean shared that he is working on getting quotes to have the courts resealed.

Council told Sean that they did a great job on the benches and tables down at the park.

A motion to accept the Recreation Report was made by Dave Ziemba seconded by Art Boring. The motion carried.

## **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Trish Corle to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Penndot in regards to the maintenance of the route 403 bike lane pending the signing of the sub agreement with Cambria County Conservation and Recreation Authority in regards to the maintenance. Mark Wissinger seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following members voting yes: Art Boring, Trish Corle, Connie Hobbs, Owen Hofecker, Mark Wissinger, Dave Ziemba. Cindy Dom was absent.

A motion to accept Old/New Business was made by Mark Wissinger seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

At 7:01pm the meeting went into executive session regarding a personnel issue.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm with Dave Ziemba making the motion, seconded by Art Boring.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Hofecker  
Borough Secretary