

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

May 11, 2023

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, May 11, 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, Trish Corle, Cindy Dom, Connie Hobbs, President Owen Hofecker, Mark Wissinger Jr, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Attorney Joe Green, Secretary Nancy Hofecker, Street Foreman Sean Simmons and Police Chief Adam Richards.

A motion was made by Trish Corle to adopt the May 11, 2023 agenda seconded by Art Boring. The motion carried.

VISITOR'S

Dennis Kassick, Chloe Boyle, Darlene, Hayley and Alyssa Richards and The Tim Williams Family were all present to observe.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the April 13, 2023 minutes. A motion was made by Cindy Dom 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: VP Eric Baumbaugh, Trish Corle, Connie Hobbs, President Owen Hofecker, Mark Wissinger and Mayor Ralph Boyle. Absent: Cindy Dom (excused) and Art Boring (excused). They created the agenda for this evening's meeting and reviewed the action items that are listed.

PERSONNEL

Attorney Green reviewed the agreement to sponsor cadets from the academy. A motion was made by Trish Corle to accept the agreement seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report given

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that he will be contacting B. Hale to get quotes to get a split heating/cooling unit for the police office.

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that Chief Richards and Officer Sherle recommended that riding mowers that drive on Ferndale Ave need an orange triangle on the back of them.

Chief Richards is going to contact Laurel Ford to get a price for a new cruiser since we received a grant for the purchase of one.

Mayor Ralph Boyle said they interviewed Angel Raehl & Gavin Pacewicz from the police academy. Police committee makes a recommendation to hire both cadets once they graduate from the academy in September.

Mayor Ralph Boyle presented Chief Richards and Darlene Richards with a plaque honoring Bill Richards, who recently passed away. The plaque recognized his years of dedication and retired his badge number.

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

No report given

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Sean Simmons said that they have been busy cutting grass.

There was further discussion regarding purchasing a saw to cut asphalt/concrete to fix the potholes. Council advised Sean to go ahead and purchase the saw and blades. They capped it at \$3500.00, if it would be more Sean was advised to contact Eric.

Sean did locate a hotbox in Portage, PA. The cost to rent it for a week is \$1500.00 and to rent it for a month is \$4500.00.

Nancy Hofecker said she advertised the paving project for bids. Bids will be opened at the June meeting.

Nancy Hofecker said that she received the Municipal Winter Agreement from Penndot for the upcoming winter. Payment has increased by 2%.

TREES

Art Boring said that there is a tree up on Goucher St that belongs to the borough and it is dead at the top. He also has some concern about some of the trees at the park. Art will get some estimates and bring them to the next meeting.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank DiLoreto was present from EADS.

Five pressure tests were completed in April.

Station St Walkway Rehabilitation Project: EADS conducted a pre-bid meeting on May 3rd with potential bidders. Three contractors came to the pre bid meeting and asked a variety of questions for the project. Addendum #1 was submitted answering the contractor's questions and making small adjustments to the project. The bid opening is scheduled for May 19th at 11:00 am.

Rigby Park Improvements Project: DCNR grant was awarded \$170,000.00 to the borough. This includes replacing the playground equipment, pavilion roofs, and adding ADA walkways to the pavilions and playground. EADS provided their quote for the engineering services on May 2nd, 2023.

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 Grants: 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 (pending bid results) and Ferndale Ave Sidewalk replacement from Clay St to Rigby Park.

Quotes were presented for the Rigby Park Improvement Project. CJL Engineering and The EADS Group were the engineers that submitted quotes. Attorney Green reviewed both quotes. CJL's quote was in the amount of \$29,500.00 and EADS was \$17,000.00.

A motion was made by Art Boring to accept EADS as the Engineer for the Rigby Park Project seconded by Mark Wissinger. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried.

Trish Corle made a motion to amend the agenda and return to the Mayor and Police Report to address unfinished business, seconded by Connie Hobbs.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax Collector's Report was presented for April 2023. The amount collected in April was \$100,030.95.

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

Nancy Hofecker said she sent flyers up to the elementary school regarding the swim program at the YWCA.

OLD BUSINESS

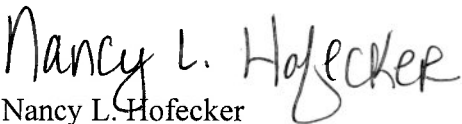
No Old business

NEW BUSINESS

Nancy Hofecker said she received a letter from Jennifer Asel. Jennifer would like to open a business in her home at 710 Ferndale Avenue. Nancy will be handing the letter over to the zoning board.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm with Cindy Dom making the motion seconded by Connie Hobbs.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary