

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

May 12, 2022

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, May 12, 2022, 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, 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. Art Boring was absent.

A motion was made by Connie Hobbs to adopt the May 12, 2022 agenda seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

VISITOR'S

The following visitors were present to observe: Jordon Morack, Mark Morack, Zachary Neal, and Aranna Brown.

Dennis Kassick was present and addressed council regarding the motorcycles speeding up and down Summit Ave. He also thanked Nancy and Sean for always helping him out when he needs it.

Wes Neal was also present and addressed council regarding police and an incident that ended in the borough.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the April 14, 2022 minutes. A motion was made by Cindy Dom to accept the minutes, seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

PERSONNEL

No report given.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report given.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that they are reviewing the ordinance regarding stop signs and maybe making changes to it.

Mayor Ralph Boyle also said that donations have been received to purchase an AED for the police officers to use.

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

A request letter was submitted to council regarding the 91st Ferndale Fireman's Jubilee. The jubilee will be held from July 18-July 23, 2022. The fire association is requesting use of the grounds from July 10-July 30, 2022. A motion was made by Trish Corle to allow the association to use the grounds seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Sean Simmons said he ordered mulch for the park. Roger Bock will continue to street sweeping on Thursdays and Fridays from 3am-11am.

Eric Baumbaugh said that they are talking about filling the pot holes this year. They are going to look into getting a cutter to cut the pavement and then fill the hole. Trish asked if they can get an estimated cost.

Nancy Hofecker said that she did place the ad for the paving bid. It will be advertised on May 16th and May 19th. Bids will be open at the June 9th meeting.

Owen Hofecker gave Sean an application that was received from a resident to do part time street work for the borough. Owen asked Sean to give the individual a call and set something up so that Sean and Eric can talk to him.

TREES

No report given.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank Diloreto was present from EADS.

Three pressure tests were completed in April. EADS will begin preparing the final flow reduction report for the DEP discussing the improvements made to the system, amending the sewer ordinance, additional lateral pressure tests, and overall reduced flowrate.

Hystone Avenue Sewer Rehabilitation: Snyder Environmental Services completed the relining on the Station St project on 4/20/22. The only remaining item in the project is final paving on Hystone Ave.

Station St Walkway Rehabilitation Project: EADS will begin surveying the area to establish the existing conditions. Next, we will determine a design plan for the area.

Local Share Account Statewide Program: Announcement for the grants is anticipated to be the end of 2022. No official award date has been announced. The police cruiser application required an updated estimate for a quote within the past year. The estimate was updated but a revised resolution needs to be passed. Cindy Dom made a motion to pass Resolution # 7 seconded by Trish Corle. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes.

Grant Applications: A new GTRP grant was announced to accept applications for funding. The deadline is May 31, 2022. The Rigby Park Improvements Project will be repackaged for application. The application is being prepared. The only action that needs completed is passing resolution # 8. Trish Corle made a motion to pass Resolution #8 seconded by Connie Hobbs. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax Collector's Report was presented for April 2022. Total amount collected was \$100,864.33.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Owen Hofecker said that himself and Chief Adam Richards attended the Westmont Borough council meeting along with individuals from the Ferndale School District. Westmont Borough has approved for the Ferndale School District to use the elementary gym for sporting events for a year with a revisit next year.

RECREATION REPORT

Trish Corle is still working with the YWCA to figure out how the swim program will work best for everyone. She has not heard back from them yet.

Eric Baumbaugh said that on the big pavilion down at the park the spouting is going into a gravel pit. When it gets full the area turns into a swamp. The street crew is going to dig up the area and tie a pipe into the spouting to take the water away from that area.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS


No new business

The meeting went into executive session at 6:50pm regarding a personnel issue.

The meeting came out of executive at 7:15pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17pm with Cindy Dom making the motion seconded by Connie Hobbs.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary