

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

May 9, 2024

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, May 9, 2024, 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, Cindy Dom, Connie Hobbs, President Owen Hofecker, Mark Wissinger Jr, Mark Wissinger Sr, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Police Chief Adam Richards, Secretary Nancy Hofecker, and Street Foreman Sean Simmons. Art Boring and Attorney Joe Green were absent.

A motion was made by Cindy Dom to adopt the May 9, 2024 agenda seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

VISITOR'S

Zachary Neal and Wes Watson were present to observe.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the April 11, 2024 minutes. A motion was made by Eric Baumbaugh to accept the minutes, seconded by Mark Wissinger, Jr. The motion carried.

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

PERSONNEL

No report given

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report given

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that Angel Raehl completed her CIT training. Every officer we have now has CIT training.

We are applying for a grant for a computer program that will allow the police to dump cell phone information. Currently we take the cell phones to another site to have them dumped.

We will be ordering vests for our new cadets that are starting in September. The vests take a while to arrive.

Chief Richards and Nancy are working on grass letters and posting properties.

There was vandalism done at the recreation park. The individuals were caught. They are asking everyone to say something if you see something.

WEST HILLS REPORT

West Hills Regional e-mailed their report to the office, if anyone would like a copy, please contact the secretary.

Kevin Schrock from West Hills Regional said that the fire commission exploratory committee is on hold for now. They are in of funding.

FERNDALE FIREMAN'S ASSOC. REPORT

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that they are getting ready for jubilee.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Sean Simmons said that they have been temporality fixing the giant pot holes. They are going to be getting the hot box in June and we fix them the right way.

They have most of the stumps pulled out up at the recreation park.

Eric Baumbaugh said that the chain saw broke when they were cutting the trees in the park. He told Sean to purchase a 24-inch bar and chains.

Nancy said she did advertise our paving project in the Tribune Democrat. We will be opening the bids in the June meeting.

TREES

Eric Baumbaugh gave the tree report. Art Boring asked him to go look at a tree that sits behind 314 Harlan Ave. A large tree did come down that was sitting on borough property. It fell in the yard at 314 Harlan Ave. The homeowner has cleaned up most of it but needs help removing the rest. Since it is a borough tree the street department will help him remove the rest of it.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank DiLoreto was present from EADS.

Five pressure tests were completed in April.

Station St Walkway Rehabilitation Project: The paving for the project is complete and the only remaining tasks are punch list items. The relocated utility pole was set on 5/7/2024. Penelec will need to relocate their wires first since they are at the top of the pole. Then Verizon and finally Breezeline. Once all the utilities are transferred then the existing pole can be removed, and the concrete can be patched.

Rigby Park Improvements Project: Marmat Inc was provided the Notice to Proceed on May 6, 2024. We are awaiting the color for the gutters and a starting date of construction. They are planning to begin construction in the coming weeks. Park and Play structures came today to view the site and discuss the project. After discussion there was a concern to reuse the existing slide. The slide has signs of wear and deterioration that could create a maintenance issue in the coming years. They are going to provide alternative structures to add to the playground. Fence contractors were contacted to provide costars prices for the project. Security camera installers will be contacted for prices to install cameras in the park.

DCED MTF Fund: Ferndale Borough was awarded the Ferndale Ave Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project. Once the agreement between the DCED and Ferndale is executed, EADS will generate an agreement to design the awarded project.

PennDOT TASA Grant: Ferndale Borough was awarded the Station St Phase 2 grant to replace the steps and sidewalk between Harlan Ave and Midway Dr.

PennDOT MTF Grant Application: PennDOT anticipates a 2024 spring/summer announcement.

DCED LSA Grant: Grant announcement is anticipated for Fall 2024.

DCED Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP): Recreation projects up to \$250,000 with a 15% match. Applications will be submitted for Tennis/Pickleball Court Rehabilitation. Applications are due by May 31st, 2024.

A motion was made by Mark Wissinger, Sr to pass Resolution #4 for the Greenways, Trail and Recreation Grant Application, seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes.

DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF): Transportation projects between \$100,000.00 to \$3,000,000.00 with no match. Applications are due by July 31st, 2024. Application will be submitted for resurfacing and regrading the walking track.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax Collector's Report was presented for March 2024. The amount collected in March was \$45,313.94.

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 Jr said the swim program will be starting in June. He thanked Nancy for all her help in organizing it.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 508 was again presented and read. AN ORDINANCE OF FERNDALE BOROUGH, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING AND REPEALING FERNDALE BOROUGH CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 15 SECTION 15-401 TITLED VEHICLES TO BE PARKED WITHIN MARKED SPACES AND CHAPTER 15 SECTION 15-407 TITLED PENALTIES.

A motion was made by Eric Baumbaugh to pass Ordinance 508, seconded by Connie Hobbs. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes.

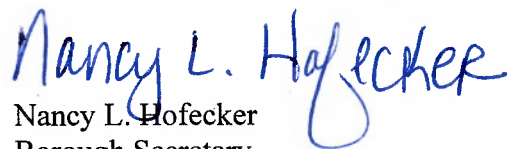
Eric Baumbaugh said that Barclay came in and fixed the electric.

NEW BUSINESS

Owen Hofecker read a letter from Carol Grove requesting a handicap parking spot on Glenwood Ave. Everyone was in agreement.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53pm with Cindy Dom making the motion seconded by Eric Baumbaugh.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary