

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

October 13, 2022

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, October 13, 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, 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 alter the agenda by moving the Solicitors Report and any old business regarding the solicitor to item number 6 on the agenda. Motion seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Trish Corle to adopt the October 13, 2022 agenda seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

VISITOR'S

The following visitors were present: Mary Lee Parley, Russ Parley, Heather Brandle, Clarence & Cindy Wildenman, Sharon & Andy Bellak and Dennis Kassick.

Mary Lee & Russ Parley addressed council regarding the up keep of Boston Street. They have some concerns because they feel the street is never swept, leaves are never picked up and the road is never plowed.

Heather Brandle addressed council regarding the ordinance being passed tonight in regards to the school sign. The Wildenman's and Bellak's were also there regarding the sign.

Dennis Kassick was there to observe.

Frank DiLoreto did explain that we are applying for a grant for Rigby Park and asked if any of the visitors present had any input regarding upgrades at the park.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the September 8, 2022 minutes. A motion was made by Art Boring to accept the minutes, seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

PERSONNEL

No report given

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Green presented Ordinance # 503 regarding collection of taxes also known as Act 57. The ordinance was read and explained. The ordinance will be advertised and voted on in the November meeting.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that we had 2 officers attend and complete CIT training. Both passed the course and were given certificates. Victim Services will be holding a training on Tuesday, November 1st at 9am at our location. Chief Richards will be inviting other departments to attend.

Mayor Ralph Boyle said the computers for the cruisers are ordered. He also said that another part time officer applied.

Resolution #10 was presented. It is a resolution reducing the police officers' contributions to the pension plan for the year 2023. A motion to pass resolution #10 was made by Trish Corle seconded by Mark Wissinger. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. 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

Mayor Ralph Boyle said they sent out invitations to a banquet for those that helped during the jubilee. He also said they profited a little over \$25,700.00 from this year's jubilee.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Sean Simmons said he got price quotes for new doors. To replace the one-man door to go into the garage, the cost would be between \$875.00-\$1000.00. A motion was made by Cindy Dom to spend up to \$1000.00 for the purchase of a new door for the street department entrance, seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

They started picking up leaves this week.

The new spreader is on and ready to go. Westmont Borough is interested in purchasing the old spreader. Sean is working with them regarding the price.

TREES

Art presented council with two bids to trim the trees on Plainfield Avenue. Both bids were for \$2500.00. One bid was from the Tree Expert and the other was from Climber Tree Services. A motion was made by Mark Wissinger to accept the bid from Climber Tree Services seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank DiLoreto was present from EADS.

Two pressure tests were completed in September. An updated letter for pressure testing requirements was provided to Nancy.

Hystone Avenue Sewer Rehabilitation: Closeout documentation has been sent to Snyder for execution. EADS is waiting for Snyder to return signed information to close out the project. Payment is to be held until documentation is received. EADS will complete the closeout for the project once the documentation is received from Snyder. Snyder acknowledged that their work caused the sinkhole and will make the necessary repairs on Hystone Ave.

Station St Walkway Rehabilitation Project: The retaining wall will be designed with Stone Strong Blocks and the contractor will be responsible for obtaining sealed drawings. EADS has been discussing with Stone Strong about the design and is nearing completion for the retaining wall.

Local Share Account Statewide Program & GTRP Program: Announcement for the grants is anticipated to be the end of 2022.

DCED Small Water and Sewer/H2O Grants: Grants will be submitted for the following projects: Goucher St Storm Sewer Rehabilitation, Manhole Rehabilitation and Stormwater improvements throughout the borough. Eligible projects require a 15% match. Applications are due December 21, 2022.

DCNR Community Conservation Partnership Program (Park Rehabilitation and Development): Open discussion for public input. Resolution #11 was presented. A motion was made by Eric Baumbaugh to pass resolution #11, seconded by Cindy Dom. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried.

PennDot MTF Grant Application: Grant will be prepared to replace the walking track lights around the Rigby Park. Grant application due November 14th, 30% match will be required. Resolution #12 was presented. Trish Corle made a motion to pass resolution #12 as an emergency situation because of the timing for EADS to submit the grant. The motion was seconded by Art Boring. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax Collector's Report was presented for September 2022. Total amount collected was \$2,006.16.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given

RECREATION REPORT

Sean Simmons said he got price quotes for new bathroom doors at the recreation park. The cost would be between \$875.00-\$1000.00. A motion was made by Art Boring to spend up to \$1000.00 per door for the bathrooms, seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Green presented Ordinance # 502. AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FERNDAL CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING THE BOROUGH OF FERNDAL CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLED THE ZONING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 27 PART 12 SECTION 1204 KNOWN AS SIGN REGULATIONS.

Attorney Green also reviewed the ordinance for the visitors present. A motion was made Art Boring to accept and pass ordinance # 502 seconded by Cindy Dom. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried.

There were no bids to open for auditor for 2023-2025.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

The meeting adjourned at 6:52pm with Cindy Dom making the motion seconded by Eric Baumbaugh.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary