

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting
September 14, 2023

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, September 14, 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, Trish Corle, Cindy Dom, Connie Hobbs, President Owen Hofecker, Mark Wissinger Jr, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Attorney Joe Green, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Police Chief Adam Richards. Absent: Art Boring and Street Foreman Sean Simmons.

A motion was made by Eric Baumbaugh to adopt the September 14, 2023 agenda seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

VISITOR'S

Al Cooper, Zachary Neal and Dennis Kassick were present to observe.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the August 10, 2023 minutes. A motion was made by Trish Corle to accept the minutes, seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

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

PERSONNEL

No report given

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report given

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that the new police cruiser should be completed within the next 2-3 weeks. He thanked EADS, State Representative Jim Rigby and Senator Wayne Langerholc for

their help in obtaining the grant for the cruiser. The cruiser was purchased and outfitted (lights, sirens, decals etc) by 100% grant funds.

Both cadets Angel Raehl and Chris Logsdon are both certified by MOPEC as officers. They were sworn in and both cadets will start soon, riding along with Chief Richards and Officer Sherle.

There will be an annual duty weapon certification that will be held on September 24th back at the range.

Mayor Ralph Boyle and the police committee will be working to get quotes for a combined heating and air conditioning unit for the police station. It will also provide heat and air conditioning to the maintenance office.

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

Eric Baumbaugh said that Roger Bock has been doing a good job keeping up with everything since Sean Simmons has been out.

The high lift has to have both hydraulic cylinders rebuilt. Both trucks have to be inspected.

TREES

No report given.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank DiLoreto was present from EADS.

Six pressure tests were completed in August.

Station St Walkway Rehabilitation Project: EADS will be working with Straw Construction to review submittals as they are received. EADS has received a change order for the fence mounting alterations to the retaining wall. The additions to the project total approximately \$5,000. EADS is requesting Straw to submit a price to upgrade the fencing material to black vinyl coated fence with black posts and handrails. Straw construction has mobilized and closed

the roadway. Construction will begin on 9/18/2023 to remove the existing maple tree and begin demolition of the gabion basket wall.

Rigby Park Improvements Project: EADS received playground layouts from Costars contractors. The layout of the playground needs to be finalized before the layout can be completed. EADS is starting to put together the pavilions roofing specs for bid.

PennDOT Manhole Complaints: EADS and Ferndale received notification that PennDOT were receiving complaints about the roadway surface around the manholes on Franklin Street between Hystone Ave and Old Country Rd where PennDOT recently constructed a new retaining wall and roadway surface in 2020. PennDOT contacted EADS and Ferndale about making repairs to the surface to absolve the complaints received. However, it is under our impression that this is an issue with the roadway surface and not the manholes. PennDOT did the construction of the roadway including the leveling rings for the manholes and the paving surface around them.

PennDOT MTF Grant Application: Ferndale Borough was not awarded but there is a new grant program available to resubmit the application for funding. The deadline for submission is November 15, 2023. EADS shall repackage for a new submission.

DCED Small Water and Sewer/H2O Grants: Grants were submitted for Goucher St Storm Sewer Rehabilitation & Stormwater improvements and Manhole Rehabilitation. Announcement for the grant is expected to be after their meeting on Tuesday, September 19th.

DCED MTF Fund: Grants were submitted for Station St Walkway Rehabilitation Phase 2 and Ferndale Ave Sidewalk Rehabilitation. Announcement for the grant has not been determined.

PennDOT TASA Grant: Applications were submitted on 9/11/2023. The announcement is expected to be April 2024.

DCED LSA Grant: The primary things to focus on are wants vs needs and improved safety. 1. LPR's for Police cruisers to be submitted, need quotes from Adam. 2. Ferndale Borough Municipal Building Energy Efficiency Improvements and 3. Ferndale Borough Maintenance Equipment.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax Collector's Report was presented for August 2023. The amount collected in August was \$5,023.05.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion to pay all Accounts Payable was made by the committee, seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

A motion to accept the 2022 Audit was made by the committee, seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

A motion to close the two existing accounts at Somerset Trust and open a Money Market account with Somerset Trust was made by Trish Corle seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given

RECREATION REPORT

Mark Wissinger said that we did receive grant funds and will be upgrading the playground equipment.

Nancy Hofecker said she is working with Sarah Riffle and Scott Miles to get the rec basketball and wrestling started.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

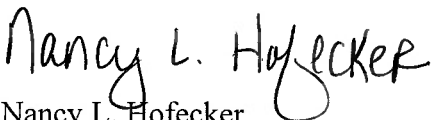
NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that on Saturday, September 16th at 9am there will be a 5K race going through Ferndale Borough.

Council has announced that Trick or Treat will be held on Tuesday, October 31th from 6pm – 7:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01pm with Cindy Dom making the motion seconded by Eric Baumbaugh.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary