

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting
February 13, 2025

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, February 13, 2025, 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, Connie Hobbs, President Owen Hofecker, Mark Wissinger Jr, Mark Wissinger Sr, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Attorney Joe Green and Secretary Nancy Hofecker. Art Boring and Police Chief Adam Richards were absent.

A motion was made by Eric Baumbaugh to adopt the February 13, 2025 agenda seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

VISITOR'S

No visitors were present.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the January 9, 2025 minutes. A motion was made by Eric Baumbaugh to accept the minutes, seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

President Owen Hofecker did a recap of the committee meeting. Those in attendance were: President Owen Hofecker, VP Eric Baumbaugh, Cindy Dom, Connie Hobbs, 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 the details for the grant for the Licensed Plate Readers is being reviewed so that we can proceed forward.

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

Nancy said that Roger will be ordering more salt to satisfy our contract for the year.

Nancy mentioned that now is the time to start thinking about what roads we might want to pave.

TREES

No report given

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank DiLoreto was present from EADS. Zero pressure tests were completed in January.

Rigby Park Improvements Project: JCM is 95% complete with the camera installation. They were having technical difficulties with the wireless connection and are waiting for parts to make the necessary improvements. With the loan secured, all outstanding invoices have been paid. Once JCM has completed their work the last invoices can be dispersed, and the grant can be closed out. Final camera photos were taken and will be uploaded to the DCNR for approval.

Ferndale Ave Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project: EADS submitted the layout to CamTran for the relocated bus shelter. They had no comments about the layout. We can proceed with getting an easement with the Ferndale School District. Received PennDOT HOP approval on 2/3/2025.

Station St Phase 2 Project: URMS is completed for the project and is undergoing approval from the central office. The ECMS bid tabs were completed for the design of the project. EADS is completing the items on the PS&E checklist for PennDOT.

DCED LSA 2023 Grant: Grant agreement was received and signed for the project. Jarrad from the DCED was contacted with the proposed quote.

DCED Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP): Unfortunately, the project was not awarded for the pickleball and tennis courts.

DCED LSA 2024 Grant: Grant announcement is anticipated for Fall of 2025.

CFA Mini Grant: Since the pickleball courts was not awarded, this application was changed to be replacement of the borough windows on the first floor. The application was submitted on 1/30/2025.

2025 Grant Opportunities: 2025 PA Small Water & Sewer Program. Sewer & Stormwater projects with a total project cost between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 with a 15% local match required. Last small water grant submitted was for the Goucher St storm line replacement for approximately \$100,000.00. If this would be applied for again the matching requirement would be \$15,000.00.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax Collector's Report was presented for January 2025. The amount collected in January was \$0.00.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given

RECREATION REPORT

No report given

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Nancy shared a letter that she received from Mr. & Mrs. Henry Dill on Vickroy Avenue requesting a handicap spot in front of their home. Council all agreed to grant the spot.

The meeting went into executive session at 6:41pm for a personnel issue. The meeting came out of executive session at 6:55pm.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57pm with Eric Baumbaugh making the motion seconded by Cindy Dom.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Hofecker - Borough Secretary

