

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

March 13, 2025

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

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

VISITOR'S

Zachary Neal and Rena Watson were present to observe. Wes Watson addressed council regarding ordinances and the sewer loan through Penn Vest.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the February 13, 2025 minutes. A motion was made by Mark Wissinger Sr to accept the minutes, seconded by Connie Hobbs. 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 and Mark Wissinger Sr. They created the agenda for this evening's meeting and reviewed the action items that are listed. Art Boring and Mayor Ralph Boyle were absent (excused).

PERSONNEL

No report given

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report given

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Chief Adam Richards said that all the updated paperwork has been submitted for the LPR Grant.

Officer Nathan Kniss will be attending CIT training in the near future. Chief Richards will be attending firearms training next week.

WEST HILLS REPORT

West Hills Regional e-mailed their report to the office.

Kevin Schrock said that the next fire commission meeting is set for March 31st at 7pm in Westmont's council chambers.

West Hills has started their fire protection program. Where they install smoke detectors in people's homes as long as they are in the West Hills Fire District.

Eric Baumbaugh addressed Kevin and said that it is this councils wish that West Hills removes all the equipment out of our garage. West Hills will be receiving a letter from the council. They will have 60 days remove everything from the building. The borough needs more space to store equipment.

FERNDALE FIREMAN'S ASSOC. REPORT

Eric Baumbaugh said they jubilee will be happening in July. The kitchen will open at 4pm this year and close at 9:30pm. They are also reaching out to the Cambria County sheriff's department to see if we can get additional coverage.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Eric Baumbaugh said that Roger will be starting to do street sweeping soon. Roger's truck is out at A & H for repair. His truck is going to need a new plow for the upcoming winter.

Eric said there are some catch basins that need to be replaced in the borough. The street department is going to work on patching some potholes and getting a vac truck this year to clean out the storm drains.

Nancy reminded them that they need to think about paving. She would like to contact Mike Bowser soon to schedule a time.

TREES

No report given

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank DiLoreto was present from EADS.

Five pressure tests were completed in February.

Rigby Park Improvements Project: Play and Park were emailed to purchase another 50 yards of mulch for the playground. Once the purchase is completed the grant can be closeout and final reimbursement can be executed.

Ferndale Ave Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project: The ROW was completed and reviewed by Joe Green who had no comments. The ROW was submitted to the Ferndale School District for review on 2/26/2025. After the ROW is approved the bidding documents can be prepared to advertise.

Station St Phase 2 Project: Updated design drawings were sent to PennDOT for review. EADS is completing the items on the PS&E checklist for PennDOT. Pedestrian detour comments open to public.

DCED LSA 2023 Grant: Signed quote and Sole Source letter justifications were received. Reimbursement will be sent to DCED.

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

CFA Mini Grant: The application for replacement of the Municipal Building windows was submitted on 1/30/2025.

DCED MTF 2024 Grant: Funds may be used for the development, rehabilitation and enhancement of transportation assets to existing communities, streetscape, lighting, sidewalk enhancement, pedestrian safety, connectivity of transportation assets and transit-oriented development. There is no matching fund requirement. Applications are due July 31, 2025. An application will be submitted for the sidewalk between Vickroy and Ferndale Avenue.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax Collector's Report was presented for February 2025. The amount collected in February was \$3,072.69.

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

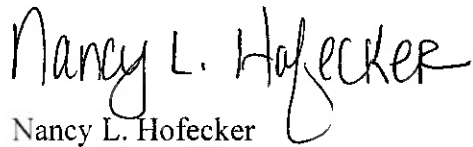
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The meeting adjourned at 6:39pm with Eric Baumbaugh making the motion seconded by Cindy Dom.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy L. Hofecker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "N".

Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary