

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

April 10, 2025

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, April 10, 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. Everyone one remained standing for a moment of silence for Art Boring.

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, Attorney Joe Green, Police Chief Adam Richards and Secretary Nancy Hofecker.

A motion was made by Cindy Dom to adopt the April 10, 2025 agenda seconded by Mark Wissinger Jr. The motion carried.

VISITOR'S

Al Cooper and Wes Watson were present to observe.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the March 13, 2025 minutes. A motion was made by Cindy Dom 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, Mark Wissinger Sr and Mayor Ralph Boyle. They created the agenda for this evening's meeting and reviewed the action items that are listed.

Owen Hofecker said that they will need someone to fill Art Boring's seat on council. Anyone interested should send a letter of consideration to the council. It would be to finish out the calendar year of 2025.

PERSONNEL

No report given

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Green and Nancy Hofecker talked about the proper procedures to sell the vacant lot on Vickroy Ave that used to belong to the Edwards family.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that the cruisers are scheduled to have the LPR's installed in the next couple of weeks. Training on the LPR's will be held in early May.

WEST HILLS REPORT

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

FERNDALE FIREMAN'S ASSOC. REPORT

No report given

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Roger will be starting street sweeping on Monday.

Eric said there are some catch basins that need to be replaced in the borough. We are going to try to coordinate with the gas company to get them done before they pave.

Mike Bowser will be coming in on May 15th to review paving.

TREES

Eric Baumbaugh said that Tree Climber came in the borough and cleaned up the trees that had fallen from the storm.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank DiLoreto was present from EADS.

One pressure test was completed in March.

Rigby Park Improvements Project: Play and Park sent the signed quote for another 50 CY of EWF 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 final ROW was reviewed and approved by the Ferndale School Board. The final ROW was sent to the Ferndale School District for execution. Once executed the Ferndale Borough will execute the ROW with Cam Tran to execute last. Once executed the project can be bid out for construction. A motion was made by Eric Baumbaugh to execute the agreement between the school, borough and Cam Tran to relocate the bus shelter seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

Station St Phase 2 Project: EADS is completing the items on the PS&E checklist for PennDOT. PennDOT has sent other remaining items that need to be completed for the PS&E checklist.

EADS is working to get those completed for PennDOT as quickly as possible. Currently the bid is expected to be advertised on 4/17/2025. Since this is a PennDOT bid project, Ferndale does not need to publicly advertise the project. The bidding process is managed by PennDOT. If contractor questions occur, EADS will be contacted to answer those questions.

DCED LSA 2023 Grant: Ferndale has received the reimbursement from DCED. Once the work is completed and a cancelled check is received the project can be closed out.

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

CFA Mini Grant: The CFA sent questions regarding the windows on 3/25/2025. Responses were returned on 3/26/2025. Grant announcement for the replacement windows is anticipated for August of 2025.

DCED MTF 2025 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 March 2025. The amount collected in March was \$40,210.77.

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

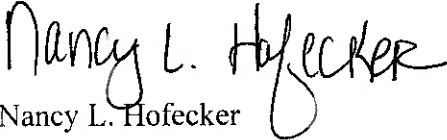
NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

The meeting went into executive session at 6:55pm regarding a personnel issue. The meeting came out of executive session at 7:18pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm with Cindy Dom making the motion seconded by Eric Baumbaugh.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary