

FERNDALDE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

May 8, 2025

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, May 8, 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, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Attorney Joe Green, Police Chief Adam Richards and Secretary Nancy Hofecker.

A motion was made by Cindy Dom to adopt the May 8, 2025 agenda seconded by Mark Wissinger Jr. The motion carried.

VISITOR'S

Zachary Neal, Al Cooper and Wes Watson were present to observe.

Mr. & Mrs. Havener were present to discuss their driveway located on Glenwood Avenue. There is damage done to the end of the driveway. They are thinking that the plow truck did it when they were plowing. Council agreed to look into it further.

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.

PERSONNEL

No report given

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report given

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

The Police Committee made a motion to hire Rodney Norman as the full-time officer effective May 29th. motion was seconded by Mark Wissinger Jr. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried.

Mayor Ralph Boyle said the LPR's are up and working. Chief Richards applied for a grant to get new tasers for the department. Thursday, May 15th Chief Richards will be attending an event in Greensburg honoring Law Enforcement.

WEST HILLS REPORT

West Hills Regional will e-mail their report to the office next week. There is a delay because they were busy with weather calls. Mayor Ralph Boyle said that Kevin Schrock reached out to him to let him know they will be having a work detail day at our station on May 17th.

FERNDAL FIREMAN'S ASSOC. REPORT

Owen Hofecker read a letter from the Ferndale Fireman's Association asking for them to use the recreation grounds from July 6th – July 26th. They would like to reserve it for the Ferndale Fireman's Jubilee setup, jubilee and cleanup. A motion was made by Mark Wissinger Sr to allow them to use the grounds seconded by Mark Wissinger Jr. A roll call vote was taken. Eric Baumbaugh abstained from the vote because he is a chairperson for the jubilee. All other present members voted yes. The motion carried.

Mayor Ralph Boyle said they will not be having fireworks this year because the cost went up significantly.

Eric Baumbaugh said the jubilee will be closing earlier this year.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Eric Baumbaugh said that the dead tree on Margaret has been taken down. Chief Richards and Nancy have been addressing grass issues and properties. Mike Bowser will be coming in on May 15th to discuss paving. The street crew is working on the catch basins on Harlan and Summit.

Nancy Hofecker said that we will be losing our co-op employee at the end of the month. He has taken another job. We will be hiring a part-time employee to help with grass cutting for the summer.

TREES

No report given

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank DiLoreto was present from EADS.

Two pressure tests were completed in April.

Rigby Park Improvements Project: EWF for the playground was delivered on Friday, April 18th. Play and Park sent the invoice for the project. Once paid and cancelled checks are received, the grant can be closed out, and final reimbursement can be executed.

Ferndale Ave Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project: EADS is waiting for the fully executed agreement from CamTran to proceed. Once executed the project can be bid out for construction.

Station St Phase 2 Project: The Station St project has been advertised and PennDOT is handling the bidding for the project. EADS will answer contractor questions as they arise. No questions have been submitted to date.

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.

DCED MTF 2025 Grant: An application will be submitted for the sidewalk between Vickroy and Ferndale Avenue. Applications are due July 31, 2025.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax Collector's Report was presented for April 2025. The amount collected in April was \$69,932.65.

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

Mark Wissinger Jr said that Nancy worked with the YWCA to get the swim program up and running again for the summer. She created the flyers and had them sent up to the school.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

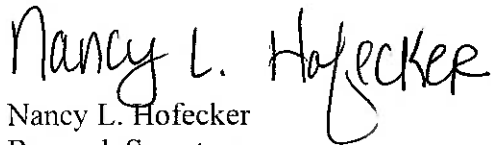
NEW BUSINESS

Owen Hofecker said as most of you know one of our council members has recently passed away (Art Boring). Council has received letters of interest in filling the seat from two residents Zachary Neal and Al Cooper. Owen read the letters of interest from both Zach and Al. A vote was taken with the following results. Eric Baumbaugh, Connie Hobbs and Mark Wissinger Sr voted for Zachary Neal. Cindy Dom, Owen Hofecker and Mark Wissinger Jr voted for Al Cooper. Since there was a tie Mayor Ralph Boyle voted. Mayor Boyle's vote was for Zachary Neal.

Mayor Ralph Boyle swore in Mr. Neal. Zachary Neal will finish out the 2025 calendar year.

The meeting adjourned at 6:39pm with Mark Wissinger Sr 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, flowing style. The first name "Nancy" is written in a larger, more prominent script, followed by "L." and then "Hofecker". The signature is positioned above the printed name and title.

Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary