

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

June 12, 2025

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, June 12, 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, Zachary Neal, Mark Wissinger Jr, Mark Wissinger Sr, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Police Chief Adam Richards and Secretary Nancy Hofecker. Attorney Joe Green was absent.

A motion was made by Mark Wissinger Jr to adopt the June 12, 2025 agenda seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

VISITOR'S

Wes Watson was present to observe.

Mr. & Mrs. Havener were present to discuss their driveway repair cost located on Glenwood Avenue. Ferndale Borough submitted a claim through the insurance company and it was denied. The insurance company felt that the borough was not liable for the damage. They wanted to know what would happen if the driveway needed repaired again. Council advised that the same steps would be taken. That a claim would be submitted with our insurance company.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the May 8, 2025 minutes. A motion was made by Cindy Dom to accept the minutes. seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. 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, Zachary Neal, 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

Resolution # 1 was presented, Waiving Employee Contributions for Non-Uniform Pension 2025. A motion was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Eric Baumbaugh to pass resolution # 1. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report given

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Chief Adam Richards said that he received grant funds from the PA Skills Fund in the amount of \$15,000.00. The funds will be used to purchase new tasers for the department.

LPR's are online, up and running. The department did complete the training for the LPR's. Since they are up and running 20 citations have been written mostly for expired registrations.

WEST HILLS REPORT

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

Kevin Schrock said the next fire commission meeting will be held on June 25th in Brownstown. He asked if anything got resolved with Breezewood. He was advised that nothing more has happened with it.

FERNDALE FIREMAN'S ASSOC. REPORT

Eric Baumbaugh said that Chief Richards needed some extra funds to help with the taser purchase. Eric Baumbaugh presented Chief with a check for \$2800.00 to make up the difference.

Chief Richards, Mayor Boyle and Eric will be meeting with Don Robertson the county sheriff to secure extra coverage for the jubilee. There will not be any fireworks this year. Rides will close at 9:15pm and the jubilee will close at 9:30pm.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Eric Baumbaugh said that Plainfield Ave had to be shut down twice because of fallen trees and debris. He did get the trees planted at the park. The one tree is in honor/memory of Art Boring.

The bid packets for the proposed paving project in the borough were opened. The following bids were submitted: HRI option 1 \$42,421.20 – option 2 \$36,469.00. Quaker Sales option 1 \$36,536.00 – option 2 \$26,730.00.

A motion to accept Quaker Sales option 1 to complete the paving project was made by Eric Baumbaugh seconded by Cindy Dom. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried.

Nancy presented council with the 2025-2026 Winter Maintenance Service Agreement. After reviewing the agreement, she realized the amount of money to be received was less than last

year. Nancy will be reaching out to PennDOT to see why. A motion was made by Eric Baumbaugh seconded by Mark Wissinger Jr to tentatively approve the agreement as long as the dollar amount in question gets resolved. The motion carried.

TREES

No report given

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank DiLoreto was present from EADS.

Zero pressure tests were completed in May.

Rigby Park Improvements Project: Project closeout is completed. Final reimbursement is to be delivered within the next 4-6 weeks.

Ferndale Ave Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project: Signed ROW has been received. The project is being set up to bid/advertise.

Station St Phase 2 Project: The project was bid, and a contractor was awarded. The low bidder was A Merante Contracting Inc. \$161,008.90. The grant for the construction was \$208,000.00. PennDOT is coordinating with the Contractor to execute the agreements and issue the NTP for starting construction. The Pre-Construction Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 1st at 9:00 over Microsoft Teams.

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.

Resolution #2 was presented to submit the MTF Grant Application. A motion was made by Eric Baumbaugh seconded by Connie Hobbs to pass Resolution #2. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax Collector's Report was presented for May 2025. The amount collected in May was \$3,076.22.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given

RECREATION REPORT

Mark Wissinger Jr thanked Nancy for all her work with putting the swim program with the YWCA together.

OLD BUSINESS

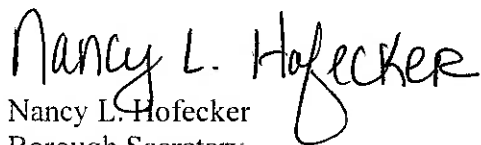
Mayor Ralph Boyle suggested that we change our signs at the recreation park for dogs. The signs will now say that your dog must be on a leash, must be picked up after etc. It will follow the state guidelines.

NEW BUSINESS

Kim Shesko requested that a handicap space be placed in front of her house at 708 Summit Ave. Council said they would look into it but they believe there is all ready one located near her home.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06pm with Connie Hobbs making the motion seconded by Cindy Dom.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary