FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting July 10, 2025

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, July 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.

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

A motion was made by Eric Baumbaugh to adopt the July 10, 2025 agenda seconded by Mark Wissinger Sr. The motion carried.

VISITOR'S

Dennis Kassick, Al Cooper and Wes Watson were present to observe.

MINUTES

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

No committee meeting in July because of the holiday.

PERSONNEL

No report given

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report given

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that the sheriff's department from Cambria County will be present at the jubilee to assist our officers.

D. Edwards is providing a roll off trailer for the police to use as an office at the grounds for the jubilee.

WEST HILLS REPORT

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

FERNDALE FIREMAN'S ASSOC. REPORT

Mayor Boyle said they are ready to go for next week with the jubilee. Eric Baumbaugh made new picnic tables for the grounds. He is also putting new lighting in the big pavilion.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Eric Baumbaugh said that Spory's came and changed the locks on a few doors and keyed them the same for us. The plow trucks will be kept in the garage where the fire trucks were. Paving for the gas company will start on Monday and go till Friday.

Nancy said she will be placing an add in the Tribune Democrat to sell the Edwards property on Vickroy Ave. Bids will be opened in September.

TREES

No report given

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank DiLoreto was present from EADS.

Zero pressure tests were completed in June.

Ferndale Ave Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project: Bid documents are nearly completed to advertise. Bid advertisement is scheduled of July 21st. A motion was made by Eric Baumbaugh to advertise for the sidewalk project seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

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 Pre-Construction Meeting was conducted on Tuesday, July 1st at 9:00 over Microsoft Teams. During the meeting the project was reviewed and preconstruction work is being started. A Merante Contracting Inc has been sending submittals for approval. To date all submittals have been approved.

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 June 2025. The amount collected in June was \$11,268.45.

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

Nancy said she just paid the bill for the YWCA swim program. They had 15 kids participate in the program.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

The meeting went into executive session at 6:37pm regarding a contract issue. The meeting came out of executive session at 7:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01pm with Eric Baumbaugh making the motion seconded by Connie Hobbs.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Hofecker

Borough Secretary