

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

August 14, 2025

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, August 14, 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 August 14, 2025 agenda seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

VISITOR'S

Dennis Kassick was present to observe.

Susan Distefano and Anna Custer were present to talk about the vehicle accident on Louisa and Station Street. They both had concerns because there is no stop sign at the intersection. Council advised them that they would look into it and explained the process of placing a stop sign there.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the July 10, 2025 minutes. A motion was made by Mark Wissinger Sr to accept the minutes, seconded by Zachary Neal. 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

No report given

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report given

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that Chief Richards and Officer Miller both just finished the new taser training. Chief Richards will be scheduling a date to train the other officers in the department.

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that the one cruiser will be paid off in the next couple of months.

WEST HILLS REPORT

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

FERNDALE FIREMAN'S ASSOC. REPORT

Mayor Boyle said they will be giving their report from the jubilee in the next month or two. They are still waiting for some outstanding bills.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Eric Baumbaugh said that the vacuum truck will be coming next week. Quaker had to delay the paving project with us; they need to get a piece of equipment repaired. In the next couple of weeks, the street department will be moving the trucks into the other garage.

TREES

Zachary Neal said the branch was removed on Summit Avenue. He said that himself and Eric Baumbaugh met with the owners on 727 Summit Ave in regards to the tree in the tree lawn. They informed the owner that he can have the tree removed since it was dying. He also needs to remove the stump and plant a new tree.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Two pressure tests were completed in July.

Ferndale Ave Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project: The project was advertised on July 21st. A pre-bid meeting was conducted on 8/7/2025 where contractors asked questions and walked the job site. The bid opening is scheduled for Thursday August 21, 2025 at 10am.

Station St Phase 2 Project: A Merante Contracting Inc has been sending submittals for approval. Ferndale Borough Council need to decide if they want the new handrail for the steps/sidewalk to be battleship gray or black to match the handrail on Station St.

DCED LSA 2023 Grant: The cancelled check for the grant was sent to the DCED to close out the project.

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. A grant announcement date has not been determined at this time.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax Collector's Report was presented for July 2025. The amount collected in July was \$2,159.26.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Nancy said that Aaron McGuire from Barnes and Saly was finishing up the 2024 audit.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given

RECREATION REPORT

No report given

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

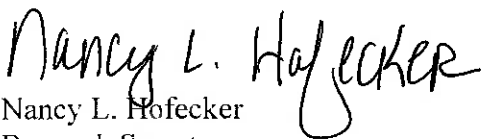
NEW BUSINESS

Nancy said she would like to sell the older leaf machine and collection box now that we purchased a new one. She offered to email other municipalities with photos. Council agreed that it would be a good idea.

The meeting went into executive session at 6:55pm regarding a contract issue. The meeting came out of executive session at 7:05pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary