

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting
October 9, 2025

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, October 9, 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, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Attorney Joe Green.

A motion was made by Cindy Dom to adopt the October 9, 2025 agenda seconded by Mark Wissinger Jr. The motion carried.

VISITOR'S

Wes Watson was present to observe.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the September 11, 2025 minutes. A motion was made by Eric Baumbaugh to accept the minutes, seconded by Mark Wissinger Sr. 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 read a letter of resignation from Nathan Kniss. A motion was made by Connie Hobbs to accept Officer Kniss resignation and payment to end his contract with Ferndale Borough, seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

Resolution #4 was presented Reducing Police Officer Contributions to the Police Pension Plan for 2026. A motion to pass the resolution was made by Cindy Dom seconded by Zachary Neal. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried.

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that 850 was at Laurel Ford for warranty work but is now back.

WEST HILLS REPORT

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

FERNDALE FIREMAN'S ASSOC. REPORT

Mayor Ralph Boyle said invitations went out for the jubilee banquet to anyone who worked three or more days.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Eric Baumbaugh said Penelec has been in the borough running new lines.

Nancy said the leaf machine has been sold on municipal bid site. We are waiting for the individual to come from Ohio to pick it up. She has mailed out late garbage notices and posted properties for water termination for non-sewer payment.

TREES

Zachary Neal said he is still working on talking to the resident on Vickroy Ave where the tree went down.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank DiLoreto was present from EADS.

Two pressure tests were completed in September.

Ferndale Ave Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project: Construction started on 9/22/2025. Construction is substantially complete. EADS coordinated with PennDOT on a detail to repair the existing curb. The curb pinning detail information was sent to Kishmo to prepare a quote for the work. EADS is going to contact contractors about trimming the existing trees.

Station St Phase 2 Project: Construction started 8/18/25. Final inspection was completed on 10/7/2025. The project can be closed out once all the reimbursements are completed.

DCED LSA 2024 Grant: Grant announcement is delayed until there is an approved budget. Once the budget is approved, they will meet to determine the projects receiving funds.

DCED MTF 2025 Grant: An application was submitted for the sidewalk between Vickroy and Ferndale Avenue. A grant announcement date has not been determined at this time.

DCED LSA 2025 Grant: Projects between \$25,000-\$1,000,00. Applications are accepted from September 1, 2025 – November 30, 2025.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax Collector's Report was presented for September 2025. The amount collected in September was \$362.63.

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 that Brownstown Borough reached out to her in regard to the letter they received for the recreation program. They had a few questions about the Ferndale recreation program.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Green said two bids were received for the property located at 535-535 ½ Vickroy Ave. He opened both bids. Neither bid was fair market value. The property was not awarded.

NEW BUSINESS

Nancy said that she advertised trick or treat on the webpage and Facebook page.

The meeting went into executive session at 6:40pm regarding contract negotiations.

The meeting came out of executive session at 7:18pm

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

Respectfully submitted,

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