

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting
November 13, 2025

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, November 13, 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 Cindy Dom to adopt the November 13, 2025 agenda seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

VISITOR'S

No visitors were present.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the October 9, 2025 minutes. A motion was made by Cindy Dom to accept the minutes, seconded by Mark Wissinger Jr. 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. Zachary Neal was absent (excused). 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 all the officers have qualified with their service weapons.

Nancy said that Chief Richards will be doing shop with a cop this year. The police office and the borough office will be collecting for Toys for Tots. Chief Richards and Nancy handed out 200 treat bags and glow sticks for trick or treat. Officer Rodney Norman also handed out candy to the kids.

WEST HILLS REPORT

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

FERNDALE FIREMAN'S ASSOC. REPORT

Mayor Ralph Boyle said they had their annual jubilee banquet and everything went really well. The fire association made approximately \$16,000.00 on the jubilee this year. Mayor Boyle thanked all the officers and sheriff's department for their help. Santa will be making his rounds in the borough on Christmas Eve starting at 5pm.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Eric Baumbaugh said the street department has been busy picking up leaves. They will be winterizing the rec park soon.

Nancy said the one truck went for inspection and had to get a new gas tank because it was leaking. Roger's truck needs a new plow for winter and they are working on that.

TREES

Zachary Neal said he is talking to the resident on Summit Ave in regard to having the tree stump removed. He does have another tree to go look at on Franklin Street.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank DiLoreto was present from EADS.

Two pressure tests were completed in October.

Ferndale Ave Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project: The PennDOT HOP supplement to add in the curb replacement was approved. Kishmo started the curb removal today and will be pouring new curb once the demo and prep work is completed. Kishmo provided a change order price for \$1,800.00 to add a second coat of Densicrete concrete sealer to protect the concrete from salt damage over the winter. EADS contacted Tree Climber Service to trim the existing trees.

Station St Phase 2 Project: All punch list items are completed. Invoices are being generated for the work completed. Once all invoices are paid the project can be closed out.

DCED LSA 2024 Grant: The PA budget has been approved. We are waiting to hear if a special meeting is to be held for the award of the LSA grants. This grant submission was for the replacement of the Ferndale Borough Municipal Building roof.

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: The retaining wall replacement on Plainfield Ave grant application is being prepared for submission. Applications are accepted from September 1, 2025 – November 30, 2025.

Resolution # 5 was presented for the LSA Grant – Plainfield Ave retaining wall replacement. A motion to pass resolution # 5 was made by Connie Hobbs seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. 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 October 2025. The amount collected in October was \$1,923.42.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Nancy presented council with a balanced budget. She is going to advertise it in the Tribune Democrat and it will be voted on in the December meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given

RECREATION REPORT

Mark Wissinger Jr said that rec basketball has started for the younger kids.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS


Owen Hofecker presented Resolution # 6 in regard to the rules and regulations for the conduct of borough meetings and the maintenance of order at public meetings. Council discussed Resolution # 6. A motion was made by Cindy Dom to pass Resolution # 6 seconded by Zachary Neal. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried.

The meeting went into executive session at 7:00pm regarding a personnel issue.

The meeting came out of executive session at 7:32pm

The meeting adjourned at 7:34pm with Cindy Dom making the motion seconded by Eric Baumbaugh.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary