

**FERNDALE BOROUGH**  
Regular Meeting  
December 11, 2025

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, December 11, 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, Attorney Joe Green, and Secretary Nancy Hofecker. Police Chief Adam Richards was absent.

A motion was made by Cindy Dom to adopt the December 11, 2025 agenda seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

**VISITOR'S**

No visitors were present.

**MINUTES**

There were no changes to the November 11, 2025 minutes. A motion was made by Eric Baumbaugh to accept the minutes, seconded by Mark Wissinger Jr. The motion carried.

Vice President Eric Baumbaugh did a recap of the committee meeting. Those in attendance were: VP Eric Baumbaugh, Cindy Dom, Connie Hobbs, Zachary Neal, Mark Wissinger Jr, Mark Wissinger Sr and Mayor Ralph Boyle. President Owen Hofecker 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**

Attorney Joe Green said he has been in talks with other solicitors regarding our contract with West Hills Fire.

**MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS**

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that Chief Adam Richards will be escorting Santa through the borough.

## **WEST HILLS REPORT**

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

## **FERNDALE FIREMAN'S ASSOC. REPORT**

Mayor Ralph Boyle said Santa sleigh is coming up on the 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve). They will be packing treats tomorrow evening. They did purchase an AED for the back hall since they rent the hall to others, they felt it would be a good idea to have one.

## **STREETS AND PROPERTY**

Eric Baumbaugh said we replaced the cable for Eric's plow.

Nancy said they have reached out to three different companies with help to get a new plow for Roger's truck. The three companies are working on quotes and are to get back to us.

Nancy presented council with a proposal from Kuharchik Construction. Kuharchik is suggesting that the borough place surge protectors in the signal boxes for the traffic lights. Council agreed to try and accomplish that in 2026.

## **TREES**

Zachary Neal said he is going to try and contact another tree removal company since Tree Climber is unable to help us at this time.

## **SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT**

Frank DiLoreto was present from EADS.

One pressure test was completed in November.

Ferndale Ave Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project: All work is completed except for the concrete sealer. Kishmo needs a dry day over 50 degrees to apply the second coat of concrete sealer. EADS contacted Climber Tree Service to trim the existing trees.

DCED LSA 2024 Grant: With the budget passed, we are waiting to hear what projects are awarded. 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 was submitted. A grant announcement date has not been determined at this time.

## **TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

Tax Collector's Report was presented for November 2025. The amount collected in November was \$1,102.73.

Nancy said she received a copy of the tax collectors audit from Ed Cernic's office. The audit was a clean audit. It is in the office if anyone would like to see it.

## **FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

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

Nancy presented council with the advertised 2026 budget and the salary schedule. A motion was made by Cindy Dom to approve the 2026 budget and salary schedule, seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried.

Nancy presented council with Resolution # 7 which states a Tax Increase by 2.75 mills for 2026. A motion was made by Mark Wissinger Jr to pass Resolution #7, seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

No report given

## **RECREATION REPORT**

No report given

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No Old Business

## **NEW BUSINESS**

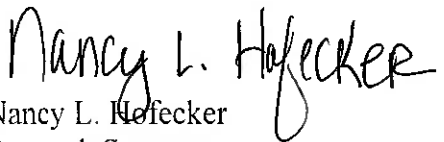
Nancy gave council a list of the dates for the meetings in 2026. She reminded everyone that the reorganizational meeting will be held on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6pm. The regular monthly meeting will follow.

The meeting went into executive session at 6:47pm regarding a personnel issue.

The meeting came out of executive session at 7:22pm

The meeting adjourned at 7:24pm with Cindy Dom making the motion seconded by Eric Baumbaugh.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Nancy L. Hefecker  
Borough Secretary