

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

February 12, 2026

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, February 12, 2026, 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, and Secretary Nancy Hofecker. Police Chief Adam Richards and Attorney Joe Green were absent.

A motion was made by Cindy Dom to adopt the February 12, 2026 agenda seconded by Mark Wissinger Jr. The motion carried.

VISITOR'S

Dennis Kassick and Wes Watson were present to observe.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the January 5, 2026 reorganization meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mark Wissinger Sr to accept the minutes, seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

There were no changes to the January 5, 2026 regular meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mark Wissinger Jr to accept the minutes, seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. 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

Connie Hobbs said that Chief Richards is still out on workers comp. We are awaiting a date for his return.

WEST HILLS REPORT

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

Fire Chief Kevin Schrock was present from West Hills. He said they are going to be using new software for their reporting system. They are having their annual banquet next Saturday night. He thanked everyone who helped shovel out fire hydrants during the recent snow storm.

FERNDALE FIREMAN'S ASSOC. REPORT

Eric Baumbaugh said he placed new flags and smoke detectors in the back hall.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Eric Baumbaugh said that Roger did purchase more salt.

During the recent snowstorm one of the street guys went down a dead-end street and was backing up when he hit a parked car. We did reach out to the resident and filed an insurance claim.

Both of the trucks need some minor repairs done to them. They are scheduled for next week.

Penn Line has been working with Eric in regards to removing trees that are on Station Street in the boroughs right of way. They are also removing some on Summit Avenue. This is so that Penelec can run new lines.

Nancy Hofecker said she just completed a Liquid Fuel Audit. She is making the recommendation that we have 3 check signers for the Highway Aid Account.

A motion was made by Cindy Dom to approve to have 3 signers on all Highway Aid checks. None of the three signers will be related to each other. The motion was seconded by Mark Wissinger Jr. The motion carried.

TREES

No report given

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank DiLoreto was present from EADS.

Zero pressure tests were completed in January.

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 Yoder Tree Service to trim the existing trees. He provided a price of \$3,150.00 to trim and shape the 14 trees.

Ferndale Borough Municipal Building Roof: Waiting for grant agreement paperwork.

DCED MTF 2025 Grant: Ferndale Borough was not awarded the sidewalk between Vickroy and Ferndale Ave.

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 December 2025. The amount collected in December was \$13,112.08.

Tax Collector's Report was presented for January 2026. The amount collected in January was \$0.00.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Connie Hobbs thanked Nancy for talking to the Tribune Democrat in regards to our new Pro Disposal service.

RECREATION REPORT

No report given

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

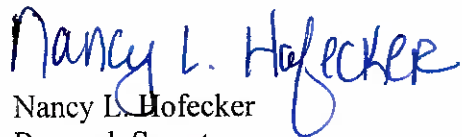
No New Business

The meeting went into executive session at 6:35pm for a personnel issue.

The meeting came out of executive session at 7:05pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm with Cindy Dom making the motion seconded by Mark Wissinger Jr.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Nancy L. Hofecker in blue ink.

Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary