

## **FERNDALE BOROUGH**

Regular Meeting  
December 14, 2015

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Monday, December 14, 2015 in the Fire Company's Recreation Hall at 618 Westinghouse Avenue, Johnstown, PA.

President Mary Rose Shaffer called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

### **ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed the following present: Mary Rose Shaffer, Trisha Corle, Timothy Leighty, Al Lushko, Connie Hobbs, Scott Miles, Mark Wissinger, Mayor Ed Dallape, Street Foreman Brian McAteer and Secretary Anita Smith.

### **COMMENDATION**

Commissioner Mark Wissinger was present at the council meeting to present Councilmen Al Lushko with a citation on his years of service to the borough.

### **VISITORS**

Student observers were as follows: Tyler Emery, Ray Hinton, M. Quraishy and Hunter Kinsey. Other visitors were Al Cooper and Owen Hofecker.

Owen Hofecker reported that a house on Plainfield Ave. has a sump pump that is pumping water onto the sidewalk and in the winter it freezes and it is a hazard to anyone walking on the sidewalk. Tim Leighty will take a look at the problem and contact the homeowners, since it is their responsibility to maintain the sidewalks.

### **MINUTES**

Minutes for the October 12, 2015 were approved. Motion was made by Trish Corle and seconded by Scott Miles .

Minutes for the November 9, 2015 were approved. Motion was made by Scott Miles and seconded by Trish Corle.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

No report was given.

#### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT + FIRE CO.+WEST HILLS REPORT:

Report was e-mailed to council. Motion was made by Tim Leighty to accept the report and seconded by Trish Corle.

#### EQUIPMENT/STREETS & BOROUGH PROPERTY REPORT:

Mr. McAteer had informed the council that the cylinders on the street sweeper have to be rebuilt at a cost of about \$3,000.00.

He had recap tires put on the 2008 F350 at a cost of about \$500.00.

Portage Water Authority came in and videoed for the directional drill off of Harlan Avenue. This is done every two years and turned over to EADS.

The restrooms at the park have been closed, the swings have been storage and the tennis nets are down for the winter.

Brian McAteer informed the council that within 3 years, he will need a tailgate spreader at an estimated cost of \$4,000.00. Then all three trucks will have spreading capabilities.

Brian McAteer will look into grants for a new front end loader (\$80,000.00 +) Also, for a new truck –our oldest truck is a 2003 with 39,538 miles, our 2005 has 45,570 miles. Both have stainless steel beds that can be put on new chassis.

We may need to build a new leaf box for next year or buy a metal box that fits inside a dump truck.

Trees were discussed under borough property  
Scott Miles has not received any information back about the lumbering of Midway Drive, but will keep looking into it.

Motion to accept the street report was made by Tim Leighty and seconded by Mark Wissinger.

Police Chief James Rigby arrived at 7:15 pm.

## POLICE REPORT:

Chief Rigby e-mailed his report to all councilmembers. No report was given at the meeting.

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

It was report that no Real Estate Tax was collected for November. Mark Wissinger made a motion to accept the tax collector's report, seconded by Al Lushko.

## FINANCE REPORT:

The 2016 Budget was adopted. The motion was made by Trish Corle and seconded by Connie Hobbs. All councilmembers voted yes. The Line-of-Credit extension was approved. Motion made by Trish Corle and seconded by Tim Leighty.

## SEWERS/SEWER PROJECT:

DEP has started to monitor the flow. It was reported that 15 or 16 have not been pressure tested; of that number some are not required. We will meet with Mark Muir to process with the sewer committee and any further requirements for the resident.

300 Midway Drive is tied-in to the system, but has not been pressure tested as yet. The water company is tracking the shut-offs and will keep us up to date.

Trish Corle made a motion to accept the sewer report, seconded by Scott Miles.

## PERSONNED REPORT:

Attorney Wayne Langerholc has submitted his resignation as borough solicitor, effective immediately.

Attorney Joe Green is interested in the solicitor's position. A decision will be made at the reorganization meeting in January 2016.

Mr. Green's fee is \$150.00 per hour.

## RECREATION REPORT:

There was a question on the lighting at the playground area , if it was sufficient for the safety of the children. Chief Rigby replied that there was ample lighting and that the play closes at dusk.

The new slide will be installed in the spring, along with new ground cover. This has been put on hold until the Recreation Committee can get a safe covering for the playground.

It was brought to the attention of the council, that even though Ferndale School District does not have a wrestling program, there are students can wrestle for Westmont School District. During the program at Ferndale many awards and trophies were won. Unfortunately most of these were destroyed, but a few were retrieved and Scott Miles had them restored and they are now back in the trophy case at the high school.

Motion to accept the Recreation Report was made by Mark Wissinger and seconded by Trish Corle.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT:

No report was given.

#### ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

No report was given.

#### OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Ethan Imphoff who is a consultant with the Comprehension Plan which includes municipalities – Upper Yoder Twp., Westmont Boro, Southmont Boro, Lower Yoder Twp., Ferndale.

The cost of this plan for Ferndale was \$5,000.00. However, Lower Yoder and Southmont have pulled out of the plan. This would make our portion cost more money. Trish Corle made the motion to pull out of the Plan and seconded by Al Lushko.

Also, there was a discussion about developing a park on a parcel of land behind the railroad tracks. That has been tabled.

Laurel Municipal Inspection has cited Kathleen Condo on her property.

Christopher Wagner has plans to call PennDOT for a curb-cut to put a driveway in the front of his house.

Attorney Joe Green will now be handling the Stoneycreek and Upper Yoder Township issues on the sewer project.

There will be a reorganization meeting on January 4, 2016 for the election of new officers and appointments.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Anita M. Smith, Secretary

**FERNDALE BOROUGH**  
**REORGANIZATION MEETING**  
**JANUARY 4, 2016**

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Monday, January 4, 2016 in the Fire Company's Recreation Hall at 618 Westinghouse Avenue, Johnstown, PA. for the purpose of reorganization.

The Mayor Ed Dallape called the Meeting to order at 7:00 pm and those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

The mayor then open the floor for nominations for Council President. Scott Miles was nominated by Ken Dom. Trisha Corle made a motion to close the nominations. A roll call vote was taken, all voted - yes.

The mayor then turned the meeting over to the new president. President Miles asked for nominations for Vice President. Ken Dom made the nomination of Mark Wissinger for Vice President. Connie Hobbs made a motion to close the nominations. A roll call vote was taken, all voted - yes.

The President asked for nominations for President Pro Tem. No nomination was made, President Scott Miles appointed Trish Corle.

**APPOINTMENTS;**

Solicitor – Attorney Joe Green  
Sec./Treas. – Anita M. Smith  
Assist. Sec./Treas. – Delayed till January 11, 2016  
Accounting Firm – Barnes-Saly, and Co.  
Engineering Firm – CJL Engineers  
Codes Inspector – Laurel Municipal Inspection

There was no adopting of Robert's Rule of Order.

**ZONING BOARD MEMBERS:**

Gerald Katzenstein – Chairman  
Bill Cornell – Secretary  
Bill Devlin

Solicitor Joe Green asked if the Zoning Board had an Attorney. They do not. Atty. Joe Green said, he can be their attorney, as long as there is no conflict of interest with the Borough.

The reorganization meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

Respectfully submitted

Anita M. Smith