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REGULAR MEETING

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FEBRUARY 9, 2015

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Monday, February 9, 2015, in the Fire Company's Recreation Hall at 618 Westinghouse Avenue, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

President Jim Rigby called the Meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed the following present: Councilmembers— Cindy Dom, Mary Rose Shaffer, Mark Wissinger, Jr, Al Lushko, Dave Ziemba, and Mayor—Ed Dallape, Jim Rigby, and Solicitor-Wayne Langerholc, Secretary/Treasurer Carol Schalles, and AP/Payroll—Anita M. Smith. Absent: Scott Miles.

VISITORS – No visitors

MEETING MINUTES:

Motion to accept the meeting minutes from January 12, 2015 was made by Al Lushko and seconded by Dave Ziemba. All Councilmembers voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

No report from EADS. Cindy Dom mentioned she called Bill Patrick and he did not return her call but he did return Anita Smith's phone call. Mr. Patrick and Mrs. Smith went over problems with Mrs. Smith not being able to get into Penn Vest's account due to it was always taken care of on the previous secretary's computer. Jim Rigby stated that we need to get this taken care of and see if they could create a new account so we are able to access it. Mary Rose Shaffer mentioned that CJ&L should be taking care of this since they had done so in the past. Jim Rigby stated he will work with Mrs. Smith to get into the Penn vest account. The change orders need to be released to DEA for approval. Mrs. Smith stated that Bill Patrick has been in contact with Dale Mills. Mark Wissinger, Jr mentioned he talked to Dale Mills and he is still waiting for the change orders from CJ&L. Motion to accept the Engineer's report was made by Al Lushko and seconded by Mark Wissinger, Jr. All Councilmembers voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT + FIRE CO. REPORT + WEST HILL'S REPORT:

All Councilmembers received The West Hills report, no questions were asked.

RECREATION REPORT:

Mark Wissinger, Jr introduced Nate Davidson he is going to take over the Recreation Department. Mr. Davidson ran the playground for three years. He helped out with basketball and he also played basketball and baseball for the Ferndale Yellow Jackets. Mark Wissinger Jr will get Mr. Davidson the paperwork that is required for this position. Jim Rigby asked Al Lushko and Mark Wissinger, Jr to look into matching grants to get the park cleaned up and add new equipment and an updated playground. Motion to hire Nate Davidson as the Recreation Director at \$1,200.00 a year was made by Mary Rose Shaffer and seconded by Cindy Dom. All Councilmember's voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

EQUIPMENT STREETS TO BOROUGH PROPERTY REPORT:

Brian McAteer stated the Street Department exchanged the salt spreader control box which was still under warranty. Had new treads put on the front of the loader which was bought last year. The F550 2003 truck had 2 ball joints and 1 broken axle replaced. Picked up 1 pallet of calcium chloride pellets. Received 4 tons of anti-skid from Sleeks. The last 25 ton of salt was delivered through Costars. Jim Rigby stated that the heater was replaced in the garage the cost was \$2293.00. Cindy Dom said we need to hire someone to clean the office and the community room in the upstairs. The Street Department also would like to hire someone part-time to shovel the borough sidewalks and cut grass in the summer time. Dave Ziemba mentioned the car on Harlan Avenue for the last two months and asked if something was done with that. Chief Art Boring stated that he did send her a certified letter and she will not respond to the letter. Mr. Boring went through all channels and is going to have it towed. Jim Rigby inquired about the vehicle and tires on the Pyrich property 600 block of Vickroy Avenue. Mr. Boring had also sent the owner of that vehicle a certified letter. Mr. Terry Buxbaum from Ferndale United Methodist Church called requesting the use of the park on May 15 & 16th to have their annual Flea Market. Mark Wissinger, Jr will call and confirm the dates of the event. Motion to accept Equipment streets to boroughs property report was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Al Lushko. All Councilmembers voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

TREES:

Dave Ziemba addressed Council about two trees at the bottom of Hystone Avenue. They are hanging over onto Franklin Avenue. Chief Art Boring stated that is private property and he will send the owner a notice to have the trees taken care of to abide with State guide lines.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORT:

Chief Art Boring stated everyone received a copy of the police report and asked if anyone had any questions. Mary Rose Shaffer asked Mr. Boring where we were at with hiring a police officer. Mr. Boring spoke with Jim Rigby and Scott Miles and they decided to go over some of the other applicants. The gentlemen that they offered the job to started a new job at Conemaugh. Jim Rigby stated that Ferndale needs to hire two part-time officers. Jim Rigby stated Ferndale needs to crunch the numbers and look to see where the department stands after a year. Mayor Ed Dallape stated that Mrs. Shaffer should crunch the numbers verses the three officer's verses the one officer assuming the one does not need benefits. Mr. Rigby also stated to Mrs. Shaffer that the salaries would need to be discussed. Mrs. Shaffer said she had made up a spread sheet of all the part-time police officers salaries. She put together a rate schedule based on years of service and is waiting to hear back from the Police chair, Council President, and the Police Chief to see where to go from here. A discussion was held on pay scales and years of service for the Police Officers. The pay scale for Police Officers is as follows: Starting wages is \$8.00 an hour, after 1 year \$8.50, 2 years \$9.00, 5 years - \$9.50, 10 years - \$10.00, 15 years - \$11.00, 20 years - \$12 and 25 years of service is \$13.00. Motion to accept this pay scale for part-time Police Officers was made by Al Lushko and seconded by Dave Ziemba. A Roll Call vote was taken all Councilmembers voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously. Motion to accept the Mayor and Police Report was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by, Al Lushko. All Councilmembers voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK REPORT + BILL LIST AND ADDITIONAL BILLS + TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

Anita Smith stated that there was no Tax Collector report since there were no taxes being collected. She turned everything over to the county in January. The County will go after the residence that did not pay their taxes; out of \$189,000.00 Mr. Smith was unable to collect 11,000.00. There were additional bills that came in on Friday afternoon and on Monday that totaled \$10,019.14. Resolution 2, 3 and 4, # 2 - was to eliminate any contributions to the Police Pension fund since this hasn't been done in years, the only contribution that is put in there is from the State Aid. #3 - the resolution to eliminate contribution for the non-uniforms because it

is over-funded. #4 – The compensation time if the Street Department wanted time off instead of taking their overtime pay they could take time and a half. Mrs. Smith stated the State now said she needs to have a Deputy Tax Collector. Mrs. Smith asked Cindy because they had to have this last month. She appointed Carol Schalles as the Deputy Tax Collector and asked the Courthouse and since Carol Schalles is in the office every day from 9 a.m. till 4 p.m. if that was ok and they said yes that is ok. Ferndale Solicitor stated that Council will have to sign off on that and adopt it. Motion to sign and submit this paperwork to Ebensburg appointing Carol Schalles as Deputy Tax Collector for Ferndale Borough was made by Mary Rose Shaffer and seconded by Dave Ziemba. All Councilmembers voted “Yes”; therefore, the motion passed unanimously. There was an audit done for Liquid Fuels and there were no issues. Motion to accept the Accounts Payable Clerk Report + Bill List and Additional Bills + Tax Collectors Reports was made by Al Lushko and seconded by Cindy Dom. All Councilmembers voted “Yes”; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

No Report.

SEWER-SEWER PROJECT:

Cindy Dom is working on the information that is to be sent in to the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority by the 15th in reference to the EDU's. Jim Rigby stated that they did send us the original Consent Decree back from the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority and it is filed and scanned. The Solicitor stated that he made contact with Attorney Barbin, JRA and DEP and everything is good. Mrs. Dom addressed the Solicitor in reference to the EDU's at the Armory in Upper Yoder. The Solicitor also met with Attorney Shahade and they are willing to work with us on the EDU's. Their rate structure in 2011 they were paying \$528.00 a year and in 2014 they were paying \$277.00 a year and that also indicates a rate increase from those times of 105%, they are just down as far as usage. Attorney Shahade had recommended we get a cost on the work that we did in there and go back to them and they would be amendable to funding rather than go after EDU's go after a lump sum with respect than cost. Cindy Dom said he does understand that he is getting payments from Ferndale residence for three properties out on Ferndale Avenue. Mrs. Dom asked if they are willing to pay Ferndale for the work that was done there and the Solicitor said yes. The Solicitor asked who he would have to contact and it would be Liberoni to get the cost of that work. Mrs. Dom will get The Solicitor that information then he will meet with them again. Jim Rigby brought up the question that was asked when MSGR. Balta and the others where here, this letter goes back to confirm what we had asked before, if you have done 100%, basement, the whole thing you can automatically go into a Tier 1 at \$17.00. The individual residence will have to fill out the form and get the mapping from EADS and prove that they did 100% send it back into JRA. Motion to accept the Sewer-Sewer Project report was made by Al Lushko and seconded by, Dave Ziemba. All Councilmembers voted “Yes”; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT:

Previously discussed. Ferndale hired a person and is going to hire two more employees.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT:

No Report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

The Solicitor completed the Consent order and the easement is done. Dollar General was completed. Motion to accept the Attorney's report was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Al Lushko. All Councilmember's voted “Yes”; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE: COMMERCIAL PLAN REVIEW/PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE:

Mayor Dallape mentioned about the article in the Tribune Democrat with Scott Miles that it was outstanding job on his part. We are to get a laminated copy to put in the office. Mary Rose Shaffer brought to the attention of Council that the personnel chair is working with the Mayor and the Chief of Police regarding the Chief of Police's Pension after the council meeting to discuss what Mrs. Shaffer found out. Mrs. Shaffer also mentioned there are new code books we are to try to get some from Senator Wozniak.

ADJOURN

The Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Carol A. Schalles
Borough Secretary/Treasurer
(2/9/15)