

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

January 11, 2015

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Monday, January 11, 2016 in the Fire Company's Recreation Hall at 618 Westinghouse Avenue, Johnstown, PA.

President Scott Miles 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: Scott Miles, Trisha Corle, Ken Dom, Connie Hobbs, Mark Wissinger came in at 7:10 p.m., Mayor Ed Dallape, Atty. Joe Green, Street Foreman Brian McAteer, William Cornell and Secretary Anita Smith.

COUNCIL VACANIES

There are two open seats on the Council. MaryRose Shaffer is not accepting her position on council after being elected in the November General Elections. Also, Chief James Rigby must decline his elected position, because he was appointed Chief of Police.

President Scott Miles will now take nomination for the first appointment for a two year term. Trisha Corle has nominated Tim Leighty, no second is needed.

Roll call vote was taken, all current councilmembers voted yes, except for Ken Dom absented.

President Scott Miles asked for a nomination for the second vacancy, also a two –year term. Connie Hobbs nominated Owen Hofecker and Mark Wissinger nominated Arthur Boring. A roll call vote was taken with three voting for Owen Hofecker and one for Arthur Boring. Ken Dom absented from both votes.

Tim Leighty and Owen Hofecker were then sworn in as councilman by Mayor Ed Dallape.

VISITORS

Mr. Al Cooper praised the persons responsible for the 2016 budget, saying they did a very good job.

Other visitors observing were Jenny McFeaters, Anthony McFeaters, Jason Hilligass and Madison Thomas.

Also, present were Cynthia Dom, Owen Hofecker and Tim Leighty.

MINUTES

A change was made to the minutes, prior to tonight's meeting. A motion was made by Connie Hobbs and seconded by Mark Wissinger.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

No report given.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT + FIRE CO. + WEST HILLS REPORT

A request was made to use the building for training; we will open and close and will clean up. Permission was given to William Cornell to use the building for training.

Motion to accept the report was made by Mark Wissinger, seconded by Ken Dom.

EQUIPMENT/STREETS & BORO PROPERTY

Street Foreman Brian McAteer has submitted his daily report. It consisted of numerous debris caused by storms, Limbs and brush along with cleaning the sidewalks of rock and dirt on Summit Avenue it took three truck loads to clear. After picking up all the Christmas trees in the borough and other branches, everything was burned.

Changed oil in the trucks and did maintenance on the street sweeper, then ran the street sweeper, picked up anti-skid and numerous other daily works. Daily touring the borough and responding to calls from the residents.

Derrick McKee turned in is keys on January 8, 2016.

Applications will be taken to fill the position vacated by Mr. McKee, until then Jim Rigby, Art Boring, Eric Yackulich and Jr. Berkebile will be helping the road crew.

Brian McAteer will see the doctor on Feb. 8th, to determine whether he can return to work.

John Penza has contacted the Borough to see if we would take over Franklin St. from the city line to Goucher St. This has come up in the past and it was rejected. There is drainage problems on that section of Franklin St. and the state will not fix it. Therefore, the council is again rejecting this offer.

The secretary will contact PennDot to inform them, that we are not interested.

Motion by Tim Leighty to accept the street report, it was seconded by Trisha Corle.

TREES

No report was given.

Mark Wissinger made a motion and seconded by Ken Dom.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Rigby said that it has been a very busy month. Report was e-mail to everyone.

Trisha Corle is working the finance for the Police cruiser. Ms. Corle will contact some banks and get interest rates. Those suggested were Suppes Ford Financing, First Summit Bank, AmeriServ, FNB and Somerset Trust. On advice of the Solicitor he said, "You can go with the bank that has the lowest interest rate, without calling another meeting to determine who you will get the loan from." If the council has no problem with that, then they can process with the loan. Trisha Corle made a motion to go with the lowest bid, seconded by Connie Hobbs, all council voted "yes".

Motion to accept the police report was made by Tim Leighty and seconded by Connie Hobbs.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Total collections for the month of December 2015 were \$6,608.68. I will be taking up the final report to the county on Jan. 15, 2016. The county will then collect the delinquent taxes for 2015. Sandy Frampton's house is going up for taxes. Ms. Frampton passed away 5 years ago.

Motion to accept report was made by Trisha Corle and seconded by Mark Wissinger.

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Trisha Corle reported that she has gotten in contact with Herbert's & Co. and they are working to get everything caught up and as soon as they have it up to date, we will be receiving monthly financial statements.

Ms. Corle stated that they are very easy to work with and have done everything we have asked them to do.

President Miles asked for a motion to accept the report and to pay the bills totaling \$18,452.83. This amount included all funds.

Motion was made by Tim Leighty and seconded by Mark Wissinger.

SEWER

It was reported that 300 Midway Drive was tied in, but has not be pressure tested. We will contact Mark Muir to inspect the property.

Motion by Ken Dom, seconded by Mark Wissinger.

RECREATION

Scott Miles, who coaches the Elementary Wrestling program – reported that the kids are doing quite well this year.

However, there has been a problem with a visitor and Mr. Miles has asked the Chief Rigby be at the meets, so no incident occurs.

Mark Wissinger reported that a TV was broken in the Elementary Gym. A basketball player accidentally broke the TV and the school would like the borough to pay for it.

Mr. Kowal has talked to Mark Wissinger and asks him to turn it into our insurance company. It was submitted, but refused.

I stated that the coach knew who broke the TV and the parents were willing to pay for the TV. Mr. Kowal now questioned as to whether the coaches were even cover under the borough's insurance policy.

Mrs. Smith will check with FWF Insurance to make sure all coaches are covered.

It was suggested that all five municipalities has children in the recreation program and all should share to cost.

If the parents are willing to pay for the TV, then let them pay for it.

Motion to accept the recreation report was made by Connie Hobbs and seconded by Tim Leighty.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report was given.

President Scott Miles reported that now we have all the vacancies filled on council, he will be putting together all the committees. This will be done by next Monday and e-mailed to all councilmembers.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report was given.

Motion by Tim Leighty and seconded by Mark Wissinger.

At this point the meeting went into Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted by,

Anita M. Smith
Secretary