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REGULAR MEETING

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JANUARY 13, 2014

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Monday, January 13, 2014, in the Fire Company's Recreation Hall at 618 Westinghouse Avenue, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

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.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed the following present: Councilmembers—Jim Rigby, Cindy Dom, Mary Rose Shaffer, Al Lushko, Scott Miles, and Steve Mitchell; AP/Payroll—Anita M. Smith; Mayor—Ed Dallape; Mark Wissinger, Jr and Solicitor-Wayne Langerholc.

ROLL CALL, ABSENT & OTHERS

VISITORS

Al Cooper 213 Summit Avenue 288-1183; Sean Glenn Ferndale Volunteer Association and Randy Griff – The Tribune Democrat.

MEETING MINUTES REVIEW

Meeting minutes from December 30, 2013 were discussed and it was stated to make adjustments to delete Mayor-Ed Dallape due to he was not present at that meeting and was included in the roll call. A motion to make adjustments was made by Mary Rose Shaffer and a second were made by Al Lushko. A call was made for a Roll Call vote. All Councilmembers voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Bill Patrick presented a copy of the engineer report to all Councilmembers. It was mentioned to change order #11 on the report to add bid verses add bills. Change order #12 – mobilization and number amount \$1540.00 was approved, however change was not made. The cover sheet pay application as of November 13, 2013 for signature. The difference from the cover sheet is the change order blocks. The value does not change. Mary Rose Shaffer asked if there were no additional charges and made a motion to make those changes and Al Lushko seconded the motion. A call was made for a Roll Call vote. All Councilmembers voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

BOROUGH ORDINANCE

An issue with an 84 year old resident was brought up by Mayor- Ed Dallape. The contractor for the Sewer project caused damage to her residence. It was passed along for review. They should give up retainage. Jim Rigby asked where we stand legally, the Insurance Company is rejecting it. Mary Rose Shaffer mentioned that the upper part of Ferndale does not have flood insurance. Mayor- Ed Dallape said the situation was caused by the contractor and to hold the retainage until satisfied. The resident did document everything that happed to her property. Jim Rigby asked Wayne Langerholc for a motion to pay and correct the problem by the project. Wayne Langerholc asked if it was appended. Mayor-Ed Dallape said this has been going on for months now. Wayne Langerholc will further review the circumstances to satisfy prior liabilities. Mayor-Ed Dallape said if there are other residence go back to motion, change the order number and Ferndale is still able to hold those monies at whatever time frame. Motion to pay, Mary Rose Shaffer made a motion to pay and Al Lushko seconded the motion. A call was made for a Roll Call vote. All Councilmembers voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

PIPE MOTION

Cindy Dom motioned in reference to the pipe issue that part of the pipe was fixed. Steve Mitchell stated that his understanding was to let it go. Jim Rigby asked Bill Patrick about the road Tillman Avenue runs into the back end. What they are requesting us to do is pick up the lateral fees and the homeowners will be responsible. It will cost \$17,529.00 to lay a line and the three lateral connections. Steve Mitchell mentioned that the residence will tie in off of the ordinance. Key question is how we are going to pay for it. Bill Patrick was not sure. Steve Mitchell said if we were to pursue in this direction the next thing will be to run off of this one. All underground pipe need to have amended. Motion to make that adjustment was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Scott Miles. A call was made for a Roll Call vote. All Councilmembers voted "Yes" with the exception of Steve Mitchell.

VISITOR

Sean Glenn of the Ferndale Fire Association stated that all Councilmembers should have received the reports in the internet. The quarterly payment should have been dropped off at the borough office. Penelec made the entire payment for all accounts. Scott Miles stated to pull the plastic tabs off of the meter. It will shut off in minutes. Jim Rigby asked how soon and Sean Glenn responded with one ETA. Sean Glenn had a 2 hour conversation with Penelec and they should have no problem now. Motion to accept was made by Mary Rose Shaffer and seconded by Scott Miles.

STREETS

Jim Rigby stated that the road crew follows separate committees. Cindy Dom and Mark Wissinger, Jr will head those committees. Brian McAteer mentioned he had to replace the #12 garage door. 42 Christmas trees have been picked up. There is a concrete wall on Tillman Avenue that is deteriorating. Mary Rose Shaffer told Brian McAteer that the Sprint cell phone contract is due to expire. We are going to cancel the Sprint service and go with another company. She also asked him what company he would like to go with and if he had any suggestions. Brian McAteer said they only have two phones. Mary Rose Shaffer said we need to send a letter to Sprint to cancel the contract.

Cindy Dom mentioned stamps and Pitney Bow. Jim Rigby asked Cindy Dom and Brian McAteer to get together with Mark Wissinger, Jr to see what is needed.

POLICE

Art Boring stated his written report was sent into the Ferndale Borough office. Scott Miles mentioned the upcoming police meeting and if there were any questions that needed addressed to let the Councilmembers know. Motion to accept was made by Jim Rigby and seconded by Scott Miles.

Bills to be paid were discussed by Anita Smith. The bills to be paid are 1st National, Pligt, and Sprint. Motion to pay bills was made by Mary Rose Shaffer and seconded by Al Lushko.

FINANCE

Mary Rose Shaffer stated that the January 3rd sewage bills were paid for the 2013 Sewer Project and that \$30,000.00 is delinquent. Letters were sent out. Jim Rigby asked not to send out the post cards and to cancel them with the printer. There are two receipt types to make payments. It will have everything listed, it is a simple program. Once the invoice is together it is to be reviewed with Council. Mary Rose Shaffer stated that the mailings will go out later than they should. She will have the Secretary/Treasure send out the letters. Motion to accept was made by Cindy Dom and a second was made Mary Rose Shaffer. A call was made for a Roll Call vote. All Councilmembers voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

SEWER REPORT

Steve Mitchell stated that the pressure testing for 366 were completed to the inside of the foundation. Jim Rigby asked if the resides have lines tapped on the inside of their homes. Steve Mitchell would like to sit down with Wayne Langerholc to go over the Armory. Jim Rigby asked what Richland had and is there a traffic charge for their sewage. Wayne Langerholc stated Richland has Highland Sewage and Water. Jim Rigby stated that what we are ding is a pretty common practice and we just need to get it squared away. Motion to accept Sewer was made by Steve Michelle and second by Mary Rose Shaffer. A call was made for a Roll Call vote. All Councilmembers voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL REPORT

No report.

RECREATION

Al Lushko mentioned Basketball and cuts to the team. Jim Rigby stated that they should not cut anyone. He mentioned to Mark Wissinger, Jr that they should have a travel team. Mary Rose replied that Ferndale does have a travel team. Al Lushko stated that any one who comes on should be put on the team. Jim Rigby stated that the program was established to have all kids participate. Scott Miles sent into the office bills for shirts, shorts, first aid kits 2 fanny packs and warm ups. Bills were paid and they would like to be reimbursed. Motion to accept was made by Mary Rose Shaffer and seconded by Steve Mitchell. A call was made for a Roll Call vote. All Councilmembers voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Al Lushko stated he has made calls to get them a contractor. Jim Rigby can recommend a name or we can go on the website. Sean Glenn said if there are any changed to let him know. Steve Mitchell will get an updated list of committees. Jim Rigby said he will get the list together. Motion to close was made by Mary Rose Shaffer and seconded by Scott Miles. A call was made for a Roll Call vote. All Councilmembers voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR

Wayne Langerholc stated that the garbage was authorized for fees and charges. All ancillary work will fall under deviated fees. Motion to close was made by Al Lushko and seconded by Cindy Dom. A call was made for a Roll Call vote. All Councilmembers voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mary Rose Shaffer mentioned redevelopment and told Steve Mitchell he received a binder from Johnstown Redevelopment and it was in the borough office. Steve Mitchell stated that he is looking for the yearly reports. Mary Rose Shaffer mentioned correspondents that the Publisher, Inc. is in the home stretch. She also had a question of what ordinance takes care of your Secretaries salary and benefits. The company sent a copy stating that it is on the website. Jim Rigby said this codification will come on a disk and we can format to a PDF file. Motion to close was made by Mary Rose Shaffer and second by Cindy Dom. A call was made for a Roll Call vote. All Councilmembers voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

The Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted

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Borough Secretary/Treasurer
(01/18/14)