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REGULAR MEETING

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JANUARY 12, 2015

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Monday, January 12, 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, Dave Ziemba, Mayor—Ed Dallape and Jim Rigby, Scott Miles and Solicitor-Wayne Langerholc, Secretary/Treasurer Carol Schalles, and AP/Payroll—Anita M. Smith. Absent: Al Lushko

MEETING MINUTES:

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

No report from EADS was presented at the meeting since we did not receive it to go over. Anita Smith spoke with Bill Patrick from CJ&L, he emailed Cindy Dom and he has all of the information from Dale Mills and would like to sit down and review it with Mrs. Dom.

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

All Councilmembers received The West Hills report, no questions were asked. There will be a meeting next Wednesday night with West Hills for further discussion. At the recommendation of the State they are looking at a different way of breaking down the entities that would still bring them down a percent or two. They are also reviewing Southmont, Upper Yoder and Lower Yoder municipalities to become a true West Hills. West Hills Police commission are discussing coming together with Upper Yoder and Ferndale down the road and with the retirement of the Chief at Upper Yoder it may just come under one Chief. Motion to accept the Emergency Management + Fire Company report was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Mary Rose Shaffer. All Councilmembers voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

EQUIPMENT STREETS TO BOROUGH PROPERTY REPORT:

Brian McAteer stated the Street Department changed the alternator in the 2008 F350. Also put a new spinner on the spreader. Changed the oil and put a new battery in the 2003 F550. Changed the oil and filter in the Explorer, washed and installed new mud flaps. Tightened the steering hub on the sweeper. Changed the oil in the 2005 F350 and in the 2000 case loader. Replaced the heater in the garage outside the street department office door. Jr. Berkebile gave the Street department a storage shed for cost of delivery. Fixed float on sump pump in basement. Patched pot holes. Made access ramp to the river and picked up 20 Christmas trees to date.

Properties that are exempt from pressure inspections are 1716/1720/1724 and 1726 Franklin Street and the Street Department installed all view ports only. Also 601/605/609 and 613 Ferndale Avenue are exempt from pressure inspections and the sewer cured in place by contractors. We will need to have our Solicitor create a letter for re-sale to show they are only exempt from pressure testing. They are still liable for paying the sewer project fees. We will need to have a letter on file. Jim Rigby did receive a phone call from Barb Danchanko which she

is questioning that she would like be exempt from paying garbage fees since it is empty and her mother is now in a nursing home the house has been on the market for 6 months. Mary Rose Shaffer stated that according to the ordinance all owners are responsible for paying the garbage and cannot be exempt. It was discussed by council and it will need to be paid or there will be a lien against the property and it will then be paid upon sale of the home. Upon selling the home the owner will receive the pro-rated amount back from the sale. Motion to accept Equipment streets to boroughs property report was made by Mark Wissinger, Jr and seconded by Dave Ziemba. All Councilmembers voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

TREES:

No Report

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORT:

Mayor Ed Dallape stated that his health hasn't been what it should be and he just wanted to mention that Chief Art Boring has been covering very well. In Scott Miles' absence Jim Rigby read what Scott Miles had prepared for the meeting as follows. A police committee meeting was held on December 30, 2014 for the purpose of interviewing possible new hires of part-time police duty in Ferndale Borough. Those in attendance at the meeting was: Chief Boring, committee member Mark Wissinger, Jr and committee chair Scott Miles. Two candidates were interviewed: Mr. Donald Wyar and Mr. Daniel Price, both candidates had good responses to the committee's questions. A discussion was held by the committee as to hire one or both of the candidates. It was discussed that if two were hired, that the Chief would have to limit the number of shifts of the other officers so that the new hires would get the required number of shifts to maintain employment. Therefore it is the recommendation of the committee, (pending council approval), that we offer the position of part-time officer to Mr. Daniel Price. The committee agreed that Mr. Price would be a great addition to Ferndale and its Police force. Respectfully Submitted, Scott Miles Committee Chair. Jim Rigby stated that Mr. Miles' recommendation is to hire one officer not two. There was a discussion among Council to make the salary \$10.00 per hour. The Chief stated that if anything is needed for the new officer such as clothing or belts and such it can be payroll deducted. Motion to hire Officer Price as the part-time police officer at the rate of \$10.00 per hour was made by Mary Rose Shaffer and seconded by Cindy Dom. Jim Rigby mentioned the old Pierich residence, Mr. Miller called Mr. Rigby and asked if they could take a look at the wrecked vehicle along with tires that are sitting out there is going to decrease the value of his property and he is concerned about the rat infestation. Mr. Miller asked if Council could check into this. Motion to accept the Mayor and Police Report was made by Mary Rose Shaffer and seconded by Mark Wissinger, Jr. 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 she was going to take to the Courthouse on Wednesday the taxes that she was unable to collect which was \$17,000.00. Mrs. Smith received what she didn't collect in taxes that are approximately \$11,000.00. Mrs. Smith provided Council with the bill list. She received a check when Pat Torchia bought Bob Bender's property paying back overdue garbage/sewer maintenance and the sewer project and the sewer project was around \$13,000.00. Mrs. Smith addressed Council to see if she could put \$10,000.00 into the Plgit Plus account. Since we will have projects with easements coming up so we can put it back for that. Mary Rose Shaffer stated that we have no savings and we need to reserve some of that money. Jim Rigby mentioned can we use those monies to pay off some of Ferndale's debt. Ferndale's Solicitor said to keep it in the sewer project account. Motion to accept the Accounts Payable Clerk Report + Bill List and Additional Bills + Tax Collectors Reports was made by Mark Wissinger, Jr and seconded by Dave Ziemba. All Councilmembers voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mary Rose Shaffer stated that Ferndale received an engagement letter from Barnes & Saly for the financial audit that will begin on March 23, 2015. In that letter was a list of files that they will need to start the Audit. Mrs. Shaffer wanted to make sure all of the required documents will be ready when they begin the audit. Motion to accept the Finance Committee Report was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Mark Wissinger, Jr. All Councilmembers voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

SEWER-SEWER PROJECT:

Cindy Dom sent Johnstown Redevelopment Authority the paperwork that was due to be sent to them by the 9th and they accepted that letter. Mrs. Dom addressed the Solicitor in reference to Upper Yoder. The Solicitor stated that he received a correspondence from Bill Barbin with the municipalities that are working on the consent order agreement in respect to their billing. Jim Rigby asked the Solicitor to respond back to Bill Barbin and let him know that we are waiting on an extension from DEP for the consent order agreement. Ferndale's Solicitor has a meeting with Upper Yoder and attorney Shahade and with Stoney Creek with attorney Gleason. Motion to execute the consent order agreement with Johnstown Redevelopment Authority was made by Mary Rose Shaffer and seconded by Cindy Dom. All Councilmembers voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously. A Roll Call vote was taken all Councilmembers voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously. Motion to accept the Sewer-Sewer Project report was made by Mary Rose Shaffer and seconded by, Mark Wissinger, Jr. All Councilmembers voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mary Rose Shaffer mentioned reading in the paper about passing an ordinance to except Labor and Industry. Carol Schalles is to follow up on this. Motion to accept the Personnel Committee Report was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Mark Wissinger, Jr. All Councilmember's voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

RECREATION REPORT:

Mark Wissinger, Jr mentioned that basketball is doing well. Scott Miles stated Ferndale had their first match with United, Ferndale had 13 kids and they had 55 kids. Ferndale had 16 wins and United had 19 wins. Ferndale beat United 82 to 72. There will be a wrestling match at the grade school and all are invited, it will be with Central Cambria in Richland, Wednesday at 6:00p.m. Jim Rigby spoke with Sam Hillegas and he said he would send him a description/breakdown then he may consider taking the recreation director position. Motion to accept the Recreation report was made by Mary Rose Shaffer and seconded by Cindy Dom. All Councilmember's voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT:

Cindy Dom spoke with Rev. Boersler about next year at Christmas having a tree lighting ceremony as a community event at the park. Mrs. Dom also said there will be caroling and hot chocolate. Council will be on board with this event. Scott Miles said have one at the Vickroy house. Scott Miles also mentioned that Saturday the class of 73 took 3rd in the State for basketball. They honored the 73 team at half time. Motion to accept the Public Relations Report was made by Scott Miles and seconded by Mark Wissinger, Jr. All Councilmember's voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

The Solicitor asked if the termination for the easement from Robert's Oxygen was taken care of and signed and notarized. The representative did not stop at the office to sign as of yet. The office will follow up with him. Motion to accept the Attorney's report was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Scott Miles. All Councilmember's voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

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

Request for a donation for the Historical Society. Scott Miles mentioned you could become a sustaining member for \$100.00. Jim Rigby would like Ferndale to donate to them. A Motion was made by Cindy Dom to become a sustaining member of the Historical Society which is a \$100.00 fee and was seconded by Scott Miles. A Roll Call vote was taken all Councilmembers voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously. The resolution ordinance was read to council and signed and was previously discussed at December 8th's council meeting. The Mayor asked about the codification if it was complete and taken care of with Keystone Publishers. Mary Rose Shaffer spoke with Ken Rotz and took care of all changes to be made to the ordinances. Mrs. Shaffer questioned down the road if Ferndale had a new ordinance would that be covered by them and Mr. Rotz said yes they would take care of all future changes to ordinances. Scott Miles mentioned if the new uniforms came in for the Street Department and Cindy Dom said they did come in. All are to wear the new proper uniforms for Ferndale Street Department. Cindy Dom addressed Council in reference to the PSAB 2015 Annual Conference held in Lancaster at the Marriot Convention Center on April 26-29, 2015. The office will find out when to register and the cost of the conference. Jim Rigby mentioned he would like report given at the next Council meeting on what was learned at this conference.

ADJOURN

The Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Carol A. Schalles
Borough Secretary/Treasurer
(1/12/14)