

FERNDALE BOROUGH
Regular Meeting
July 2, 2018

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Monday, July 2, 2018, in the Fireman's Recreation Hall at 618 Westinghouse Avenue, Johnstown, PA.

President Owen Hofecker called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

ROLL CALL

The Roll Call showed the following present: President Owen Hofecker, V.P. Mark Wissinger, Cindy Dom, Ken Dom, Connie Hobbs, Dave Ziemba, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Atty. Joe Green, Police Chief Jim Rigby, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Street Foreman Roger Bock. Trish Corle was absent.

VISITOR'S

Visitors present were Jared Arcuri, Robert Hayes, Zachary Neal and Wes Neal.

Jared Arcuri and Robert Hayes were just hired as officers for the department and were there to be sworn in.

Zachary and Wes Neal were just observing.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the June 11, 2018 minutes. A motion was made by Ken Dom to accept the minutes and seconded by Dave Ziemba. The motion carried.

PERSONNEL

No report given.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Joe Green said there is still a bank account in Anita M. Smith, Tax Collector name. There is still a balance on the account. By law the bank account should have been closed out 90 days after she was no longer tax collector. According to the county tax office some of the money belongs to the school district and some belongs to the borough. Attorney Green is working with the county office to determine where the money should go. Anita will then be contacted and asked to write the checks and close out the account.

A motion to accept the Solicitor's report was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

A motion was made by Connie Hobbs to hire the two new officers that were recommended by the police committee, as per past practices.

Officers Jared Arcuri and Robert Hayes were sworn in by Mayor Ralph Boyle.

A letter was received from Officer Greg Hall resigning from the police department.

Nancy Hofecker has submitted the request for reimbursement on the police vests. It is being processed.

Nancy stated that she received a check from the insurance company to help cover the cost of the new taser and radio that were damaged. Cost for new taser and radio was \$1842.00. Insurance company sent check for \$1218.00. Borough paid \$624.00 out of pocket.

A motion to accept the Mayor and Police Reports was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

WEST HILLS REPORT

West Hills Regional e-mailed their report to the office, if anyone would like a copy, please contact the secretary.

FERNDALE FIREMAN'S ASSOC. REPORT

No report given.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

The loader has been repaired and returned to the borough.

It was suggested that we have a maintenance schedule for our vehicles to ensure they are being serviced.

We need a riser on Hystone Avenue for the manhole. Roger is waiting for the city to return his call they are going to help us order one. Council suggested that Roger call and order one on his own, since the city isn't returning his call.

Cindy Dom stated that she received a phone call regarding a skunk issue in the borough. The resident would like Ehrlich to bait the property and the borough to pay for it. The borough does not pay for Ehrlich to bait rodents. It is the homeowner's responsibility.

A resident also called Ken Dom praising the street department for taking care of an issue where water was running into their driveway.

Nancy shared that she received a letter from PennDOT regarding our winter agreement with them. The letter stated there would be a 4% increase.

A motion to accept the Streets and Property Report was made by Mark Wissinger seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

TREES

No report given.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Two pressure tests were completed in June.

Mark Muir completed the semi-annual reports to JRA and DEP. He will email them for Nancy to review and get council signatures before mailing.

Mark Muir looked into Act 167 regarding the request for the church to put a parking lot in. He discovered that Ferndale Borough adopted Act 167 in December 2009, in its original form.

Nancy said that Mark Leevan and George Kirk from CDR Maguire were in to do the Penn Vest Audit. The audit is still on going. They need more documentation before coming to a conclusion. They will be in touch with Nancy and Bill Patrick from CJL as to a list of documents they are looking for.

A motion to accept the Sewer/Sewer Project Report was made by Cindy Dom seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

A motion to accept the Tax Collector's report was made by Cindy Dom seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion to accept the Finance Report and to pay all Accounts Payable was made by Connie Hobbs seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given.

RECREATION REPORT

Nancy shared that Ferndale United Methodist Church made a donation to the recreation program.

A motion to accept the Recreation Report was made by Cindy Dom seconded by Dave Ziembra. The motion carried.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

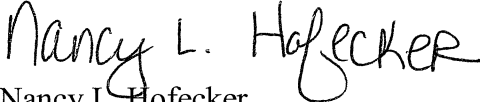
Ordinance 491 was presented for council members to vote. It was advertised in the Tribune Democrat as per the guidelines. Mark Wissinger made a motion to accept Ordinance 491. The motion was seconded by Ken Dom. A roll call vote was taken. All members present voted yes. Trish Corle was absent.

Ordinance 491 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FERNDALE, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REGULATING THE REDUCTION OF INDIVIDUAL DWELLING UNITS AND EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNITS WITH REGARD TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM.

A motion to accept Old/New Business was made by Mark Wissinger seconded by Dave Ziembra. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m. with Cindy Dom making the motion.

Respectfully submitted


Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary