

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

June 13, 2016

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Monday, June 13, 2016 in the Fireman's Recreation Hall at 618 Westinghouse Avenue, Johnstown, PA.

President Scott Miles called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

ROLL CALL

The roll call showed the following present: Pres. Scott Miles, Trisha Corle, Ken Dom, Connie Hobbs, Tim Leighty, V.P. Mark Wissinger, Owen Hofecker, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Attorney Joe Green, Street Foreman Brian McAteer and Sec. Anita Smith.

VISITORS

Beverly Roth, the new Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, was in attendance to introduce herself to the new council.

Al Cooper was observing.

The council then went into Executive session: 7:05 pm.

The meeting resumed at 7:35 pm.

MINUTES

There were two changes to the May 9, 2016. Upon making whose corrections – the motion was made by Trisha Corle and seconded by Tim Leighty to accept the May 9, 2016 minutes and the minutes of the Special Meeting held June 6, 2016. All councilmembers voted yes.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

No report.

SEWERS/SEWERS PROJECT

Tim Leighty will meet with Mark Muir to get an update on the flow meters. We are now eight months into the mentoring and need answers on their progress.

It is recommended that all past due accounts of 30 days on the sewer project, notices will be sent out and you will have 10 days to bring your account current, if not, the water will be shut-off.

Chief James Rigby came to the meeting at 7:45 pm.

The secretary will made copies of the ordinance and will send them out in the school tax bills.

This will give the residents an opportunity to read the ordinance about the water shut-off, before action is taken.

When the houses are posted, photos will be taken to ensure that it was posted properly.

The sewer flow meters were placed in Ferndale from Riverside and at Ogle Street in Ferndale. This is to ensure that no infiltration is going into the Stoneycreek.

The council would like to set up a meeting with all parties involved with the flow meters. Tim Leighty will call Mark Muir and the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority and CJL. The meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, June 23, 2016.

Atty. Green will look into the payments from Stoneycreek Twp., Upper Yoder Twp., and the Armory on Goucher Street.

It was suggested to call Mr. Woziak and Mr. Barbin to get them involved with the situation.

After the special meeting we should have more information on this matter.

Connie Hobbs made a motion to accept the sewer report, seconded Tim Leighty.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Ken Dom has retyped the existing personnel policy, but not all committee members have had a chance to review the policy. The new policy was to clarify and address items from the old policy.

Motion to accept the personnel report was made by Trisha Corle and seconded by Ken Dom.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORT

Chief Rigby had e-mailed his monthly report to all councilmembers.

Chief Rigby would like the council to consider the hiring of two more part-time police officers.

Eric Yackulich is working more at his other job and Joe Stopko has been hired full-time as security at Conemaugh Hospital. The council agreed.

The police department has purchased body cameras to be worn by the officer on duty and a dash camera. This will aid the officer and department if they have to go to court. But the officer first must inform the person that they are being recorded, both audio and visual.

Chief Rigby will be on vacation and Officer Beth Edwards will fill in and is very capable in his absents.

Mayor Ralph Boyle reported on the Eck's residence about the vehicles parked in the yard. Also, he reported about the complaints at 906 Boston pertaining to the boat, truck and pop-up camper.

There were other complaints about high grass on Boston Street and at 542 Summit Avenue.

The property at 542 Summit Avenue was to contact PennDot about a curb cut for his driveway, but they would not issue the permit because the pitch on the front yard was too steep. He started the paperwork for the permit, but never finished it.

Other complaints of high grass were reported on Ferndale Ave., Summit Ave., Colonial St., Pilgrim Ct., and Louisa Place. Chief Rigby has already issued citations and will follow up on these properties.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The solicitor gave his report during the executive session.

EMERGENCY MGT. + FIRE CO + WEST HILLS REPORTS

West Hills Regional Fire Department e-mailed their May 2016 report and copies were made for the council.

The Fireman's Association will hold their Annual Jubilee from July 18th to July 23rd. A letter requesting the use of the Ferndale Park for the week before (for set-up) and the week after the jubilee (for clean-up) was approved by the council.

It was suggested that members of the council should show their support by volunteering at the jubilee and all were in agreement.

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

EQUIPMENT/STREETS/BOROUGH PROPERTY

Foreman Brian McAteer reported that they installed the slide at the playground. The entire playground received new mulch.

Sewers: Put new catch basin in at the corner of Ogle and Ferndale Avenue.
Installed a new catch basin on the 500 block of Vickroy Avenue.
Picked up lid and risor for the paving.

Signs: Installed handicap signs at 525 Ferndale Avenue
Replaced sign post and base on Summit at Franklin St. because of an accident.
Replaced sign post and base on Ferndale Avenue at Station St. because of an accident.

Salt: Had to order one load of salt to fulfill our contract with Co-stars.
Mayor Boyle asked if the street department could clean up around the salt bin.
Brian McAteer said he would take care of it.

Hauled: The street department picked up 26 loads of wood and 16 loads of brush.
The street sweeper had 5 loads of dirt that was dumped.

Misc: Arthur Boring is now sweeping the streets for the borough.
Refreshed all Handicap Stencils and curbs throughout the borough.
Cut grass on borough property, trimmed trees and turned leaf piles.
Patched pot holes and tore out old guardrail on Breezewood Drive.

Brian McAteer will be on vacation June 21th. to June 24rd.

Patty Noble the borough cleaning lady handed in her two week notice. She got hired full-time at Holiday Inn.

It was debated if signs should be put up at the playground for children 12 and under. The council felt that there are enough signs and that really wasn't the much of a problem.

It was reported by the secretary that we received funds from Liquid Fuel and the paving should start next month.

Motion to accept equipment/streets/borough property report was made by Ken Dom, seconded by Trisha Corle.

TREES

Mark Adams has asked if he could trim the tree hanging over on his property from the Eck's property. He could, but if the tree dies as a result of him trimming the tree, he could be liable for damages.

Owen Hofecker has issued two tree permits. One to Mr. Stanton on Vickroy Avenue and the other to Ethel Meyers also on Vickroy Ave.

Mr. Hofecker looked at two additional trees on Glenwood Ave. When Bob Jordan comes into the borough they will walk up Plainfield Avenue, since there are some trees that are questionable.

Motion to accept the tree report was made by Ken Dom and Trisha Corle

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Anita Smith reported for the month of May 2016 she collected \$36,545.64. The borough received the Liquid fuels allotment of \$46,392.96.

Ken Dom made the motion to accept the tax collector's report, seconded by Mark Wissinger.

FINANCE REPORT/ACCOUNT PAYABLE

Herbert & Co. gave the financial statements for the month of April 30, 2016. The report will be reviewed by the council and any questions will be answered at the next council meeting.

Total of invoices for all accounts total is \$42,943.98.

Motion was made by Owen Hofecker and seconded by Connie Hobbs.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Ferndale Deli has reopened under new management. A new business – MG Creations- has moved into Ken Hershberger's property on Ferndale Ave. Ann Pizza's is working on some problems with the gas lines.

Motion to accept public relations was made by Tim Leighty and seconded by Trisha Corle.

RECREATION

Mark Wissinger reported that only 9 children have signed up for the swim program, but more usually some will sign-up later because of family vacations.

A motion made by Tim Leighty and seconded by Owen Hofecker.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

All old and new business was discussed under the other topics on the agenda.

The meeting was adjourn at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Anita M. Smith
Borough Secretary

CELEBRATION!

COME AND JOIN US FOR THE

100TH. ANNIVERSARY

OF FERNDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHERE: AT THE FERNDALE RECREATION PARK PAVILION
FERNDALE AVE., JOHNSTOWN, PA.

WHEN: SATURDAY – AUGUST 6TH, FROM 1 TO 4 PM.

THEN: AT THE FERNDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ON
VICKROY AVE. AT 7:00 PM. TO HEAR SOLOIST –
MIKE FACCIANI

ALSO: JOIN US ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 7TH AT 10:00 FOR OUR REGULAR
WORSHIP SERVICE.

ALL MEMBERS AND FORMER MEMBERS AND GUEST ARE INVITED TO
COME AND HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME AT THIS CELEBRATION.

***SEE YOU THERE!
GOD BLESS***