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REGULAR MEETING

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MARCH 9, 2015

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Monday, March 9, 2015, in the Fire Company's Recreation Hall at 618 Westinghouse Avenue, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Mary Rose Shaffer opened with a moment of silence to honor former council woman for Alma Goehres, who passed away on February 25, 2015. Cindy Dom mentioned that Council is collecting a donation in Alma's name to send to Hospice in her memory.

Vice President Mary Rose Shaffer 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, Al Lushko, Mary Rose Shaffer, Mark Wissinger, Jr, Dave Ziembra, and Mayor—Ed Dallape, Solicitor-Wayne Langerholc, Secretary/Treasurer Carol Schalles, and AP/Payroll—Anita M. Smith. Absent: Jim Rigby, and Scott Miles.

VISITORS – No visitors

MEETING MINUTES:

Corrections need to be made to previous meeting minutes to add Al Lushko to the attendance. Motion to accept the meeting minutes from March 9, 2015 that Al Lushko was at the February meeting was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Mark Wissinger, Jr. All Councilmembers voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

All Councilmembers received the e-mailed engineer's report. Motion to accept the Engineer's report was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Mary Rose Shaffer. All Councilmembers voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

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

All Councilmembers received the e-mailed West Hills report. All Councilmembers received The West Hills report, no questions were asked. Motion to accept the

EQUIPMENT STREETS TO BOROUGH PROPERTY REPORT:

Mark Wissinger, Jr interviewed Patricia Noble for the cleaning position and recommended that Ferndale hire her at the starting wage of \$7.25 per hour, at 10 hours per week. Mrs. Noble will report to Mark Wissinger, Jr. Her start date will be March 10, 2015. Motion to accept the hiring of Patricia Noble was made by Mark Wissinger, Jr and seconded by Al Lushko. Dave Ziembra brought up plowing on Vickroy Avenue with changing parking to the other side of the street. They are parking away from the curb on the one-way street. It is difficult for the plows to go down the street. Al Lushko asked what the difference is if they plow on this side and parking is on the other street. Mr. Ziembra said the residence will be able to get out on the driver side. Brian McAteer suggested this and once you move the sign to the other side to give residents a 30 day grace period for the Police to ticket. Dave Ziembra also mentioned when the weather permits to paint the sidewalks. Motion to change to the parking on Vickroy Avenue to the opposite side of the street was made Dave Ziembra and seconded by Cindy Dom. A Roll Call vote was taken most Councilmembers voted "Yes" except for Al Lushko and Mary Rose Shaffer; therefore, the motion passed unanimously. Brian McAteer took the excavator to Somerset to be fixed.

Replaced the vibrator on the salt spreader for 2003 F550. Replaced cutting edge on loader bucket and the entire garage door opener on 12 foot garage door. Replaced two springs on loader garage door. Took monitor reports to CJ&L. Received 75 tons of salt through Co-Stars. Picked up 4 loads of anti-skid from sleeks (12 Ton). Picked up 1 load of salt from Sleeks (3 Ton). Rebuild Fire Company sign that broke off of lighted sign. Widened streets, hauled snow piles and patched pot holes. Cleared all basins. Started running street sweeper. Brian McAteer will be on vacation March 13th and 16th. Mayor Ed Dallape addressed an issue on Breezewood Drive around the sharp curve the trucks are making it a mud bath and he wanted to know if the street department could do anything about this. Brian McAteer stated once they start making hot patch he could pave it. Motion to accept Equipment streets to boroughs property report was made by Dave Ziemba and seconded by Mark Wissinger, Jr. All Councilmembers voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

TREES:

No report.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORT:

Mayor Ed Dallape stated that he is in charge of the Police department and this was brought up by Ferndale's past Solicitor. If there are any concerns with the Police department to either come to him or the Police committee. They are the ones you need to talk to you are not to go directly to the Police Department that keeps them out of the loop and they need to know what is to be addressed. As a member of the Police committee, Mary Rose Shaffer stated that the Police Committee interviewed Dominek Barardi and is recommending hiring him as a part-time police officer. He is a graduate from Robert Morris College with a bachelor's degree in Physiology. He has worked various places he has worked Security at Conemaugh Hospital. He has taken all of his tests and training and is ready to go. His starting salary will be \$8.00 per hour. Mary Rose Shaffer made a motion to hire Mr. Barardi and was seconded by Mark Wissinger, JR. Cindy Dom made a motion made to accept Alex Freoni's resignation from the Police Department and it was seconded by Al Lushko. Mary Rose Shaffer made a motion to accept the Mayor and Police Report and Cindy Dom and seconded. 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 an additional bill list was in Council's entire packet. The Total for the General fund, Highway Aid, Recreation and sewer maintenance is \$8763.88. There is no Tax Collector report but you will receive one for the April meeting. Secretary/Treasurer Carol Schalles was able to get into the Penn Vest account and approved the change orders for DEP. According to Anita Smith Ferndale Borough did not receive a letter releasing the funds as of yet. Once the funds come in for the amount of \$372,000 that will go straight to the line of credit. Cindy Dom made the motion once the \$372,000 is received from Penn Vest will go into the line of credit and was seconded by Al Lushko. CJ&L need to make an appearance at Ferndale's meeting and tell them that according to the Clerk there is no more money in the Penn Vest account and CJ&L will have to come to a meeting and until we know how much we owe on the line of credit we cannot request more money. Al Lushko asked why we can't have CJ&L come to our meeting and it was said they do not show up when asked and they charge when they do show up. Al Lushko asked the Solicitor to send a letter to CJ&L to attend a meeting to discuss the Penn Vest account. Motion to accept the Accounts Payable Clerk Report + Bill List and Additional Bills + Tax Collectors Reports was made by Al Lushko and seconded by Cindy Dom. All Councilmembers voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mr. Leonard Facciani, Sr is suing Ferndale Borough for \$1,500.00 to fix his driveway that was previous damaged. The Solicitor stated that it will be in contingent to signing a legal document that he received the check. Cindy Dom brought up the CCBA Dinner meeting on April 21st. If anyone would like to attend the cost is \$20.00 per person and the Borough will pay the cost and Al Lushko seconded the motion. Cindy Dom addressed the PSAB 2015 Annual Conference

Council to approve for anyone who wants to attend the April 26-29 conference for 1 week. AL Lushko authorized their attendance not to exceed any more than the amount of \$1,500.00 to be spent on this conference and was seconded by Cindy Dom. A roll call vote was made and all Councilmembers voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously. Cindy Dom also mentioned she would like to make Mary Rose Shaffer the delegate for the PSAB Conference in order to vote on issues at the conference. Mary Rose Shaffer made the motion to accept the Finance Committee report and it was seconded by Al Lushko. A roll call vote was made and all Councilmembers voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

SEWER-SEWER PROJECT:

Cindy Dom is working on getting a list from Mark Muir of who did not tie in and who did tie in. The Ferndale office did receive the list late today. If residence is under contract by March 31st they will need a copy from the contractor. Wayne will create a letter to send to the contractors stating when the work will be done. Residents are calling about this issue and they are told if the work is not completed in the time noted they will have their water shut off. Ferndale Borough will be penalized by having to pay a \$10,000.00 fine per day if this is not completed by all residents. Cindy Dom spoke with Mark Muir in reference to five residences from Tillman Avenue that could go with the city. They won't have to be tied in till next year with Johnstown. Mary Rose Shaffer stated that the city wants \$27,000.00 for half of that line and tied in by December 31, 2015. A motion was made for council to approve the five properties on Tillman Avenue until December 15, 2015 was made by Dave Ziemba and seconded by Mark Wissinger, Jr. Motion to accept the Sewer-Sewer Project report was made by Dave Ziemba and seconded by, Mark Wissinger, Jr. All Councilmembers voted "Yes"; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT:

No report.

RECREATION REPORT:

Mary Rose Shaffer brought up that the old Westmont school that was torn down is selling the playground equipment for \$1,200.00 for all of the equipment. Cindy Dom made a motion to purchase the playground equipment for \$1,200.00 if feasible and was seconded by Dave Ziemba. Motion to accept the Recreation report was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Dave Ziemba.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT:

Al Lushko mentioned two residents called him stating that the contractors to complete the sewer lines were charging too much money. Mr. Lushko told them to look around. Motion to accept the Public Recreations report was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Dave Ziemba. Deborah Walters turned in her resignation since she is now working for the state. Bill Devlin would like to take over her position for the Zoning board. Mary Rose Shaffer made the motion to accept the resignation of Deborah Walters and accept Bill Devlin's application was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Dave Ziemba.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Council went into Executive Session:

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

No Old/ No New business

ADJOURN

The Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Carol A. Schalles
Borough Secretary/Treasurer
(3/9/15)