

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

August, 10, 2015

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Monday, August 10, 2015, in the Fire Company's Recreation Hall at 618 Westinghouse Avenue, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

President Mary Rose Shaffer called the Meeting to order at 7:00p.m. and those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following present: Councilmembers –Mary Rose Shaffer, Scott Miles, Al Lushko, Cindy Dom, Mark Wissinger and Mayor – Ed Dallape, Secretary- Anita Smith, Street Foreman – Brian McAteer. Absent was Solicitor – Wayne Langerholc.

COUNCIL VACANCY

Due to the resignation of David Ziemba a vacancy had been created on the council. The council has received two letters of interest. Dale Dom and Tim Leighty. A roll call vote was taken. Mark Wissinger voted for Dale Dom. Scott Miles and Mary Rose Shaffer voted for Tim Leighty. Al Lushko and Cindy Dom abstained on both candidates. Tim Leighty was then sworn in by Mayor Ed Dallape.

VISITORS

Brett Pribulsky of 906 Boston Street has just purchase the house. He has put a shed with a woodburner in the structure, because he has a motorcycle and needs a place to work on it in the winter. He contact Loral Municipal (Bldg. codes) and it was approve by them. Also, a concern with the neighbors is the fire ring he has in his back yard. Brett informed the council that he knows the safety is an issue and it taking precaution, before of the closeness of the neighboring house. Lastly, some neighbors have lodged complaints with the police on the noise level of his motorcycle. He stated that he is a fireman and sometimes he has to leave at all hours to response to the fire call.

MINUTES

Cindy Dom made changes on a motion that was made by Scott Miles to nominate Mark Wissinger as Vice President. Also, President Shaffer stated that CJL was the administrator of the Penn Vest Loan and not the line-of-credit. A motion to accept the minutes with the changes was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Al Lushko.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

A discussion on the changes orders was brought up by Scott Miles to talk to the Solicitor on the CJL matter. He said we need to get Atty. Langerholc involved to get this matter with PennVest and the line-of-credit. Letters need to be sent to CJL before the end of Sept. Because in a conversation between Anita Smith and Jonathan Cox of Rhodes & Sinon, he said he would be glad to help us. But, we need to get started on this matter as soon as possible.

7:20 police officer Deanna Lehman informed the council that Atty. Langerholc would not attend tonight's meeting.

Scott Miles made a motion, seconded by Cindy Dom to get Jonathan Cox involved with this process. All council was in favor.

ENGINEER'S REPORT CONTINUED.

Mark Muir said that PennVest does take a long time in approving change orders. Stating that he, also has had to wait a long time for approved.

He said Bill Patrick should resubmit these change orders and MaryRose had a conversation with Bill Patrick and he said he would resubmit them. President Shaffer said that we have to clear out the PennVest balance before we can apply for more funding. The secretary was instructed to call Larry Gasparato of PennVest. To see what can be done on the change orders.

Mark Muir submitted his report on the laterals. About 120 still remain to be done. Randy Roth of Franklin Street needs a viewport. He has taken the downspouts out of the line. He will call on a cost to

put in a viewport, he will contact the borough when this is done. The lateral to the main line does not need to be replaced. Mark Muir will call Denny at Liberoni's to fix the line at the Roth's house. The homes on Ferndale Ave. – Swalligan's and Himes with regards to the storm lines. Will check on this. Scott Miles said the contractors must be done by 10-01-15. The water will be shut off. Cindy Dom and Tim Leighty will make personal contact with the residences that have not complied with the sewer mandate. Mark Muir said that everything should be documented. The time and who you talked to. And to keep Atty. Langerholc informed of all this information and also, Paul Eiseworth at DEP. Motion was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Mark Wissinger to accept the Engineers Report.

STREETS

Brian McAteer reported that Hershberger's easement on the Penn Machine parking lot has been completed and paved. Paving was ordered and picked up for risers for the paving project on Clay St. and Summit Ave. Also, have paved Hystone sewer project for a Upper Yoder residence. Building – replace a toilet in the upstairs bathroom. We are still working on the sump pump project in the basement. Equipment – Rented a jackhammer for the excavator for the sump pump project. The 2005 F350 is at Jr. Berkebile's for ABS and oxygen sensors. We had the loader tire repaired. Bought a new vibrator plate at U-Rent. Part-time help – Brian has requested an extra help to cut grass, paint curbs and crosswalks in the summer and shovel snow on borough steps and sidewalks in the winter. The average hours per week would be around 20. The hours could vary due to weather conditions. The council gave Brian the go ahead to interview possible candidates. Scott Miles made a motion to accept the Street report, seconded by Cindy Dom.

TREES

Scott Miles reported that the tree at 601 Summit Ave. was dangerous (falling limbs). He will contact Jordan's Tree Service to take a look at the tree. Mr. Miles also stated that when Chief Rigby comes back from vacation, they would look at the trees in the borough to make sure they are safe. Jordan's Tree Service gave a list to Scott Miles on the trees he thought should be looked at, 6 on Glenwood Ave, 5 on Vickroy Ave., 1 on Summit Ave. Cindy Dom made a motion to accept the Tree report, seconded by Al Lushko

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORT

Chief Rigby has changed the locks on the evidence room. And currently is up-dating the police reports to make council more informed on the police activities. Scott Miles said the Police Committee has recommended an increase to the part-time police officers working the midnight to eight shifted. The increase of 15 cents would bring the police to 50 cents an hour instead of the 35 cents they are currently getting. It was also discussed to pay the part-time police bi-weekly, instead of monthly. Decal – The Chief would like to get the unmarked police vehicle decal at Big City Sign at a cost of \$816.00. A motion was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Tim Leighty to approve the 15 cents increase, the part-time police pay dates and to decal the police vehicle. All council agreed.

The Police cruiser (Dodge Charger) is up at Berkebile's Auto Repair for a transmission. It was discussed about getting a new cruiser, estimated cost of \$30,000.00. It was agreed to get the transmission fixed. We would revisit this request for a new cruiser after the line-of-credit is paid off. Mark Wissinger made a motion to accept the Police report, seconded by Al Lushko.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Anita Smith gave her report and Mary Rose Shaffer asked if everyone had looked over her reports. A motion was made by Al Lushko and seconded by Cindy Dom to accept the Accounts Payable clerk Report + Bill List and additional Bills + Tax Collectors Reports. All Councilmembers voted "Yes".

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mary Rose Shaffer reported that Barnes, Saly & Co. has almost finished with the 2014 audit. Upon recommendations from the accounting firm, all financial business will be handled by Debbie Herbert & Assoc. Accounting Firm. Mary Rose Shaffer has been in contact with Herbert's and they are willing to take us as a new client. Motion was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Al Lushko.

Anita Smith was afforded the position of secretary at an annual salary of \$10,000.00 a year. She will work three days a week. She accepted the position.

Tracy Rhoades was afforded the assistance job at an annual salary of \$3,200.00 a year. She will work two days a week. Between both employees the office will be covered every day from 9:00 to 4:00. It is estimated that there will be a savings of about \$8,000.00 a year.

A motion was made by Time Leighty and seconded Scott Miles to accept the Finance report.

SEWER PROJECT

This report was discussed under the Engineers report.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

It was recommended to contact the Tribune after the second vacancy was filled, to announce the new councilmembers and to remind residence of the deadline for the laterals to be tapped in.

Chief Rigby will set up a meeting on his own with William Helsel for his 401K. Mr. Rigby will not be on the Police Pension Plan.

RECREATION

Al Lushko made a suggestion to put flooring under the playground equipment (like what is over at the Roxbury Playground). Brian McAteer said that would be a good idea, but to wait until spring when the street crew installs the new slide that was purchased. Brian will measure the area and get a cost to install the flooring.

Motion to accept the Recreation report was made by Cindy Dom, seconded by Tim Leighty.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Atty. Langerholc was unable to attend tonight's meeting. No report.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

David Ziemba's resignation was accepted. We will advertise to hold a special meeting on Sept. 9, 2015 to appoint a new councilperson.

Ferndale Borough will be receiving an additional \$7,800.00 from the state, because of the harsh winter. Ferndale maintains the state roads that go through the borough. This amount was approved by council. Jackie Miller will submit the paperwork to the state.

The Christmas Party was mentioned and agreed to hold it in the Fire Assoc. Hall. Time, date and cost will be discussed at the next meeting.

ADJOURN

Mary Rose Shaffer adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita M. Smith
Borough Secretary

