

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

April 8, 2019

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Monday, April 8, 2019, 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, Trish Corle, Cindy Dom, Connie Hobbs, Dave Ziemba, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Attorney Joe Green, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Street Foreman Roger Bock. Police Chief John Blake and Ken Dom were absent.

VISITOR'S

Visitors present were Monica Stroschio, Kaitlyn Stroschio, Joe Fetzer, Barry Himes, Jacklyn Himes, Wes Neal, and Zachary Neal.

All visitors were just observing.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the March 11, 2019 minutes. A motion was made by Trish Corle to accept the minutes and seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Trish Corle said that the personnel policy is ready to be reviewed by the solicitor. Nancy will email a copy of the personnel policy to the solicitor for review.

A motion to accept the Personnel Report was made by Connie Hobbs and seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Green presented council with a resolution for the Sidewalk Maintenance Agreement with PennDOT for Franklin Street. A motion was made by Trish Corle to accept and sign the resolution and agreement and seconded by Cindy Dom.

Attorney Green said he has an agreement that needs to be completed for Chief Blake to be a member of the Drug Task Force. He will complete the paperwork this week.

A motion to accept the Solicitor's Report was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Trish Corle. The motion carried.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle said they have letters out to all the local police academies to hire new officers.

Chief John Blake was in Dallas, Texas attending a seminar for violence against women.

A motion to accept the Mayor and Police Reports was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Mark Wissinger. 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

Ralph Boyle said that if anyone wishes to reserve the pavilions at the park they should contact the borough secretary. She will handle the reservations. However, if anyone is interested in using the electricity or tables and chairs they can for a small donation/fee. The donation goes to the Ferndale Fireman's Association.

A motion to accept the Ferndale Fireman's Association Report was made by Dave Ziemba and seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Roger said they got the lines painted on Ferndale Ave for the police. They put the new mirror up on Fernwood and Clay. The street sweeper motor is being repaired. Roger hopes to have it up and running soon. One of the borough trucks needed a need starter.

Nancy handed out flyers to council called Keep County Beautiful. There is a location in Stonycreek that will take appliances and tires for a small fee. They will not take electronics but there is a phone number on our website that will take them. She asked for everyone to spread the word to the residents, since we are trying to clean up the borough.

Dave Ziemba said he is working with Chief John Blake to help clean up the neighborhood. Dave and the Chief are walking the borough and knocking on doors or posting properties that need to be cleaned up. If the residents fail to clean up their properties they will be cited. Residents are not permitted to have junk in their yard or stacked up on their porches.

Mike Bowser met with Nancy and Roger and prepared quotes for paving. A motion to place an ad in the Tribune Democrat to receive bids for paving was made by Trish Corle and seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

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

TREES

Dave Ziemba received a quote from Jim Smay (Tree Expert) to cut down and trim some trees in the borough. The bid was for \$2100.00. A motion to accept the bid and allow him to start cutting the trees was made by Cindy Dom seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

A motion to accept the Trees Report was made by Trish Corle seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank Diloreto was present from EADS.

Zero pressure tests were completed in March.

Frank said that he went out with Roger to do some wet weather investigating. They checked several manholes. Frank presented council with a packet containing several pictures of manholes and vented lids on manholes. He talked about sealing some of the manholes better and the cost.

Council shared with Frank that they are in the process of constructing a letter to DEP regarding our flows. They are reviewing the consent order that was signed with DEP.

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

A motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report was made by Trish Corle seconded by Dave Ziemba. The motion carried.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

This year will be the last contract year for Barnes Saly to complete our audit. We need to place an ad in the paper to accept bids for an auditor next year.

A motion to pay all Accounts Payable was made by Dave Ziemba and seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Cindy Dom to accept the Finance Report seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given.

RECREATION REPORT

Mark Wissinger said he received the paperwork for the swim program that the YWCA offers. The program is offered to the elementary students from K4-6th.

A motion to accept the Recreation Report was made by Trish Corle and seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

No old/new business to discuss.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m. with Trish Corle making the motion.

Respectfully submitted



Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary