

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

April 9, 2018

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Monday, April 9, 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, Trisha Corle, Cindy Dom, Ken Dom, Connie Hobbs, Dave Ziemba, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Atty. Joe Green, Police Chief James Rigby, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Street Foreman Brian McAteer.

VISITOR'S

Visitors present were Frank and Valerie Angelo, Zachary Neal and Wes Neal.

Frank and Valerie Angelo spoke about their vacant home and garbage bill. Frank Angelo had a complaint about the paving on Louisa behind his house. He stated that it isn't paved correctly. When it rains the water forms a giant puddle in the middle of the alley. He also had a complaint about the borough road crew plowing snow this year. He said they pushed the snow so hard that it went on his sidewalk and up his steps.

Zachary Neal and Wes Neal were just observing.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the March 12, 2018 minutes. A motion by Mark Wissinger to accept the minutes was made and seconded by Ken Dom. The motion carried.

PERSONNEL

The Personnel Committee presented the job descriptions for the Road Foreman and Street Department employee. A motion to accept the job descriptions was made by Trish Corle and seconded by Cindy Dom.

A motion to pay Chief Jim Rigby at a holiday rate for Good Friday 2018 was made by Cindy Dom seconded by Connie Hobbs.

A motion to accept the Personnel Report was made by Trish Corle and seconded by Dave Ziemba. The motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Joe Green talked about converting a double unit into a single unit in the borough. He suggested that we create a definition or an ordinance when converting from a double to a single unit. Judge Krumenacker made a ruling a few years ago regarding a conversion in the borough. Attorney Green will refer to that to help create the definition or ordinance.

Attorney Green is reviewing the parking ordinances for the borough. Amendments need to be made because new no parking signs were placed in the borough.

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

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that Chief Jim Rigby will be heading to Dallas, Texas in April for a four day training, with the Woman's Help Center. The training will be on domestic violence. Vests have been purchased for the officers we are just waiting for them to be delivered.

A motion by Cindy Dom to accept the Mayor and Police Reports was made 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

No report given.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Attorney Joe Green will work on updating the ordinances for parking and street cleaning.

A letter was received from Ferndale United Methodist Church requesting two handicap spaces on Vickroy Avenue. They would like them for Sunday mornings between the hours of 9am and 12pm. No decision was made regarding the handicap spaces. Council wants to see how the handicap spaces are marked on Atlee Street for the church.

A motion to accept the Street Report was made by Trish Corle and seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

TREES

No report given.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Mark Muir said that a mag meter was installed by JRA to monitor the flow of water. He also brought graphs showing the flow.

Mark Muir suggested that the borough send a request to JRA asking for a copy of the resolution and description of how category c will be billed.

The borough must have reduced flows into the JRA system by June 30, 2019. If flows aren't reduced the borough could receive fines from DEP.

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given.

RECREATION REPORT

No report given.

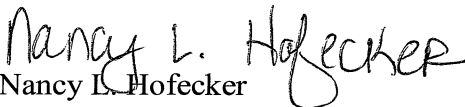
OLD/NEW BUSINESS

No old or new business to discuss.

At 8:55pm the meeting then went into Executive Session regarding a personnel matter.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. with Trish Corle making the motion.

Respectfully submitted


Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary