

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

August 13, 2018

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Monday, August 13, 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, Trish Corle, Cindy Dom, Ken Dom, Connie Hobbs, Dave Ziemba, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Atty. Joe Green, Police Chief Jim Rigby, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Street Foreman Roger Bock.

VISITOR'S

Visitors present were Al Cooper and Wes Neal.

Al Cooper had some concerns regarding the re pressure testing of sewers and section 8 housing in the borough.

Wes Neal was just observing.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the July 2, 2018 minutes. A motion was made by Dave Ziemba to accept the minutes and seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Ken Dom suggested that they go ahead and hire another part time person for the street department. Roger feels that he will need the additional help in the winter.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Atty Joe Green presented a resolution to allow code compliance officers to look into viewports at homes in the borough and to be on resident's property. The resolution lists the following as code compliance officers: all of borough council, the mayor, the street department, zoning code officer, code enforcement officer and employees of B. Hale Inc.

A motion was made by Trish Corle to accept the resolution seconded by Ken Dom. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes.

Council wrote a letter to go to all residents and businesses regarding the sewer project and flow monitoring. The letters will be distributed by council members to all owners of property in the borough.

Penn Machine is being sued by borough residents because their basements were flooded during heavy rain. Penn Machines failure to keep the garage door open to allow the water to go through during the heavy rain has caused the water to go in their basements. Penn Machine and their attorneys are saying that it is an issue with Ferndale Borough and not Penn Machine. Council will look into the agreement that was written with Penn Machine.

There have been numerous complaints about the current trash hauler, Advanced Disposal. They are constantly leaving a mess on the roadways and missing trash at properties. The street department has been cleaning up the mess. The secretary has made several calls to Advanced Disposal speaking with supervisors. The situation improves for a short time then it gets worse again. Chief Rigby and Roger Bock asked for the issues with Advanced Disposal to be documented. Chief Rigby also has pictures showing the mess on the roadways.

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

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that Chief Rigby had recently posted 5 properties because of the grass ordinance. They have 5 days to get the grass cut or they will receive a citation.

Officer Moser would like to upgrade his firearm. He is asking for the borough to purchase it and he will pay it back through payroll deduction. Everyone on council agreed to his request.

A motion to accept the Mayor and Police Reports was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Connie Hobbs. 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 stated that he is aware of the damage done to the grounds at the rec park where the jubilee is held. The rain during jubilee week made the grounds muddy. The fire association will help get the grounds back in order.

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

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Roger reported that the street sweeper is down and needs to be repaired.

Roger will get the crosswalks repainted before the school year starts.

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

TREES

No report given.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Four pressure tests were completed in July.

There was a discussion about the homes on the backside of Hystone Ave. The sewer for the homes on the backside of Hystone Ave flow into the Upper Yoder system. Attorney Green is also going to contact Upper Yoder to see what their expectations are of Ferndale Borough, regarding the pressure testing.

A motion to accept the Sewer/Sewer Project Report was made by Cindy Dom seconded by Trish Corle. The motion carried.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

A motion to accept the Tax Collector's report was made by Dave Ziemba seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion to accept the Finance Report and to pay all Accounts Payable was made by Cindy Dom seconded by Dave Ziemba. The motion carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given.

RECREATION REPORT

Owen Hofecker reported that the recreation policy was renewed with FWF and he signed use of facility forms for the school board meeting so that the elementary wrestling and basketball

programs can begin. Nancy will send letters out to the other municipals requesting donations to help pay for the insurance since the invitation is for all Ferndale School students.

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

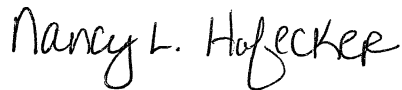
OLD/NEW BUSINESS

No old or new business to discuss.

At 8:32pm the meeting went into Executive Session regarding a personnel issue.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m. with Trish Corle making the motion.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy L. Hofecker".

Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary