

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

August 13, 2020

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, August 13, 2020, in the Fireman's Recreation Hall at 618 Westinghouse Avenue, Johnstown, PA.

President Owen Hofecker called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, VP Connie Hobbs, Art Boring, Trish Corle, Cindy Dom, Mark Wissinger, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Attorney Joe Green, Police Chief John Blake, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Street Foreman Sean Simmons.

VISITOR'S

Visitors present were Dennis Kassick, Jim Rigby, Kathy Rigby.

Dennis Kassick addressed council asking if they came up with any solution regarding parking on Clem Alley and Henry Place. People are parking too close to the stop sign. Sean Simmons said they had, and they will be working on it tomorrow. He also thanked council for all their hard work.

Jim Rigby addressed council with some sewer project questions.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the July 9, 2020 minutes. A motion was made by Mark Wissinger to accept the minutes, seconded by Art Boring. The motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Trish Corle said she would like to get some health care bids prior to doing the budget.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report given.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Boyle said that the agreement and setup with Bartlebaugh's at the jubilee grounds went well.

Chief Blake said that the hostage situation that happened a year ago on Summit Ave is finally wrapping up. Everyone involved has been charged.

Mayor Boyle said that the gas company will be sending a company in to pave Louisa Place where they created the ruts with their equipment.

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

Sean Simmons said that on Monday they will be working on a catch basin behind the school.

Nancy Hofecker presented council with a letter from Bishop McCort asking to Paint the Town Teal. It is were students from Bishop McCort tie teal ribbons around the trees on Ferndale Avenue for ovarian cancer awareness. Everyone on council said they were okay with it as long as they took the ribbons back down when they were done.

Attorney Green opened the bid packets for the proposed paving project in the borough. The following bids were submitted: HRI \$50,420.20 and Quaker Sales \$53,978.24.

A motion to accept HRI to complete the paving project was made by Trish Corle seconded by Art Boring. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. The motion carried.

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

TREES

No report given.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank Diloreto was present from EADS. Thirteen pressure tests were completed in July.

Frank talked about Station Street Phase 1. B. Hale, Inc was the lowest bid, he is anticipating starting the work this fall. He asked for council to sign and date the proposal that he gave Frank. Property owners that will be affected by the phase 1 project have signed easements. Attorney Green will have them recorded. Frank will be contacting contractors to request quotes for the Station Street Phase 2 project.

Frank reviewed the Manhole Rehabilitation. Robinson Pipe will be the contractor performing the rehabilitation to the manhole on Mendell. The work is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18th and Wednesday, August 19th.

Frank said that the PA Small Water Grant that we applied for has been pushed back and will be announced September 2020.

James Excavating anticipates completing the work at 1713 Franklin Street the week of August 24th.

EADS has been notified that there is potential for COVID-19 stimulus bill for infrastructure projects that are ready to be constructed in 2020. A list of potential projects that could be funded are Station St Phase 2, Hystone Avenue and Goucher Street.

Frank mentioned about setting up a meeting with Stonycreek Township to go over the agreement between them and Ferndale Borough regarding the flow amount coming from Stonycreek Township.

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

A motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for July was made by Cindy Dom seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion to pay all Accounts Payable was made by Mark Wissinger and seconded by Art Boring. The motion carried.

Trish Corle said now that we are half way through the year she will be scheduling a time to meet with Herbert's to make sure we are on track financially.

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given.

RECREATION REPORT

No report given.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

No old/new business.

At 6:53pm the meeting went into executive session regarding potential litigation.

The meeting came out of executive at 7:13pm. Trish Corle made a motion to get the property surveyed at 109 Station Street as long as it doesn't exceed \$1,500.00. Connie Hobbs seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16pm with Cindy Dom making the motion, seconded by Art Boring.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary