

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

August 8, 2019

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, August 8, 2019, 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, V.P. Mark Wissinger, Trish Corle, Cindy Dom, Ken Dom, Connie Hobbs, Dave Ziemba, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Attorney Joe Green, Police Chief John Blake, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Street Foreman Roger Bock.

VISITOR'S

Visitors present were Walter Kleinmeyer, Al Cooper, Amanda Baumbaugh, Zachary Neal and Wes Neal.

Walter Kleinmeyer addressed council thanking them for allowing him to move his business in the borough.

Amanda Baumbaugh is interested in moving her business Lee Cakes. Council encouraged her to speak with Jerry Katzenstein, Bill Cornell or Bill Devlin.

Al Cooper addressed Police Chief John Blake and thanked him for his hard work on the recent incident that occurred on Summit Avenue.

Zachary and Wes Neal were just observing.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the July 11, 2019 minutes. A motion was made by Ken Dom to accept the minutes and seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

PERSONNEL

No report given.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Joe Green suggested that the zoning board hearing have their own solicitor instead of using the borough solicitor. The reason for such is in the event council doesn't agree with the

zoning board hearings decision that both parties can be represented. Council asked Attorney Green for a recommendation. Attorney Green suggested Dave Raho.

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

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle addressed the incident that occurred on Summit Avenue. He said that Chief Blake and his officers have been working hard on the case and continuing to keep the borough safe. He said they are doing a great job.

Chief Blake said that the individuals that were living at 803 Summit Avenue have moved out of the borough.

A motion to accept the Mayor and Police Reports was made by Trish Corle 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

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that the jubilee went well even though the weather was rainy on parade night and really hot some of the days. They are looking forward to the 90th Ferndale jubilee. He thanked everyone who helped. He also thanked council for use of the grounds.

A motion to accept the Ferndale Fireman's Association Report was made by Mark Wissinger and seconded by Ken Dom. The motion carried.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Owen Hofecker started the meeting by addressing the zoning board hearing that took place for Lincoln Financial. It was in regards to them moving their business to 729 Ferndale Avenue. The zoning hearing board granted the variance. Trish Corle made a motion to accept the granted variance by the zoning board. Connie Hobbs seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roger said that they got one catch basin done. They have one more to do. Once they get some of the work completed that requires the high lift, he will then schedule it for repair.

Roger said the price of salt this year will be the same as last year \$76.85 a ton. The company who won the bid with Costars is American Rock Salt.

Trish Corle asked Roger if he is documenting the viewports that they are monitoring. He said they are. Trish said she would like to start seeing a monthly report as to the progress.

Nancy Hofecker stated that she received a letter from Bishop McCort asking if they can place teal ribbons around the trees again through the borough. It is for ovarian cancer awareness. Council said they were okay with them doing that as long as they remove them when they are done.

A motion to accept the Streets and Property Report was made by Dave Ziembra seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

TREES

No report given.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank Diloreto and Mark Muir were present from EADS.

Three pressure tests were completed in July.

Mark reviewed the Franklin & Goucher storm line and the costs associated with it.

Mark presented council with estimates to complete the Station Street project. He then explained what steps need to happen to get the project started. Step one would be having an E&S Plan in place. EADS is able to complete an E&S Plan. Council asked Mark to begin the process with the E&S Plan.

Mark went over the letter to DEP regarding the flow reduction plan.

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion to pay all Accounts Payable was made by Ken Dom and seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

Trish Corle made a motion for Ferndale Borough to work with community leaders Wes Neal, Zackary Neal and Joe Fetzer to apply for a community foundation grant. Ferndale Borough will

act as the administration of the grant. It will be a technical assistance grant that will be used for the Ferndale Avenue revitalization project. The motion was seconded by Cindy Dom.

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Trish Corle reminded everyone that borough employees are not to speak to any media outlet without speaking to her first. The only one who should speak on behalf of the police department should be the Police Chief.

A motion to accept the Public Relations Report was made by Connie Hobbs seconded by Ken Dom. The motion carried.

RECREATION REPORT

Mark Wissinger asked Roger if he could please put new basketball nets up.

Owen Hofecker stated that the girls entering 7th grade are part of a basketball summer league at East Hills. He said they are doing well. They are in playoffs this coming weekend.

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

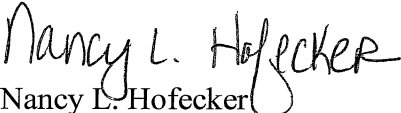
OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Green said that Dave Raho would be honored to be the solicitor for the zoning board. Trish Corle made a motion appointing Dave Raho as the solicitor for the zoning board seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

At 7:24pm the meeting went into executive session regarding a personnel issue.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm with Trish Corle making the motion.

Respectfully submitted



Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary