

FERNDALE BOROUGH
Regular Meeting
December 12, 2019

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, December 12, 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, 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. VP Mark Wissinger was absent.

VISITOR'S

No visitors were present.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the November 14, 2019 minutes. A motion was made by Cindy Dom to accept the minutes and seconded by Trish Corle. The motion carried.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Dave Ziemba to hire Sean Simmons as the new road foreman beginning January 7, 2020. Cindy Dom seconded the motion. All were in favor except for Ken Dom. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Cindy Dom to name Roger Bock as assistant road foreman. Dave Ziemba seconded the motion. Trish Corle abstained from voting because of her relationship with Roger. The motion carried.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Joe Green said he will be amending the parking ordinance so that the ordinance and posted street signs match. He will present it at the next council meeting.

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

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Chief Blake said in 2021 the county will be upgrading the radio systems. The borough will need to purchase new radios. The county will pay 75% of the cost we will have to pay 25%. When Chief Blake attends the chiefs meeting this month, they will work on putting a grant together to help with funding for all the municipalities. Chief Blake said we will be getting a letter explaining more in detail soon.

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 said that the association is making a \$5500 donation to the borough to help pay for fire protection.

Ralph also said that Santa will be going through the borough on Christmas Eve.

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

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Roger said that they are done picking up leaves for the season. The trucks are now ready for winter. Roger presented a quote to council for a new chain saw. The chain saws that the street department use are older and are not in good working condition.

A resolution was presented from PennDOT stating that we give them permission to work on repairing or replacing manhole covers and catch basins as needed. This is for when they begin paving Ferndale Ave. We just have to supply the materials but they will do all the work. A motion was made by Trish Corle to sign resolution #6, seconded by Ken Dom. The motion carried.

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

TREES

No report given.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank Diloreto was present from EADS.

Two pressure tests were completed in November.

Frank reviewed the items on hold and the grant eligible projects.

The borough did apply for a Small Water Grant. EADS is anticipating the grant award to be announced around late February or early March.

DEP has responded to the recent letter from EADS. EADS will provide quarterly updates to DEP regarding the status of the flow reduction plan.

Roger is now doing the pressure testing in the borough instead of EADS.

Some of the local financial institutions have given the borough office information so residents can retain low interest loans for the sewer project upgrade, if needed.

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 Trish Corle seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion to pay all Accounts Payable was made by Trish Corle and seconded by Dave Ziembra. The motion carried.

The 2018 Audit has been completed and was presented to council. A motion was made by Dave Ziembra to accept the audit seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

Trish Corle made a motion to accept the wage and salary scale for the 2020 fiscal year as discussed in executive session. Dave Ziembra seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Trish Corle made a motion to accept the budget for the 2020 fiscal year. Cindy Dom seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Nancy shared that the next meeting will be on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 6pm. It will be the reorganization meeting. Council meeting will be held Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 6pm.

Owen shared that the council member replacing Ken Dom will be Art Boring.

A motion to accept Old/New Business was made by Trish Corle seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

At 6:58pm the meeting went into executive session to discuss personnel.

At 7:38pm council came out of executive session and went back into the regular meeting to the personnel report.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41pm with Trish Corle making the motion.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary