

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting
December 10, 2018

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Monday, December 10, 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, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Street Foreman Roger Bock.

VISITOR'S

Visitors present were Albert Cooper, Wes and Zachary Neal.

Wes Neal and Zachary Neal were just observing. Albert Cooper spoke regarding the consolidation meeting he attended at Westmont High School. The meeting was regarding consolidations of boroughs and borough services.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the November 12, 2018 minutes. A motion was made by Trish Corle to accept the minutes and seconded by Dave Ziemba. The motion carried.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Ken Dom to make Roger Bock the permanent road foreman for the borough. Connie Hobbs seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trish Corle abstained from the motion because Roger is her nephew.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report given.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Ralph Boyle stated that 10 applicants applied for the Police Chief position. He has interviews scheduled for Thursday and Monday.

Atty Green worked on an agreement with the school district for the SRO. The police committee will review the agreement.

A motion to accept the Mayor and Police Reports was made by Trish Corle and seconded by Cindy Dom. 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 Santa will ride through the borough on Christmas Eve starting at 5:30pm. Santa will then take a ride through Riverside. West Hills will be doing Westmont and Brownstown.

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

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Roger said that the leaf box is off the truck because of the recent snow. He said that if they get a few nice days they will go out and pick up the leaves by hand. Unfortunately, the leaves came down late and the snow came early preventing them from getting all the leaves picked up.

Roger said that we will be receiving 100 tons of salt. The cost per ton is \$76.85.

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

TREES

No Report Given.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank Diloreto from EADS was there in place of Mark Muir.

No pressure tests were completed in November.

Frank from EADS said that he found out the Upper Yoder's requirements for pressure testing, require the residents to pressure test the line inside and outside of the home.

Frank also presented flow graphs from August, September and October.

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 Connie Hobbs seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Trish Corle presented the audit to council. A motion was made by Cindy Dom to accept the audit for 2017 seconded by Ken Dom.

Trish Corle presented the budget to council, with no tax increase. Connie Hobbs made a motion to accept the budget for 2019 seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

Trish Corle said that 5 years ago the borough took out a loan with Somerset Trust to help with the expenses for the sewer project. The borough wasn't able to get the funds from Penn Vest. We are still currently undergoing the audit with Penn Vest to get more funds released to pay off the loan. At this time we need to renew the loan with Somerset Trust, however the rate has increased. Council members are going to try and contact other lenders to see what kind of rate we can get.

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

A motion was made to accept the Finance Report by Connie Hobbs seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Trish Corle stated that she will be attending a meeting for the Municipal Public Association. Mit Komar from JRA invited Trish. It is regarding private organizations coming into boroughs and purchasing your water and sewage then increasing the rate.

Ken Dom will be attending a bike lane meeting. He will inform the group that council sees no benefits to our tax payers to fund it.

A motion was made to accept the Public Relations Report by Mark Wissinger seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

RECREATION REPORT

Mark Wissinger said that the 6th grade boy's recreation basketball team will be registering to play in the East Hills league starting in January. He asked if the recreation committee would sponsor the boys and pay for the boy's registration fee of \$400.00. Trish Corle made a motion to sponsor the boys seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

Owen Hofecker said that the 6th grade girls finished 4th in the Bishop McCort league.

They will be starting the East Hills league in January.

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Nancy Hofecker asked for a motion to be made Chief Admin Officer for the Pension Plans so she can complete paperwork. Mark Wissinger made the motion seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

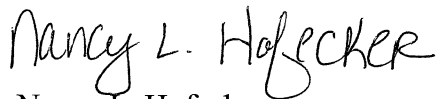
Cindy Dom presented an application for the Cambria County Demolition Funds Program. She spoke with Renee Daly regarding the application. It is for blighted properties in the borough. There is a list that the borough needs to be placed on. Cindy is going to check and see if we can be placed on the list without purchasing any properties.

Dave Ziemba brought up the ordinance regarding vehicles that don't run. We need to get the ordinance updated to prevent residents from storing junk vehicles on their property. Attorney Green said that he will have it ready for the next meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. with Cindy Dom making the motion.

Respectfully submitted



Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary