

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting
December 9, 2021

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, December 9, 2021, 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: Eric Baumbaugh, Art Boring, Cindy Dom, VP Connie Hobbs, President Owen Hofecker, Mark Wissinger, Jr, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Attorney Joe Green, Street Foreman Sean Simmons, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Police Chief Adam Richards. Trish Corle was absent.

A motion was made by Art Boring to adopt the December 9, 2021 agenda seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

VISITOR'S

Don McMullen, Dennis Kassick and Zachary Neal were present.

Don McMullen addressed council regarding the intersection of Hystone and Colonial. He said that people are not stopping at the stop sign there.

Dennis Kassick addressed council regarding people leaving their empty trash cans out at the curb and them blowing all over the roadway.

Zachary Neal was just observing.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the November 11, 2021 minutes. A motion was made by Cindy Dom to accept the minutes, seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

PERSONNEL

No report given.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Council asked Attorney Green if there is any new information on 617 Summit Avenue. After discussing the property. Council and Attorney Green agreed that Nancy should have Laurel Municipal file charges on the new owner.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that the school has sent a basketball schedule to Chief Richards asking for an officer to be present during the games.

Chief Richards created an SOP for body cameras that we will be purchasing. Attorney Green has reviewed the SOP and said it looks good.

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's sleigh will travel through the borough on Christmas Eve starting at 5:30pm.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Sean said that they got the park closed for the winter. They will be removing the leave box from the truck tomorrow.

Salt and plows are on the truck and ready to go.

Sean had someone from A&H Equipment come in and look at the street sweeper. They couldn't find anything wrong with it. They did suggest replacing the top roller.

Sean said there is a problem with the heater in the garage where the fire truck is kept. He is having Brian Hale come look at it.

TREES

Art Boring said he worked with Nancy on sending out letters in regards to those who have violated the tree ordinance by not having their stumps removed. He is following up on the phone calls that she has received.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank Diloreto was present from EADS.

Eleven pressure tests were completed in November. Frank shared flow charts with council and discussed the flows.

1713 Franklin St: Snyder Environmental Services has set a vac-a-tee for a viewport to connect to. Once the lining material is delivered Snyder will complete the relining of the lateral.

Hystone Avenue Sewer Rehabilitation: Snyder Environmental Services has completed the mainline and lateral installation on the project. Due to seasonal temperatures, they will have to wait until spring to complete the final restoration.

Station Street Phase 2: We are waiting on material delivery for additional work on Station St. Also, we need to coordinate with property owners for access to their lateral to complete the installation on the CIPP.

Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant was awarded for the Station St Walkway Rehabilitation Project. The grant amount is \$280,000.00 with a \$800.00 required match.

The GTRP grant was not awarded for the Rigby Park Improvements Project.

Laurel Highlands Conservation and Natural Resources has a mini-grant that Ferndale can apply for. Awards will be announced January 2022.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax Collector's Report was presented for November. Total amount collected was \$3,123.52.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion to pay all Accounts Payable was made by Art Boring, seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the Operating Budget for 2022 was made by Eric Baumbaugh, seconded by Art Boring. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the Wage and Salary Scale for 2022 was made by Cindy Dom, seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given.

RECREATION REPORT

Mark Wissinger said that basketball and wrestling have started.

OLD BUSINESS

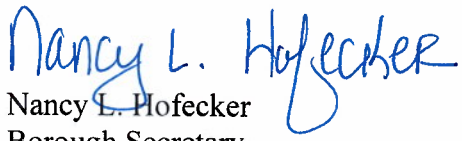
No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Nancy said she placed a calendar at everyone's place setting for the committee/council meeting dates for next year. The dates will be advertised in the Tribune.

The meeting adjourned at 6:51pm with Cindy Dom making the motion seconded by Connie Hobbs.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary