

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting
February 10, 2022

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, February 10, 2022, 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: VP Eric Baumbaugh, Art Boring, Trish Corle, Cindy Dom, Connie Hobbs, President Owen Hofecker, Mark Wissinger, Jr, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Secretary Nancy Hofecker, Street Foreman Sean Simmons and Police Chief Adam Richards. Attorney Joe Green was absent.

A motion was made by Trish Corle to amend the agenda by moving the Engineers Report before the Mayor and Police Report seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Art Boring to adopt the February 10, 2022 agenda seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

VISITOR'S

Dennis Kassick was present. He addressed council regarding garbage cans left out after trash day.

Al Cooper was present. He thanked the street department for their hard work and said they are doing an awesome job.

The following visitors were present to observe: Amanda Ream, Michele Baumbaugh, Ken Dom, Sean & Lisa Glenn, Zac Neal, Wes Neal, and Rena Gutteridge.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the January 13, 2022 minutes. A motion was made by Cindy Dom to accept the minutes, seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

PERSONNEL

No report given.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report given.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that the body cameras for the police officers have been purchased and have arrived. The cameras for the vehicles will be installed in March.

Chief Adam Richards said that the drug take back box has been moved to the lobby in Nancy's office. This way it is more accessible to the public.

Nancy said that the Tribune Democrat reached out to her regarding placing Ferndale Borough on a free listing. The listing is for business's that are looking to hire. Ferndale Borough will be listed as looking for part time officers. The listing will be published on February 26th.

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 said the new truck should be arriving at the end of February.

Sean said that on some of the nice days they had they replaced some of the faded signs in the borough.

Brian Hale looked at the heater in the garage where the fire truck is kept and he thinks it just needs a new switch.

Eric Baumbaugh said he looked at some properties recently and will be sending out letters and/or citations on the properties.

TREES

Art Boring said he is still working with residents in regards to getting their tree stumps removed.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank Diloreto was present from EADS.

Three pressure tests were completed in January.

Flow Charts: Based on the results Ferndale Borough is in compliance with the DEP 378 GPM.

Hystone Avenue Sewer Rehabilitation: Snyder Environmental Services will return in the spring for the final restoration of the pavement.

EADS and Snyder need to coordinate with the property owners for access to their lateral inside the structures to complete the installation on the CIPP.

Snyder has requested payment for their work completed to date. Their payment request is for a total of \$249,549.14. The request for reimbursement was sent to the CFA. Once the grant reimbursement is received from the CFA payment shall be submitted to Snyder by Ferndale Borough.

Grant Applications: Ferndale did not receive the grant for improvements to Rigby Park Playground with the Fall 2021 Laurel Highlands Conservation & Natural Resources Mini-Grant.

The MTF Grant was awarded for the Station St Walkway Rehabilitation Project.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax Collector's Report was presented for January 2022. Total amount collected was \$803.97.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given.

RECREATION REPORT

No report given.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.


NEW BUSINESS

Eric Baumbaugh said that the webpage we currently have is old. Sean Glenn is the one who updates the webpage. Sean Glenn is working on getting us a quote for a new webpage. Nancy will then have access to the webpage.

Mayor Ralph Boyle and Chief Adam Richards presented Officer Todd Fockler with a shadow box. Officer Todd Fockler has retired from police work and the borough after 33 years of service.

The meeting adjourned at 6:44pm with Art Boring making the motion seconded by Cindy Dom.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary