

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

February 8, 2016

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Monday, February 8, 2016 in the Fire Company's Recreation Hall at 618 Westinghouse Avenue, Johnstown, PA.

President Scott Miles turned the meeting over to Mayor Ed Dallape, at which time he called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and those present recited the Pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following present: Pres. Scott Miles, Trisha Corle, Ken Dom, Connie Hobbs, Mark Wissinger, Tim Leighty, Owen Hofecker, Mayor Ed Dallape, Atty. Joseph Green, Streets - Roger Bock and Sec. Anita Smith.

VISITORS

Jack Hoffman a resident of the borough has an issue with his neighbor about noise. He works on his car at all hours of the day. He also, lets his car idled for a half an hour in the morning before going to work. This is a problem because it is so loud.

The tenant was thinking of working on other people's cars. Since the space is limited and the driveway is in a blind spot to the alley. This could become dangerous to motorist using the alley. Mr. Hoffman was instructed to call the police the next time this happens.

Al Cooper was a visitor, but was just observing.

MINUTES

Minutes of the January 11, 2016 was approved. Motion was made by Connie Hobbs and seconded by Ken Dom.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

No report given.

EMERGENCY MGT. +FIRE Co. +WEST HILLS REPORT

William Cornell e-mailed to the council his West Hills Regional Fire Department/Hilltop EMS report for January. Motion to accept the report was made by Tim Leighty and seconded by Ken Dom.

EQUIPMENT/STREETS/BOROUGH PROPERTY

Brian McAteer was off work because of an injury and Roger Bock reported on the streets.

He reported that the daily routine was followed.

New business – The one truck was at JATS to get lines repaired. The cost will be around \$500.00.

All the time sheets and equipment list for Winter Storm Jonas was documented for Ken Dom to begin calculating our cost for the storm. Also included was the breakdown for the taxes, salt and a salt spreader that was damaged and had to be replaced. This item (\$4,276.00) may not be allowed in the cost of the storm.

Tim Leighty made a motion to give \$100.00 bonus to Roger Bock, Art Boring and Jim Rigby for the work down during the storm. Jim Rigby refused to accept the bonus. The secretary will look into this matter, to see if it is legal, because of using taxpayer's money.

At this time the council went into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The council meeting resumed with a motion made by Tim Leighty and seconded by Ken Dom, to hire Scott Bennett to work 30 hours a week at \$10.00 an hour and to give Roger Bock a raise to \$13.76 an hour. A roll call was made with everyone voting yes, except for Trisha Corle who abstained. Motion to accept street's report was made by Trisha Corle and seconded by Mark Wissinger.

TREES

Owen Hofecker will check with Jordan Tree Service, Beckner and Smay about lumbering the hillside between Midway and Harlan Avenue. He will report his findings at the March meeting. No report was given, so no motion to accept the report was made.

MAYOR AND POLICE

Chief James Rigby has asked to attend a seminar through the Women's Help Center in Dallas, TX. The cost will be paid through the Help Center. This will be on April 3 thru 6th.

Chief Rigby would like to attend a seminar on March 25, 2016 the topic will be on Homeland Security (terrorist and bomb threats). Motion to send Chief Rigby to this seminar was made by Trisha Corle, seconded by Connie Hobbs.

The new cruiser will go up to Team Force getting a shotgun rack installed.

At this time Mayor Ed Dallape submitted his resignation as mayor of Ferndale, because of moving out of the borough. Motion by Trisha Corle was made – with regrets – to accept Mr. Dallape's resignation and seconded by Owen Hofecker. All councilmen voted "yes". Before leaving office, Mr. Dallape thanked everyone and wished them well. Also, he gave them some advice on doing what is right for the borough.

On March 14th, eight officers will be attending classes on the taser gun. The total cost will be \$64.00. Adam Richards will be the instructor. When an officer is certificate and leaves the department, that certification goes with them to the next department.

Motion to accept Police report was made by Mark Wissinger and seconded by Connie Hobbs.

TAX COLLECTORS REPORT

The 2016 Real Estate tax bills will be going out in 3 weeks.

No other report was given.

Motion to accept was made by Ken Dom, seconded by Tim Leighty.

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT

Trisha Corle reported that Debbie Herbert and Shawn Toth will attend the workshop meeting to bring everyone up-to-date on the finances of the borough. She will ask us for direction on how we would like to receive those reports every month. Motion was made to accept the report and to pay the bills. Total of the accounts payable – all accounts totaled \$34,854.29. Additional bills totaled \$11,320.85 for general fund. Recreation was \$69.60. Sewer Acct. was \$97.00.

Ken Dom made the motion, seconded by Mark Wissinger.

SEWERS/SEWER PROJECT

Tim Leighty reported that we are having a problem with 300 Midway Dr. They will be getting pressure tested by the end of the week. They are already tied into system, but have not been pressure tested. If this process is not completed they will be citrated.

Plainfield Ave. – There is a problem with water being pumped over a wall and on to the sidewalk. When it's cold outside, this becomes a problem, since it freezes and becomes a hazard for anyone walking on the sidewalk. Chief Rigby will look into the problem.

Ehrlick's has been our pest control company for years, but the borough might be able to get a better bid for this service from other pest control companies. We will look into it.

Motion to accept this report was made by Mark Wissinger, and seconded by Trisha Corle.

PERSONNEL REPORT

The committee will be reviewing the personnel policy and will report their findings at the next meeting. The committee is made up of the chairman's of the police, streets, and finance.

Trisha Corle is chairperson and the remaining committee is Connie Hobbs and Ken Dom.

The committee will look into days banked for the employees. This is sick days that the employees did not use, but could carry over to the next year. Street and Police could only accrue 60 days total. Any unused vacation days had to be used in the 1st. quarter of the next year.

RECREATION

Trisha Corle has contacted Carol Kakabar on the broken TV, no response. The secretary has been instructed not to talk to John Kowal on this matter; he is to make all further information on this matter directly to Trisha Corle. Atty. Joe Green asked if we had a written agreement to use

the school's facilities. It has been an understanding that we can use the facility, but Ferndale would pay for the coaches. A basketball was kicked by an individual into the TV and broke it. It has become an insurance issue as to who is going to pay for the TV.

There has been a visitor to the wrestling meets, which is of a suspicious nature. Scott Miles, who runs the elementary wrestling program, has asked Chief Rigby to be at one of the matches, so this person does not return. Atty. Welsh for the school district stated that some of the parents have voiced their concerns over this matter. At a Westmont match some of the wrestlers saw him and were told to report anything to the coaches. The man left, because he could not find a place to seat.

Mark Wissinger reported that basketball only has two weeks left.

Scott Miles reported that he has a wrestler going to regionals, if he doesn't go to states, Mr. Miles said, "he would be very shocked." The wrestler is from Dale Borough and his record is 110-3.

Motion to accept the recreation report was made by Tim Leighty and seconded by Connie Hobbs.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Tony Penna on Glenwood Avenue has requested a handicap parking in front of his house, because of health issues. He has a handicap placard and would appreciate it if the council could take care of this matter for him. The council approved the parking space with a motion from Trisha Corle and seconded by Connie Hobbs.

A question was raised if we need a representative to the board on Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency. Since Jim Rigby is the codes enforcer he stated that they send us their monthly reports and no one have gone before to these meetings.

SOLICITOR'S REPORTS

District Attorney Kelly Callihan will be supplying local police departments with the Nar Can within the next 30 days. This is to aid in the overdose of drugs. They will be training on this to help the police to better administer this drug. Atty. Green does not have all the information on this procedure, but will get back to us as soon as possible.

He has asked the former solicitor's for any outstanding issues that he needs to address. Atty. Langerholc was given several boxes from Atty. Dennis McGlynn pertaining to the sewer project, line-of-credit and general information. Atty. Green will make an effort to contact him again, Also, to Bill Patrick at CJL has information as well pertaining to the sewer project. Atty. Green will contact Atty. Barbin and Atty. Shahade and work on the Upper Yoder Twp and Stoneycreek Twp agreement.

Derrick McKee is entitled to 11 ½ days of unused PTO time. Motion to pay Derrick was made by Ken Dom and seconded by Mark Wissinger. A roll call vote was taken all voted "yes".

Ken Hershberger has request to pay only one sewer maintenance bill from \$140.00 to \$70.00.

Because it is one dwelling. All plumbing must be removed and inspected before it can be reduced to one dwelling. The council acted upon this matter and the answer was “no”. If he wants this revisited, he must send a request in written to the borough.

Motion to accept the solicitor’s report was made by Trisha Corle and seconded Tim Leighty.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Vijaysadan, who bought 639 Ferndale Avenue was asking permission to turn the 1st. floor business into two apartments. He wanted to know if he had to go to the zoning board for approval. Since the property was already zoned residential, he does not have to do anything. He will contact Laurel Municipal Inspections for the proper permits.

The John Hyland property has been sold to a gentleman who will remodeled the house and get it ready to sell. He is asking to have a curb cut on Clay Street for off street parking.

President Miles has suggested that the police would not receive their clothing allowance in the form of check; but that they could order the clothes and we would keep a running balance of the allowance. This would mean that the officer’s would not be paying income tax on their check and would not be paying sales tax. Any unused portion of the allowance at the end of the year would then be paid to them. This option would be up to the individual officer.

Chief Rigby has kept track of this. It’s based on the hours worked the previous year at a cost of .15 an hour. A motion by Trisha Corle, was seconded by Mark Wissinger. All councilmembers voted “yes”

Ken Dom mentioned about the moving permits, that you must get a moving permit to move into the borough or out of the borough at a cost of \$25.00. If you are moving within the borough you still have to get a moving permit, but the fee is waived. Effective immediately.

Motion to waived the fee was made by Ken Dom and seconded by Connie Hobbs.

Roll call vote – all council voted “yes”.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita M. Smith
Secretary

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF
FERNDALE BOROUGH**

March 8, 2016

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Monday, March 7, 2016 in the Fire Company's Recreation Hall at 618 Westinghouse Avenue, Johnstown, PA.

President Scott Miles called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

The purpose of this special meeting is to appoint a mayor, because of the resignation of Mayor Ed Dallape.

President Scott Miles informed the council that three letters of interest for this position were received in the borough office. They are as follows: Arthur Boring, Ralph Boyle and Tim Leighty.

Casting votes for Arthur Boring were – Mark Wissinger, Kenneth Dom and Scott Miles, Tim Leighty abstain.

Casting votes for Ralph Boyle were – Trisha Corle, Connie Hobbs and Owen Hofecker. Tim Leighty abstains.

Since it was a tie and no mayor to cast the deciding vote, the secretary will call PSAB to see what our next option is.

Motion to adjourn the special meeting was made by Trisha Corle and seconded by Ken Dom.

The regular workshop meeting was then held.

Respectfully submitted

Anita M. Smith
Secretary