

## **FERNDALE BOROUGH**

Regular Meeting  
February 11, 2019

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Monday, February 11, 2019, 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, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Atty Joe Green, Police Chief John Blake, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Street Foreman Roger Bock. Dave Ziemba was absent.

### **VISITOR'S**

Visitors present were Dan Zakrpysek, Joe & Jeana Fetzer, Wes & Zachary Neal and Al Cooper.

Dan Zakrpysek from Penndot was there to speak about training that he will be doing. The training will be held at Hiram G. Andrews on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The training is called Stop the Bleed.

Joe & Jeana Fetzer, Wes & Zachary Neal and Al Cooper were just observing.

### **MINUTES**

There were no changes to the January 14, 2019 minutes. A motion was made by Trish Corle to accept the minutes and seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

### **PERSONNEL**

No report given.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Trish Corle to sign and send the memorandum of understanding for the SRO position to the Ferndale Area School District as submitted by the solicitor. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes except Dave Ziemba who was absent.

A motion was made by Trish Corle and seconded by Mark Wissinger to sign and send the agreement for the SRO position to the Ferndale Area School District as submitted by the solicitor. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes except Dave Ziemba who was absent.

Atty Joe Green is working on a resolution for the sidewalk maintenance agreement with Penndot.

A motion to accept the Solicitor's Report was made by Trish Corle and seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

### **MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS**

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that we will be hiring a new officer in the borough. Push out the pusher signs have been placed in the borough.

As per recommendation from the Police Committee: A motion was made by Trish Corle and seconded by Cindy Dom to hire Christopher Ellis as a new Ferndale Borough Part Time Police Officer. The motion carried. Mayor Ralph Boyle then swore in Officer Ellis.

A motion to accept the Mayor and Police Reports was made by Trish Corle and seconded by Mark Wissinger. 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 the fire association is almost done with updating the back hall. They will be increasing the price of the rental since the upgrades were done.

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

### **STREETS AND PROPERTY**

Roger said that they have been busy snow plowing. The supplier had run out of salt and since we were running low some salt was ordered and delivered from Sleek's. The supplier was finally able to deliver salt the day the council meeting was held.

Ken and Cindy Dom attended a meeting with Penndot. Penndot is planning on rebuilding and resurfacing Franklin Street. They are also supposed to make the guardrail higher on the road.

A motion to accept the Streets and Property Report was made by Trish Corle seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

### **TREES**

No report given.

## **SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT**

Frank Diloreto and Mark Muir were there from EADS.

Three pressure tests were completed in January.

Nancy Hofecker will be attending training for the Hach Flow data at the EADS Office Group. She will then share the information with council.

A motion to accept the Sewer/Sewer Project Report was made by Ken Dom seconded by Trish Corle. The motion carried.

## **TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

A motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report was made by Cindy Dom seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

## **FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

A motion to accept the Finance Report and to pay all Accounts Payable was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Ken Dom. The motion carried.

It was discussed that the 2018 audit will be the last year for Barnes Saly & Company. The three year bid time frame will be up. We will need to advertise for bids to have our 2019 audit completed.

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

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Trish Corle spoke about the news story that WJAC did regarding our police coverage. She said they had indicated to her that come spring they would be doing a bigger story regarding police coverage and lack of coverage in their viewing area. Trish said she thinks that only one person should give statements to the media. Everyone agreed that since Trish is the chairperson on Public Relations that it should be her.

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

## **RECREATION REPORT**

Mark Wissinger said that Matt Lushko the coach for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball team asked if the recreation league would pay for the game jersey's for the boys. A motion was made by Trish Corle and seconded by Connie Hobbs to pay for the jerseys. The motion carried.

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

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Nancy Hofecker said that she received her annual letter from Peoples Natural Gas asking which streets the borough plans on paving this year. After some discussion the borough is going to try and pave Plainfield Ave and Breezewood.

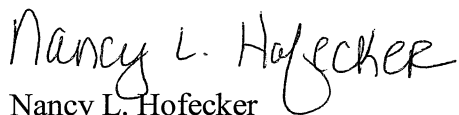
A motion to accept Old/New Business was made by Trish Corle seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

8:06pm the meeting went into executive session.

8:26pm the meeting came back into regular session. A motion was made to accept the proposed wage structure for the hiring and employment standards for the police department effective February 15, 2019. The motion was made by Cindy Dom seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m. with Cindy Dom making the motion.

Respectfully submitted

  
Nancy L. Hofecker  
Borough Secretary