

## **FERNDALE BOROUGH**

### **Regular Meeting**

**February 12, 2018**

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Monday, February 12, 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, Trisha Corle, Cindy Dom, Ken Dom, Connie Hobbs, Dave Ziemba and Mayor Ralph Boyle, Atty. Joe Green, Police Chief James Rigby, and Secretary Nancy Hofecker. Street Foreman Brian McAteer was absent.

### **VISITOR'S**

Visitors present were Wes Neal, Zach Neal, Matt Raich and Dawn Null. Wes Neal spoke on behalf of Zach Neal and Matt Raich. Wes Neal expressed their concerns regarding the crime in the area. He praised the officers for the arrest made involving the four juveniles. He would like to engage the community in making Ferndale a safer place. Wes Neal will meet with Chief Jim Rigby to discuss how the community can get involved.

Dawn Null was just observing.

### **MINUTES**

There were no changes to the January 3, 2018 minutes. A motion by Trisha Corle to accept the minutes was made and seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

### **PERSONNEL**

Ken Dom is working on a job description for the street department and the road foreman. Once he completes the job description he will email it for a review.

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

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

No Report Given.

## **MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS**

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that there is a grant for police vests. The grant would pay for half of the vests. The borough is looking at purchasing six vests with help from the grant. After the vests are purchased it will be written in the SOP that the officers will be required to wear the vests during all calls.

The police department received a donation of \$3000 from The VFW Post 4200. The donation was made to help with police upgrades. The donation would be used to help purchase the vests (along with the grant money) and to purchase new radios.

The police committee is looking to see if there is a grant to help purchase a newer police cruiser. The one police cruiser the borough has is older with lots of miles.

The police department now has a prescription box where residents can drop off their old prescriptions for them to be disposed of properly.

Chief Jim Rigby said that he serves on the Women's Help Center board. He will be traveling to Texas for training in April.

A motion to accept the Mayor and Police Report was made by Dave Ziembra 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 they will be having their annual banquet this coming Saturday (2/17). He also said that they will be raffling off a Ford Mustang for this year's jubilee.

A motion by Cindy Dom to accept the Fireman's Report was made and seconded by Dave Ziembra. The motion carried.

## **STREETS AND PROPERTY**

Due to the absence of Street Foreman Brian McAteer, Ken Dom gave the report for streets and property. Ken said that Daisytown picked up their salt. We received more salt. Mayor Ralph Boyle expressed his concerns regarding the steps in the borough being maintained from the recent storms. Ken said he would speak with the street department regarding the steps.

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

## **TREES**

No report given.

## **SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT**

Mark Muir said he spoke with DEP regarding the MS4 permit. DEP would like to meet with some members from council. Mark Muir is trying to get a waiver for the permit. If we don't get the waiver we will need to complete a pollution report.

JRA indicated that there was an overflow on the mag meter. JRA is trying to figure out where the problem is so they can keep it from surcharging.

Mark completed the Chapter 94 report and emailed it to Nancy Hofecker, secretary. Nancy needs to call the water authority and get the five largest customers in the borough, update the document then send it to JRA.

Mark is helping the borough to complete The Small Water and Sewer Grant application. There is a \$100 application fee payable to Commonwealth Financial Authority. Attorney Joe Green reviewed the resolution that goes with the grant application and advised it is okay to complete.

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

A motion was made by Trish Corle and seconded by Cindy Dom to complete The Small Water and Sewer Grant Application. A roll call vote was taken and all council members voted yes.

## **TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

No report given.

## **FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Council will receive the list of the bills to be paid on a monthly basis. They will receive a copy of the financial statements quarterly. Financial statements will still be printed monthly and available for review in the secretary's office.

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

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

No report given.

## **RECREATION REPORT**

No report given.

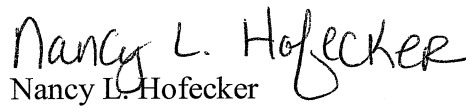
## **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Nancy Hofecker, secretary wanted council to be aware that the phone lines at the office were compromised and that someone was able to make calls to the Dominica using our phone lines. She has spoken with Verizon regarding the incident. Dan Saylor came to the office to secure the phone lines. Verizon advised that once the bill is received she will be able to then dispute the charges on the account.

Cindy Dom is waiting for a call back regarding if we will be able to do electronic payments for garbage and sewer project.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. with Trish Corle making the motion and seconded by Connie Hobbs.

Respectfully submitted

  
Nancy L. Hofecker  
Borough Secretary