

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

January 13, 2022

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, January 13, 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, Attorney Joe Green, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Police Chief Adam Richards. Street Foreman Sean Simmons was absent.

A motion was made by Trish Corle to adopt the January 13, 2022 agenda seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

VISITOR'S

Dennis Kassick was present. He addressed council regarding concern of a Facebook post that he saw.

Henry Eisenhuth was present. He addressed council regarding a pipe/drain in his yard and regarding his fence permit.

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

MINUTES

There were no changes to the December 9, 2021 minutes. A motion was made by Eric Baumbaugh to accept the minutes, seconded by Art Boring. The motion carried.

There were no changes to the January 3, 2022 reorganization minutes. A motion was made by Art Boring to accept the minutes, seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

PERSONNEL

No report given.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report given.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

A motion was made by Trish Corle seconded by Art Boring to adopt the SOP for the body and in car cameras. The motion carried.

Mayor Ralph Boyle announced that Officer Todd Fockler is retiring from the police force after 35 years of service.

Mayor Ralph Boyle said they are looking into adopting a resolution for warrantless arrests.

The superintendent from Ferndale School, Jeff Boyer has approached Chief Richards about NRA Safe School Walk About in the school. The two officers certified in our department to do the safe schools are Officer Todd Sherle and Officer Bill Richards. Chief Richards will also be reaching out to West Hills Police Department since Ferndale's Elementary sits in their district.

WEST HILLS REPORT

William Cornell was present. He was representing the fire department and is our EMA coordinator. He spoke regarding compliance with NIMS.

William Cornell said he spoke with Brian Havas and we would receive our December West Hills Regional report with the January copy.

FERNDALE FIREMAN'S ASSOC. REPORT

No report given.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Sean Simmons was absent. Eric Baumbaugh gave the report.

He said that the street sweeper needs repaired, one of the rollers needs to be replaced. The cost will be approximately \$700.00.

TREES

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

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank Diloreto from EADS was unable to make the meeting. He did email a report to Nancy to be shared at the meeting.

Four pressure tests were completed in December.

1713 Franklin St: Snyder Environmental Services has relined the lateral and set a vac-a-tee for a viewport to connect to. The property owner now may complete their pressure test on their structure. Snyder will be requesting payment for their work if they have not done so already.

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

Snyder is waiting on material delivery for additional work on Station St. Also, EADS and Snyder need to coordinate with the property owners for access to their lateral 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. Once approved, EADS will submit the payment application to the CFA for grant reimbursement. Once the grant reimbursement is received from the CFA payment it will be submitted to Snyder.

A motion was made by Eric Baumbaugh, seconded by Art Boring to approve payment for Snyder on the Hystone Project in the amount of \$249,549.14. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax Collector's Report was presented for December. Total amount collected was \$4,310.82.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Trish Corle said the committee recommends creating a group to review the insurance and possibly sending out RFP's.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given.

RECREATION REPORT

Mark Wissinger said that the winter sports, basketball and wrestling are in full swing.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

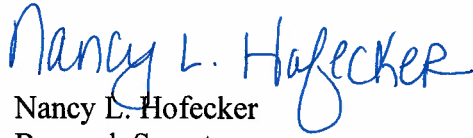
No new business.

The meeting went into executive session at 6:33pm regarding potential litigation and personnel.

The meeting came out of executive session at 7:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01pm with Trish Corle making the motion seconded by Mark Wissinger.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary