

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

January 9, 2020

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, January 9, 2020, 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: President Owen Hofecker, VP Connie Hobbs, Art Boring, Trish Corle, Cindy Dom, Mark Wissinger, Dave Ziemba, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Attorney Joe Green, Police Chief John Blake, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Street Foreman Sean Simmons.

VISITOR'S

Visitor's present were Jack Feathers, Wes Neal and Robert Pilot.

Jack Feathers asked council if they could help him get additional lighting in the parking lot that the church owns. Council said they would contact Penelec and get him some information.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the December 12, 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

Attorney Joe Green presented council with an amended parking ordinance. The ordinance will be advertised and voted on at the next council meeting.

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

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Chief Blake had to send the taser back for repair it kept showing an error and wasn't working properly.

Chief Blake is talking to the Cambria County human society to see if we can have an agreement with them to help pickup stray dogs.

Chief Blake was notified of a training for churches regarding security procedures because of the recent events in Texas. The training will be held on January 16th at 6pm in Latrobe.

A motion to accept the Mayor and Police Reports was made by Dave Ziemba and seconded by Art Boring. 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

No report given.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Sean Simmons said his first week at the borough has gone well. They changed the oil in some of the trucks. He has also been learning his way through the borough.

Dave Ziemba said that Nancy is working with Luther P. Miller to get new fuel cards for the trucks. She will be working with Sean to get that completed.

Owen Hofecker met with Paul Pioli from Upper Yoder regarding the water run off on the back side of Hystone. The water flows from Upper Yoder's property. The water then freezes on Hystone and Ferndale maintains Hystone. Upper Yoder will be working to correct the problem.

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

TREES

Nancy Hofecker said that the borough is aware of the tree that has been taken down on 1013 Vickroy Avenue. The new owner signed papers with Penn Line having Penn Line just drop the tree and not remove it. Nancy called the homeowner on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 and told him that if it isn't removed in 30 days, he will be cited.

A motion to accept the Trees Report was made by Dave Ziemba seconded by Art Boring. The motion carried.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank Diloreto was present from EADS.

Four pressure tests were completed in December.

Frank reviewed the items on hold.

EADS is providing quarterly updates to DEP regarding the status of the flow reduction plan.

Frank presented council with two more grants that the borough could be eligible for. He reviewed the specifics of the grants.

A motion to accept the Sewer/Sewer Project Report was made by Art Boring seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion to pay all Accounts Payable was made by Trish Corle and seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

A motion to accept the Finance/Accounts Payable Report was made by Dave Ziemba seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given.

RECREATION REPORT

No report given.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

No old/new business.

At 6:44pm the meeting went into executive session regarding pending litigation.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05pm with Trish Corle making the motion, seconded by Connie Hobbs.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary

