

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

January 14, 2019

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Monday, January 14, 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, Dave Ziemba, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Atty Joe Green, Police Chief John Blake, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Street Foreman Roger Bock.

VISITOR'S

Visitors present were William Cornell, Jeana Fetzer, Michelle Furfari, Lori and Barry Himes, Eileen Pilot, Jody Ingram, Albert Cooper, Wes and Zachary Neal.

William Cornell came to talk about NIMS training. Jeana Fetzer came and expressed her concern regarding the news coverage on police coverage in our borough. Michelle Furfari had concerns regarding her son being hit by a vehicle up at the school. Jody Ingram expressed concern regarding the vacant properties in the borough.

Lori Himes, Barry Himes, Eileen Pilot, Albert Cooper, Wes Neal and Zachary Neal were just observing.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the December 10, 2018 minutes. A motion was made by Trish Corle to accept the minutes and seconded by Ken Dom. The motion carried.

PERSONNEL

A revised personnel policy was given to all council members to review. Once changes have been made Attorney Green will review it before a motion gets made to accept it.

Chief Blake is working on a wage scale for officers to make it more attractive for officers to come to work for our borough.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Joe Green said he will be sending the SRO proposal to the high school this week. He needed to update some changes.

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

A motion was made by Trish Corle and seconded by Connie Hobbs to make the Mayor and Police Reports first on the agenda. The Police Chief will be working 4pm-12am on council meeting nights. Moving the Mayor and Police Report will allow him to get back on the street.

A motion was made by Connie Hobbs seconded by Mark Wissinger to appoint John Blake as Police Chief and Codes Enforcer for the borough. A roll call vote was taken with all council members voting yes. The Police Committee's recommendation was to hire John Blake as Police Chief. A phone vote was taken with all the members from council to hire John Blake as Police Chief. The roll call vote was an affirmation of the hire.

Attorney Joe Green said that he was contacted by the Cambria County Drug Task Force asking for Police Chief John Blake to be a member of their force. A motion was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Trish Corle. The motion carried.

Mayor Ralph Boyle stated that we recently ran an ad for part-time police officers.

Chief John Blake spoke to the residents present. He gave some back ground on himself. He also encouraged them that if they have any concerns or questions to give him a call or stop by and see him.

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

William Cornell was present to talk about NIMS and hazmat awareness. He also talked about the damage done to the West Hills fire truck. The fire truck was in Ferndale Borough doing a driver training when it caught on fire. Donald Blasko has retired from Fire Chief. Rob Taber has taken over the Fire Chief position.

A motion to accept West Hills Report was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

FERNDALE FIREMAN'S ASSOC. REPORT

Ralph Boyle said the fire association will be updating the back hall by replacing lights, painting etc. He said that they will be raffling a car for the jubilee.

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 he is putting together a list of streets to be paved this year.

Roger provided council with reports for 2018 showing breakdown of mileage and fuel for each vehicle.

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

TREES

There is a tree branch on Clay Street that is laying on the other trees. Dave Ziemba had a tree company look at it. The branch is actually wedged into two trees not creating any danger at this time.

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

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank Diloreto from EADS was there in place of Mark Muir.

Two pressure tests were completed in December.

Attorney Green stated that Upper Yoder's requirements for pressure testing, require the residents to pressure test the line inside and outside of the home. Any resident connected to the Upper Yoder system will need to comply with the requirements.

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Trish Corle will be meeting with Herbert's this week to review financials.

Trish Corle heard from Kyle Shaffer from Somerset Trust regarding our line of credit. Kyle is finishing up our paper work for the loan renewal.

Trish Corle is going to contact Dan Mikesic to see what the status is of our Penn Vest audit.

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

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given.

RECREATION REPORT

Mark Wissinger said that the 6th grade boys' and girls' basketball season has started up at East Hills Recreation.

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Nancy Hofecker asked for a motion to be made for the paperwork to be completed for the new Franchise Agreement with Atlantic Broadband. There are no changes to the agreement. It is just a renewal of the agreement. Trish Corle made a motion to accept the renewal and to have the paperwork completed the motion was seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

A resident asked for a sign to be placed near Summit and Clem saying children at play. She feels the cars go entirely too fast in the area and that there are a lot of kids playing. Roger Bock said that he could have that done in time for spring.

A motion to accept Old/New Business was made by Cindy Dom seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m. with Cindy Dom making the motion.

Respectfully submitted
Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary

