

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

July 11, 2019

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, July 11, 2019, 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, V.P. Mark Wissinger, Trish Corle, Cindy Dom, Ken Dom, Connie Hobbs, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Attorney Joe Green, Police Chief John Blake, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Street Foreman Roger Bock. Dave Ziemba was absent.

VISITOR'S

Visitors present were Wes Neal, Joe Fetzer, Zachary Neal, Jody Ingram and Jeana Fetzer.

Joe Fetzer and Wes Neal presented council with a program called the Ferndale Avenue Revitalization Project. The program would be grant funded and the funds would be used to beautify the borough.

All other visitors were just observing.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the June 13, 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

No report given.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Chief Blake said that citations are up from 2018 by 86%.

Chief Blake stated that if residents are in need of a police officer, they need to be calling the non-emergency number and not the police office number. Residents are calling and leaving nasty

messages on the police voicemail because no officer is there to answer the phone. The officers are required to be out patrolling and not hanging out in the office.

Chief Blake shared that it is a requirement by the state and the federal government that any time a large event takes place such as the jubilee an emergency action plan is required. He has an emergency action plan in place and the information is in the police station.

A motion was made by Trish Corle and seconded by Connie Hobbs to hire Nathan Pollino as an officer of the borough. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mark Wissinger and seconded by Cindy Dom to hire Donald Hess as an officer of the borough. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mark Wissinger and seconded by Trish Corle to temporarily hire Brian Pritt as an officer to help during jubilee week. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Connie Hobbs to temporarily hire Robert Fye as an officer to help during jubilee week. The motion carried.

A motion to accept the Mayor and Police Reports was made by Mark Wissinger and seconded by Trish Corle. 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

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that the jubilee grounds are set up for the jubilee. The fire association is looking for anyone who would want to help with the jubilee.

A motion to accept the Ferndale Fireman's Association Report was made by Connie Hobbs and seconded by Ken Dom. The motion carried.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Roger said that they are out painting crosswalks and yellow curbs.

Roger said that the high lift hydraulic tank is still leaking. He was going to take the tank off and have it repaired. Owen Hofecker said he spoke with Kevin from Groff regarding the bill received from Groff. Groff came down and gave an estimate for the repair. Kevin from Groff said he is willing to work with Roger to get it repaired. Owen asked Roger to please contact Kevin and schedule a time for the high lift to be repaired.

Nancy Hofecker stated that she received a letter from Penndot regarding the Municipal Winter Traffic Agreement. There will be a 1.7% increase from last year. Council stated that they were interested in continuing the agreement with Penndot.

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 present from EADS.

Five pressure tests were completed in June.

There was a discussion regarding the homes on the backside of Hystone Avenue. The residents on the back half of Hystone Avenue never had curbside view ports installed by the borough. Since everyone needs to be connected, council has decided to have the residents install their own curbside view port (instead of the borough completing it). The borough will then reimburse the residents a sum of \$200.00 once the work is completed and an invoice is presented.

Attorney Green stated that the resolution would say the following: The Borough of Ferndale will reimburse any homeowner along Hystone Avenue if the resident presents proof to the borough secretary that the curbside viewport has been installed at their residence. The resident will be reimbursed a flat fee of \$200.00. Trish Corle made a motion to accept the verbal resolution and to have President Hofecker sign the resolution once it is completed by Attorney Green. Ken Dom seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Frank reviewed the Franklin & Goucher storm line, Station St, and Manhole Rehabilitation.

Frank went over the DEP Letter regarding the flow reduction plan.

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

An ad was placed in the Tribune Democrat for Auditor Contract Bids. One bid was received from Barnes Saly & Company. Their bids are as follows: 2019 \$3,600.00; 2020 \$3,700.00; 2021 \$3,800.00. A motion was made by Ken Dom to accept the bid seconded by Trish Corle. The motion carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given.

RECREATION REPORT

No report given.

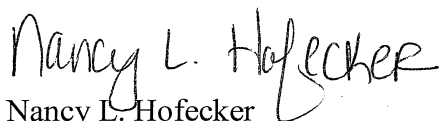
OLD/NEW BUSINESS

No old/new business.

At 7:23pm the meeting went into executive session regarding contract negotiations and a personnel issue.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm with Cindy Dom making the motion.

Respectfully submitted



Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary