

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

June 11, 2018

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Monday, June 11, 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, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Atty. Joe Green, Police Chief Jim Rigby, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Street Foreman Roger Bock.

VISITOR'S

Visitors present were Jack Feathers, Ken Szczur, Zachary Neal and Wes Neal.

Jack Feathers was present to discuss the church making the grass property that they own into a parking lot.

Ken Szczur was representing 1st Summit Bank. He presented council with loan information for residents regarding repairing or replacing the sewer line.

Zachary and Wes Neal were just observing.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the May 14, 2018 minutes. A motion was made by Trish Corle to accept the minutes and seconded by Ken Dom. The motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Council has decided on holding off hiring a part-time street employee for now.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Joe Green presented council with an ordinance regulating the reduction of individual dwelling units and equivalent dwelling units with regard to the sanitary sewer system. The council will vote at the next council meeting to adopt the ordinance.

The ordinance will be advertised in the Tribune Democrat prior to the meeting. The ordinance must be advertised no more than 60 days and no less than 7 days prior to the meeting. The advertisement must run one time.

A motion to accept the Solicitor's report was made by Connie Hobbs and seconded by Ken Dom. The motion carried.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle has accepted the resignation of Officer Nathan Homyak. Officer Homyak has taken a full time position with another department.

Officer Todd Fockler was assisting another department when he was recently injured. During the incident the police taser and the police radio were damaged. A claim has been submitted with the insurance company. A motion was made by Trish Corle and seconded by Ken Dom to purchase a new taser and radio. A roll call vote was taken and all members voted yes.

Chief Rigby has started enforcing the grass ordinance in the borough.

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

Ferndale Fireman's Association is asking for help during the Jubilee. They will also be passing out car tickets this week.

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

STREETS AND PROPERTY

There have been issues with the brakes on the loader that the street department uses. The loader was sent up to Groff to be repaired. The costs of the repairs were more than expected. At this time council has decided to hold off on hiring a part time street department employee.

Quaker Sales has completed the paving project on Hystone Ave.

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

TREES

No report given.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

No pressure tests were completed in May.

Mark Muir inspected 214-216 Station Street. Owner is getting ready to sell the property. It was one of the property's in the borough were the borough did the lateral because of an easement. The owner is responsible for storm verification.

Mark also provided council with flow graphs.

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

A motion to accept the Tax Collector's report was made by Ken Dom seconded by Dave Ziemba. The motion carried.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion to accept the Finance Report and to pay all Accounts Payable was made by Cindy Dom seconded by Dave Ziemba. The motion carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Wes Neal is putting together a flyer of events in the community for Vision 2020.

A motion to accept the Public Relations report was made by Connie Hobbs seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

RECREATION REPORT

Swimming has begun at the YWCA. A flyer was sent to Ferndale Elementary to go home with the kids announcing the program. Sarah Riffle will be running a summer basketball drills and skills at Ferndale High School gym. The program will run until the middle of July.

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There will not be a committee meeting in the month of July since the council meeting has been moved to July 2, 2018 due to vacations.

A letter was received from Ferndale United Methodist Church requesting the 700 block of Vickroy Avenue be closed to traffic between 3:00pm and 7:00pm on Sunday July 8, 2018. The church will be hosting a Strawberry Festival Block Party. A motion to accept their request was made by Trish Corle seconded by Ken Dom. The motion carried.


CDR Maguire representatives will be coming to do a PennVest Audit regarding the sewer project.

A motion to accept Old/New Business was made by Trish Corle seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

At 8:43pm the meeting went into Executive Session regarding a personnel matter.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. with Trish Corle making the motion.

Respectfully submitted



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Borough Secretary