

## **FERNDALE BOROUGH**

Regular Meeting

June 11, 2020

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, June 11, 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, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Police Chief John Blake, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Street Foreman Sean Simmons. Dave Ziemba and Attorney Joe Green were absent.

### **VISITOR'S**

Visitors present were Warren McKinney, Henry Eisenhuth and Wes Neal.

Warren McKinney presented council with a letter requesting a handicap parking space near his residence. He also had a letter from his family doctor indicating he should have a handicap space.

Henry Eisenhuth addressed council discussing our existing fence ordinance that doesn't allow for privacy fencing.

Wes Neal was observing.

### **MINUTES**

There were no changes to the May 14, 2020 minutes, the May 26, 2020 special meeting minutes and the June 4, 2020 committee meeting minutes. A motion was made by Trish Corle to accept all minutes, seconded by Art Boring. The motion carried.

### **PERSONNEL**

No report given.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

No report given.

## **MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS**

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that himself and Chief Blake are going to look at the street signs at the intersection of Vickroy and Harlan. He has noticed that a lot of cars have been going the wrong way down Vickroy lately. The one-way sign and the do not enter sign might need to be adjusted.

Chief Blake is looking into getting updated riot helmets, shields and batons through the federal surplus program. He said he has applied for covid relief money but hasn't gotten a response from anyone.

A motion to accept Mayor and Police Reports was made by Trish Corle 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**

No report given.

## **STREETS AND PROPERTY**

Sean Simmons shared with council that they will be needing to get new tires for the high lift. He did get a price quote from Ron's tires. Council advised him that when he needed to do so to go ahead and purchase them.

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

## **TREES**

No report given.

## **SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT**

Frank Diloreto was present from EADS. Eight pressure tests were completed in May.

Frank reviewed the items on hold.

Frank said that the PA Small Water Grant that we applied has been pushed back and will not be announced until September 2020. As of now the Penelec Sustainable Energy Grant will still be announced around late July 2020.

Frank reviewed some properties that he has been working on with the residents to get their sewer work completed.

Frank shared information that he received regarding Covid-19 stimulus packages. There is a potential for some projects in the borough to be funded.

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

### **TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

A motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for May was made by Trish Corle seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

### **FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

A motion to pay all Accounts Payable was made by Art Boring and seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

Trish Corle shared that she will be meeting with Herbert's since we are half way through the year to make sure we are on track. Cindy Dom will be joining her.

A motion to accept the Finance/Accounts Payable Report was made by Cindy Dom seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

No report given.

### **RECREATION REPORT**

Mark Wissinger said that the park looks really good with the new seal coat on it. The street crew did a nice job with the mulch as well.

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

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Owen Hofecker presented Ordinance 496:

AN ORDINANCE OF FERNDALE BOROUGH, CAMBRIA COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ELECTING TO AMEND ITS NON-UNIFORM PENSION PLAN ADMINISTERED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT LAW; AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY ALL PROVISIONS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA

MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT LAW AS AMENDED AND AS APPLICABLE TO MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES.

A motion was made by Trish Corle to accept Ordinance 496 seconded by Art Boring. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried.

Owen presented council with Dave Ziemba's resignation letter, resigning from council effective immediately. Trish Corle made a motion to accept the resignation with regrets seconded by Art Boring. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:47pm with Cindy Dom making the motion, seconded by Mark Wissinger.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy L. Hofecker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "H" and "C".

Nancy L. Hofecker  
Borough Secretary