

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

June 13, 2019

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, June 13, 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, Cindy Dom, Ken Dom, Connie Hobbs, Dave Ziemba, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Attorney Joe Green, Police Chief John Blake, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Street Foreman Roger Bock. Trish Corle was absent.

VISITOR'S

Visitors present were Jody Ingram, Frank Lux, Wes Neal and Joe Fetzer.

All visitors were just observing.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the May 13, 2019 minutes. A motion was made by Ken Dom to accept the minutes and seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

PERSONNEL

The new Personnel Policy was presented. Ken Dom made a motion to accept the new policy seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Green said he received from the school some changes that they would like made to the job description for the SRO. He said it was just a matter of wording. The school would also like a list of the required clearances to be placed in the job description. Chief Blake reviewed it too and was good with the changes.

A motion to accept the Solicitor's Report was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Dave Ziemba. The motion carried.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle said the School Resource Officer position was recently advertised in the Tribune Democrat. They will be looking to set up interviews soon.

Chief John Blake said that all the properties he recently posted either complied or went to the magistrate's office and have been found guilty.

A motion to accept the Mayor and Police Reports was made by Dave Ziemba and seconded by Ken Dom. 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 they will be having wifi at the jubilee grounds which will help with the mobile command center.

A request letter was presented from the Fireman's Association requesting to use the rec park for the jubilee. They are requesting use from July 7th, 2019 – July 27th, 2019. This will allow for set up and clean up time. A motion was made by Cindy Dom to allow them to use the grounds seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

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

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Roger said that there are trees up at the rec park that need to come down because they are dead. Owen asked Roger to get a quote from Jim Smay as to what it would cost to drop the trees and what it would cost to drop them and clean them up.

Roger said they will be working on the catch basins soon. They will also be patching the rest of the holes that they haven't gotten to.

Dave Ziemba said that he has reached out to Senator Langerholc, Commissioner Mark Wissinger and Renee Daley regarding the blighted properties in the borough. They are working to try and get grant money.

There is a resident in the borough that indicated he would be interested in purchasing a piece of borough property that is next to his. The property is meant to be a right of way. After discussion with the solicitor council has decided it would not be in the best interest of the borough to sell the property.

Owen asked Roger to please contact the Greater Johnstown Water Authority regarding the hole on Colonial. Several months ago, when there was a water break on Colonial the water authority dug a hole and repaired the line. The pavement in the hole is starting to sink making it difficult to travel on.

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

TREES

Dave Ziemba said Pennline did go through the borough trimming trees. Roger and the street department have been picking up the big logs that were left.

A motion to accept the Trees Report was made by Mark Wissinger seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank Diloreto and Mark Muir were present from EADS.

One pressure test was completed in May.

Frank said there have been questions lately regarding the sale of homes on the back half of Hystone Avenue. The residents will need to install a viewport, connect to the mainline, go at least to the foundation of the home and have the line and the house pressure tested. We will be recommending completing the sewer work inside the home.

Frank reviewed with council the repair of the Franklin and Goucher St storm line, the laterals on Station St and the manhole rehabilitation.

Owen Hofecker said that we are still working with Pennvest regarding the audit. Dale Mills from DEP came in and did a walk through on the sewer project with Roger. CJL provided us with all the information that Dale Mills was requesting. Dan Mikesic called Owen and said there are a few questions on the audit. Dan Mikesic is going to talk to the auditors to see if he can get some clarification.

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given.

RECREATION REPORT

Mark Wissinger said that the YWCA program started today (June 13, 2019).

A motion to accept the Recreation Report was made by Ken Dom and seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

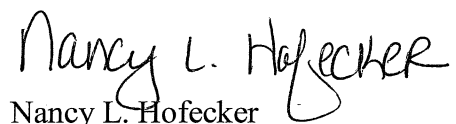
OLD/NEW BUSINESS

No old/new business.

At 7:30pm the meeting went into executive session regarding a personnel issue.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43pm with Cindy Dom making the motion.

Respectfully submitted


Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary