

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

March 10, 2022

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, March 10, 2022, 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.

President Owen Hofecker asked everyone to remain standing in a moment of silence for Mr. Rigby who passed away.

ROLL CALL

The Roll Call showed the following present: VP Eric Baumbaugh, Art Boring, Trish Corle, Cindy Dom, Connie Hobbs, President Owen Hofecker, Mark Wissinger, Jr, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Attorney Joe Green, Secretary Nancy Hofecker, Street Foreman Sean Simmons and Police Chief Adam Richards.

A motion was made by Trish Corle to adopt the March 10, 2022 agenda seconded by Art Boring. The motion carried.

VISITOR'S

The following visitors were present to observe: Michele Baumbaugh and Zac Neal.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the February 10, 2022 minutes. A motion was made by Eric Baumbaugh to accept the minutes, seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

PERSONNEL

No report given.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report given.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that we received one application from the listing that was placed in the Tribune Democrat.

The cameras for the police cars will be installed in the next couple of weeks.

Chief Adam Richards said he will be applying for a grant to get funding to place computers in the police cars.

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 said the new truck has arrived and will be going to get lettered.

Sean said that he ordered the last 50 ton of salt that we are obligated to purchase.

The marked police car 850 is going to JATS for a tranny inspection so that we don't void the warranty.

TREES

Art Boring said he worked with Nancy to send letters out to residents in regards to getting their tree stumps removed. They are final notice letters. The next step will be for them to be cited.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank Diloreto was present from EADS.

Five pressure tests were completed in February.

Hystone Avenue Sewer Rehabilitation: Snyder Environmental Services will return in the spring for the final restoration of the pavement.

The home investigation for 601 and 605 Ferndale Avenue was completed on 3/2/2022 and 3/7/2022. EADS will coordinate with Snyder and the homeowners when to reline Station St Phase 2.

Snyder has requested payment for their work completed to date. Their payment request is for a total of \$249,549.14. The request for reimbursement was sent to the CFA. Once the grant reimbursement is received from the CFA payment will be submitted to Snyder by Ferndale Borough.

Grant Applications: The MTF Grant was awarded for the Station St Walkway Rehabilitation Project. The grant amount is \$280,000.00 with an \$800.00 required match. The agreement to

complete the basic services, grant administration, and additional services was presented. A motion was made by Art Boring to sign the agreement with EADS as the engineer for the Station Street Rehabilitation Project, seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

A new GTRP grant was announced to accept applications for funding. The deadline is May 31, 2022. The Rigby Park Improvements Project will be repackaged for application. The ADA requirement for the park can be incorporated into the grant application.

Local Share Account Statewide Program: Funds are available between \$25,000.00 and \$1,000,000.00. Grant submission deadline date is March 15th, 2022. Six applications will be submitted for the program. Ferndale Borough Municipal Building Energy Efficiency Improvements, Ferndale Borough Police Cruiser Acquisition, Rigby Park Pavilion, Sanitary & Storm Sewer I&I Elimination Project, Ferndale Borough Maintenance Equipment Acquisition, Ferndale Borough Mill and Overly. Six resolutions were presented that need completed for the grant. A motion was made by Trish Corle to sign the resolutions, seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax Collector's Report was presented for February 2022. Total amount collected was \$2,815.01.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion to pay all Accounts Payable was made by Trish Corle, seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Sourcere submitted a quote to have a new webpage for the borough. This will be an updated page and will allow Nancy to have access to update it. The cost is \$600.00 to setup along with training and a monthly fee of \$25.00. A motion was made by Trish Corle to sign the quote seconded by Art Boring. The motion carried.

RECREATION REPORT

Mark Wissinger presented council with a swim contract from the YWCA. Council looked over the contract and has some questions regarding the price. Trish is going to contact the YWCA and confirm the price.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Karen Thomas requested a handicap spot near her home. The handicap spot will be placed on Summit and Boston. Council asked Sean to please place the handicap sign and mark the spot.


The meeting went into executive session at 6:31pm regarding potential litigation.

The meeting came out of executive at 6:50pm.

Due to a time constraint an emergency motion was made. Trish Corle made a motion to have Attorney Joe Green do a title search on the Delores Edwards property located at 535-535 ½ Vickroy Ave, seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm with Art Boring making the motion seconded by Cindy Dom.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary