

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

March 11, 2019

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Monday, March 11, 2019, 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, Trish Corle, Cindy Dom, Ken Dom, Connie Hobbs, Dave Ziemba, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Street Foreman Roger Bock. Atty Joe Green was absent. Police Chief John Blake was not present during roll call, he did arrive late. He was on a call.

VISITOR'S

Visitors present were Wes Neal, Zachary Neal and Al Cooper.

All visitors were just observing.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the February 11, 2019 minutes. A motion was made by Trish Corle to accept the minutes and seconded by Dave Ziemba. The motion carried.

PERSONNEL

No report given.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report given.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Chief John Blake said he participated in the drug take back and cleaned out the prescription box that is located in the police station. He reminded everyone that the police department accepts the prescription drugs to be placed in the box so they can be disposed of properly.

Chief Blake said that citations (trafficking and non-trafficking) are up 68% from this time last year.

A motion to accept the Mayor and Police Reports was made by Cindy Dom 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

Ralph Boyle said the car has been purchased for the jubilee. He asked permission from council for the car to be placed with the tent on Station Street for display. He said they will be getting the car tickets out to the residents shortly.

A motion was made by Mark Wissinger to allow the Ferndale Fireman's Association to park the car on the corner of Ferndale Ave and Station St. The motion was seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

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

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Roger said they have received all the salt that was ordered. He said he is able to still buy more at the same price until July, if need be. Council agreed that he should order one more truck load just so we have it.

Roger said that Mike Bowser from Penndot will be coming in on March 27th to go through the borough and look at which roads need to be paved.

Nancy said that she has been sending out delinquent notices for trash for 2018.

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

TREES

Dave Ziemba said he is going to contact a tree company to come look at some of the dead trees in the borough.

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

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank Diloreto was present from EADS.

One pressure test was completed in February.

Frank reviewed the information that was shared at the training with EADS a few weeks ago. There are a few options to help reduce our flows. One option would be to install extra meters to try and determine where the extra flow is coming from. Another option would be to rehab manholes.

Borough Council needs to respond to the letter they received from DEP regarding reducing the flow in the borough. Nancy will scan the letter to council members and they will work on the letter in the April committee meeting.

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

A motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report was made by Dave Ziemba seconded by Trish Corle. The motion carried.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Trish Corle said she will be sitting down with Herbert's to review the finances at the end of the quarter. She will contact Barnes Saly and see when they plan on starting our audit for 2018.

A motion was made to accept the Finance Report by Ken Dom seconded by Dave Ziemba. The motion carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given.

RECREATION REPORT

No report given.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Owen said that the garbage contract will be up at the end of this year. We will need to place an ad for bids.

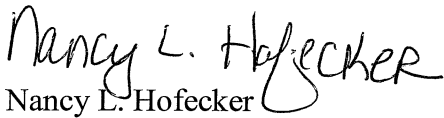
Owen brought up the idea of changing the committee and council meetings to the 1st and 2nd Thursday of the month at 6pm. Nancy will need to advertise for the day and time to change. After some discussion by council, Mark Wissinger made a motion to change the meeting day and time. The motion was seconded by Trish Corle.

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

8:20pm the meeting went into executive session regarding a personnel issue.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. with Trish Corle making the motion.

Respectfully submitted



Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary