

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

March 11, 2021

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, March 11, 2021, 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, Eric Baumbaugh, Art Boring, Trish Corle, Cindy Dom, Mark Wissinger, Jr, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Attorney Joe Green, Police Chief John Blake, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Street Foreman Sean Simmons.

VISITOR'S

Visitor's present were Al Cooper and Wes Neal. They were both just observing.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the February 11, 2021 minutes. A motion was made by Cindy Dom to accept the minutes, seconded by Trish Corle. The motion carried.

PERSONNEL

No report given.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Joe Green said he sent a letter to the superintendent of the Ferndale School District. The letter stated that we are currently trying to find a SRO. He also stated in the letter that after this school year we will no longer be able to participate in a contract with regards to the SRO. He explained why and said if the problem resolved itself, we would reconsider.

A motion to accept the Solicitor's Report was made by Trish Corle seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that they are accepting resumes for the full and part time police officer position that was placed in the paper. They will be starting the interview process soon.

Chief Blake said that he ended the contract with Team Force. It has been over 4 months and they still haven't scheduled the new cruiser to be equipped with lights etc. The cruiser will now be going to Valero Services in Delmont. The quote from Valero was less than the quote from Team Force.

A motion to accept Mayor and Police Reports was made by Art Boring seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. 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

Eric Baumbaugh stated that they are still planning on moving forward with the jubilee.

A motion to accept Ferndale Fireman's Association Report was made by Art Boring seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Sean Simmons said that the route 403 project has begun, currently they are working on the ADA sidewalks. Once paving begins we will need to supply manhole covers and risers in agreement with Penndot.

Sean said that Lisa Howard from Dale contacted him and wanted to know if we would be able to come over and sweep their streets this spring. It would take about 2 days. Council agreed we could do it for \$50.00 an hour plus fuel.

Nancy Hofecker brought up paving. Mike Bowser from Penndot is getting busy and she wants to get him in as soon as possible. She asked what roads do we want to consider for paving. After some discussion they agreed that the street committee would come up with a list of streets. In the meantime, Nancy was going to contact Mike to get on the schedule.

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

TREES

Art Boring said he is working on getting letters sent out to residents that had trees taken down and didn't replant.

A motion to accept Trees Report was made by Cindy Dom seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank Diloreto was present from EADS.

Eight pressure tests were completed in January. The final date for residents to be fully pressure tested is September 1st, 2021.

Frank said that B. Hale has completed the mainline work for Station Street Phase 1. He only needs to install the viewport at the edge of the 609 Ferndale Avenue property. He anticipates completing work by the end of March.

After discussion with DCED, the Station Street Phase 2 project cannot be incorporated into the Hystone Avenue project due to conflicts with the grant funding. The project will have to be bid separately.

Frank said that EADS will be sealing the Mendell manhole around the pipe penetration on March 12, 2021 at 8:30am.

EADS applied for the CFA Mini Grant on behalf of the borough. The mini grant will help fund the audit. The announcement of the grant is anticipated to be April 12th, 2021.

James Excavating anticipates completing the work at 1713 Franklin Street by the end of April 2021.

EADS has a preliminary design of the Hystone Avenue project. Survey work was completed. The tentative schedule is to advertise for the bids April 13th, open the bids May 19th and award the project June 10th. The contractor may begin after they submit all necessary paperwork. Bids will be opened at the borough office.

Frank shared that DCED will begin accepting applications for its Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program. The 2021 grant round is currently open and will close May 31st. Eric Baumbaugh outlined the areas to apply for grant funding. EADS is putting together a scope and grant request for those funds.

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

A motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for February was made by Trish Corle seconded by Art Boring. The motion carried.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Trish Corle said that she is working with Nancy to get quarterly reports generated.

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

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given.

RECREATION REPORT

Mark Wissinger thanked Eric Baumbaugh for working with Frank on the grant for the playground/recreation park.

Eric Baumbaugh shared what he talked about with Frank regarding the grant for the park and the different ideas he had.

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

No old/new business.

At 7:07pm the meeting went into executive session regarding a personnel issue.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm with Cindy Dom making the motion seconded by Art Boring.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary