

## **FERNDALE BOROUGH**

### **Regular Meeting**

**March 12, 2018**

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Monday, March 12, 2018, 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, Trisha Corle, Cindy Dom, Ken Dom, Connie Hobbs, Dave Ziemba, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Atty. Joe Green, Police Chief James Rigby, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Street Foreman Brian McAteer.

#### **VISITOR'S**

Visitors present were Msgr Ray Balta, Steve Sewalk, Tom Kakabar, Zachary Neal, Wes Neal, Al Cooper, Dawn Null.

Msgr Balta, Steve Sewalk and Tom Kakabar were present representing JRA and the EADS group. They brought flow graphs with them and wanted to discuss the flow meters. They were advised by council to contact the secretary to schedule a time to come to a committee meeting.

Wes Neal gave an update about getting the community involved in the crime prevention. He shared some of the items that he discussed with Chief Rigby.

Zachary Neal, Al Cooper and Dawn Null were just observing.

#### **MINUTES**

There were no changes to the February 12, 2018 minutes. A motion by Trisha Corle to accept the minutes was made and seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

#### **PERSONNEL**

Ken Dom presented a job description for the street department. Attorney Joe Green reviewed the job description and will advise Ken if changes should be made. The job description for the street department and road foreman will be reviewed and voted on by council.

A motion to accept the Personnel Report was made by Trish Corle and seconded by Dave Ziemba. The motion carried.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Attorney Joe Green shared that there is no longer a Cambria County Drug Task Force. The duties are now given over to the Attorney General's office using some of the same officers. We need to sign an agreement allowing the Attorney General's office into the borough to do drug investigating and drug arresting. It also allows them to have access to our officers.

A roll call vote was taken for Attorney Green to complete the agreement with the Attorney General's office. All members of council voted yes.

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

## **MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS**

Chief Jim Rigby reported that they purchased vests for the police with help from the grant and the donation from the VFW. He also wrote a thank you to VFW Post 4200 for their generous donation.

A motion by Cindy Dom to accept the Mayor and Police Reports was made and seconded by Mark Wissinger. 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.

## **FERNDAL FIREMAN'S ASSOC. REPORT**

Ralph Boyle said that a black Ford Mustang will be the car that will be chanced off for the jubilee this year. They will distribute tickets to the residents in the borough to purchase or help sell.

Jim Rigby mentioned giving access to someone to help Sean Glenn update the website.

A motion by Cindy Dom to accept the Fireman's Report was made and seconded by Trish Croyle. The motion carried.

## **STREETS AND PROPERTY**

The liquid fuel funds have been deposited into our bank account. Brian will contact Mike Bowser from Penndot to help finalize the specs for paving; an ad will then be placed in the Tribune Democrat for bids.

A motion was made by Trish Corle to get Mike Bowser to come in and help finalize the specs for paving. The motion was seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

People are parking on Balsum between Summit and Midway making it impossible to get through. The borough is going to post no parking signs for that block.

The gas company is replacing gas lines on Quaker Avenue between Marigold and Boston. The gas company wants to move the gas line to the opposite side of the street. Doing so would put the gas line on top of our sewer lines. Brian McAteer will contact the gas company and discuss our concerns with them moving the gas line on top of our sewer line.

A motion to accept the Street Report was made by Trish Corle and seconded by Dave Ziembra. The motion carried.

### **TREES**

Dave Ziembra expressed his concern with trees on Clay Street. The tree is leaning toward the road making it for vehicles to drive past each other. Brian McAteer said that there are dead limbs always falling from the tree. Brian will call Jordan Tree Service and the Tree Experts to get estimates.

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

### **SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT**

No report given.

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

No report given.

### **FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

A motion to accept the Finance Report and to pay all Accounts Payable was made by Connie Hobbs and seconded by Ken Dom. The motion carried.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

No report given.

### **RECREATION REPORT**

No report given.

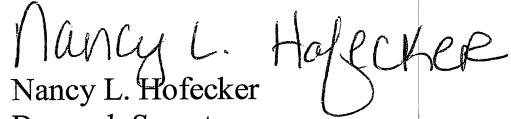
### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

No old or new business to discuss.

At 8:24pm the meeting then went into Executive Session regarding a police matter.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. with Trish Corle making the motion.

Respectfully submitted

Handwritten signature of Nancy L. Hofecker in black ink.

Nancy L. Hofecker  
Borough Secretary