

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

March 13, 2017

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Monday, March 13, 2017 in the Fireman's Recreation Hall at 618 Westinghouse Avenue, Johnstown, PA.

Vice President Mark Wissinger, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 P. M., and those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag.

ROLL CALL

The Roll Call showed the following present: Vice President Mark Wissinger, Jr., Trisha Corle, Connie Hobbs, Robert Gray, Owen Hofecker, Chief of Police—James Rigby, Streets Rep.—Roger Bock and Assistant Sec./Treas.—Bev Roth. Those absent were: President—Scott Miles, Councilmember—Ken Dom, Sec.—Anita M. Smith, Street Foreman—Brian McAteer, and Mayor—Ralph Boyle. The visitors were: County Commissioner—Tom Chernisky; Tiffany Wetzels-Sturtz & Terry Shook—Barnes Saly; E A D S Rep.—Mark Muir; Residents—Al Cooper, Sean Glenn, Eric Baumbaugh, and Francis Lux, Jr.

VISITORS

Sean Glenn, representing West Hills, presented Council a plaque thanking them for all their cooperation and assistance. Eric Baumbaugh informed Council that they will be giving a 2017 Ford Escape. In previous years they had a booth for selling tickets set up at the corner of Ferndale Avenue and Station Street. A motion was made by Trisha Corle; seconded by Connie Hobbs to approve this; and the motion carried.

Al Cooper addressed Council next. He complimented the Road crew for their service and the Police Department for their coverage of the Borough. He has several properties here; however, one has sold. He discussed the pressure testing again.

Mr. Chernisky, representing the County Commissioners, addressed Council and asked what they could do for the Borough. They have a grant writer, John Dubnansky @ 534-2697, who would work on a grant for what the Borough needs. He would come to our facility whenever he is called, and he is willing to work for the Borough.

Mr. Lux discussed the sizes of pipes and the velocity they handle. He still says that the pipe is too small. Mark discussed with Mr. Lux that they found the problem. Mr. Lux felt that the bigger the pipe, the more velocity is handled. However, Mark said it depended on how the pipes were laid. Any size would do the same thing. The fees of \$17 & \$27 were discussed. They have a water problem in Stonycreek Township, but they went back to \$17.

Ferndale opted to go to the foundation. So, the residents only went to the foundation, thus saving money. It has been this way for six years. Most of the previous Council is no longer on Council, and the present Council was not involved in all this.

Al Cooper, Francis Lux, Sean Glenn and Eric Baumbaugh left the meeting at 7:25 P. M.

MINUTES

The February 13, 2017, minutes were dated February 9; however, this was corrected. A motion was made by Trisha Corle and seconded by Connie Hobbs to approve the Minutes. The motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

No report was given as C J L was not represented.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT

Mark Muir represented E A D S at this Meeting and he passed out Pressure Testing Updates.

Completed inspections are at: 657.

- They include-Entire Systems Tested—285 - -Tested to inside Foundation—128
- Outside only tested—235 - -Storm verification only—9
- Vacant and not connected—14 - -4 Sale transfers in February.

Items for Discussion—

- *Field Investigation and Wet Weather Inspection
- CCTV work completed 2.23.27.
- Storm line is broken near crossing of sanitary sewer.
- Storm line needs replaced (bad Joints)
- *Station St. CIPP
- Discuss options (see sheet 2-3)

Sheet 2 is Option 1 – CIPP Existing and Sheet 3 is Option 2 -- Reroute Lateral

They did check Goucher. The sanitary pipes are not better than we thought. The storm line needs repaired. It has the 10" coming in on Mendell. They found some of the flow, which he did not feel it was caused by the contractor. This is in very poor condition, and he does not know what Council wants to do there. He reported it needs repairs, but you would have to have traffic control. It is between 15' and 30'. He is to get some estimates and contractors. Pipe bursting could be done. He will see what Penn DOT will work out for us. Liberoni did the work up there, and he thinks they are still working in the area.

He discussed the work on Ferndale Avenue. Easements are needed from the Fire Company and the next house. The work is dependent on which plan the Borough chooses. The line starts at 611 Ferndale Avenue. It could be stopped at 609 and put a new tap in at 611. He can get some prices from contractors. They might give us a better price. Every contractor he has talked to is leary of bidding it. He can also discuss it with the four property owners.

He needs more information RE: The property in the 600 block of Glenwood Avenue.

The subject of the \$17 and \$27 fees was a J R A thing. It was 2013 when we set the fees and began pressure testing. A motion was made by Trisha Corle to accept the Sewer/Sewer Project Report and the motion was seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried. Mark left the Meeting at 7:47 P.M.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORT

Chief Rigby e-mailed his February, 2017, Report to all Councilmembers; however, there were no questions on the Report. Chief Rigby discussed with Council sending officers to the C I T training at an

approximate cost of \$250. Ferndale will pay for 20 hours for Krupa, and Geistown will pay for 20. He has already asked the Mayor, who was in favor of it. A motion by Connie Hobbs was made to accept the Mayor and Police Report. It was seconded by Robert Gray, and the motion carried.

AUDIT BIDS

Mr. Green opened the bids to do the Annual Audits for the next 3 years. These were provided by Barnes Saly & Company, P. C. Terry Shook and Tiffany Wetzel-Sturtz were attending to answer questions, etc. The bids are as follows:

Financial Statements prepared in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting including footnotes.

December 31, 2016	-	\$5,800
December 31, 2017	-	\$5,900
December 31, 2018	-	\$6,000

Financial Statements as presented on Form D C E D-C L G S-30, Municipal Annual Audit and Financial Reports.

December 31, 2016	-	\$3,300
December 31, 2017	-	\$3,400
December 31, 2018	-	\$3,500

There was further discussion on the 2015 Audit and that the Borough outsources the accounting. Mr. Green reviewed the ad., and discussion was that the D C E D Audit is fine. Trish Corle made a motion to accept the bid for the D C E D type Audit for the next 3 years. Owen Hofecker seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was taken, which passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Green had nothing additional to report.

EQUIPMENT/STREETS/BOROUGH PROPERTY

Since Street Foreman—Brian McAteer did not attend this Meeting, Roger attended to answer questions, etc. A discussion was held RE: The Daisytown Borough's request to purchase 50 tons of salt in 2017 from Ferndale. Presently, we have 300 tons coming, and next year we will be getting 230 tons. Trish Corle made a motion, seconded by Connie Hobbs, to grant permission to Daisytown for the salt purchase. Connie Hobbs made a motion, seconded by Owen Hofecker ,to approve the Equipment and Streets Report. Both motions passed unanimously.

PERSONNAL

There was no Report.

EMERGENCY MGT. + FIRE CO. + WEST HILLS REPORT

The February, 2017, Report was forwarded to the Borough. If anyone wants to read the report, the secretary will make them a copy. In the future the Secretary will just forward the e-mail to the Councilmembers for them to read the report. Nothing additional was reported.

TREES

There was no Report.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The Tax Collector did not attend the Meeting, and there was no Report.

FINANCE REPORT/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Financial statements were given out at the Committee Meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Trish is trying to get in touch with Mr. Dubnansky for a grant to do the roof of the Municipal Building.

RECREATION

There was no Recreation Report.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

The Allphase Company and George Nitka did not attend the Meeting; however, both requested relief from paying the Garbage and Sewer Project fees for 2017. Council wants them to come to the next Council Meeting and/or send a letter. The handicapped sign cannot be done until better weather.

The Borough's Association will hold the Spring Dinner on Tuesday, April 18 at the Hoss's Restaurant @ Ebensburg.

A discussion was to change Ehrlich's coming to every other month—have a month-to-month contract.

The Council went into an Executive Meeting at 8:30 P. M. The Regular Meeting ended @ 8:30 P. M.

Respectfully

Beverly E. Roth
Borough Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

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