

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

May 13, 2019

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Monday, May 13, 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, Attorney Joe Green, Police Chief John Blake, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Street Foreman Roger Bock.

VISITOR'S

Visitors present were Al Cooper, Jim Salvia, Brandon Rogers, Zachary Neal, Wes Neal and Jody Ingram.

Jim Salvia was there representing State Representative Jim Rigby's office. He addressed council asking them to consider appointing a liaison from council to help streamline communication between council and Representative Rigby's office.

All other visitors were just observing.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the April 8, 2019 minutes. A motion was made by Trish Corle to accept the minutes and seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Attorney Joe Green has reviewed the Personnel Policy and made a few changes. Nancy will update the changes and present it at the next council meeting for approval.

A motion to accept the Personnel Report was made by Ken Dom and seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Green presented council with an update Memorandum of Understanding for the School Resource Officer. A motion was made by Trish Corle and seconded by Connie Hobbs, to accept and sign the memorandum. The motion carried.

Attorney Green also presented council with an updated SRO Agreement. A motion was made by Dave Ziembra and seconded by Cindy Dom, to accept and sign the agreement. The motion carried.

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

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that he was approached by State Representative Rigby's office to join police forces with West Hills as a regionalization and not a consolidation. The cost to the borough would be approximately \$120,000.00 to join.

Mayor Boyle shared that citations are up this year, traffic and non-traffic. Homes in the borough are being posted because of high grass; approximately 12 of them have been posted.

Chief John Blake shared that it is National Police Week to please remember those who have lost their lives in the line of duty. The department took part in National Drug Take Back day. He recently completed homicide crime scene training. He reminded everyone not to blow their grass onto the road way. When the grass gets wet it creates a hazard for motorcyclist. It is also a \$300.00 fine if you blow it on the road way.

After hearing the police report council member Mark Wissinger said that he is definitely not interested in regionalization of police forces.

A motion was made by Mark Wissinger to hire Joseph Moser as a Ferndale Borough Police Officer. Trish Corle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes.

A motion to accept the Mayor and Police Reports was made by Connie Hobbs and seconded by Ken Dom. 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.

West Hills presented Ferndale with a new fire protection agreement. The new agreement adds Westwood into the West Hills Fire Protection group. A motion was made by Trish Corle to sign and accept the agreement, Cindy Dom seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Cindy Dom stated that they are still looking for a resident to join the West Hills group. The resident would represent Ferndale Borough. Al Cooper volunteered to be the resident to represent the borough.

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

FERNDALE FIREMAN'S ASSOC. REPORT

No report given.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Roger said that the street sweeper is up and running. They have been patching holes. All the winter stuff has been taken off the borough trucks. They have been working in the upstairs room getting it repainted so it will be ready for fall to rent again.

Attorney Joe Green opened the bid packets for the proposed paving project in the borough. The following bids were submitted: HRI \$42,935.00 and Quaker Sales \$36,508.00.

A motion to accept Quaker Sales to complete the paving project was made by Trish Corle and seconded by Connie Hobbs. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes.

A resolution was presented from Penndot stating that we give them permission to work on repairing or replacing manhole covers and catch basins as needed. This is for when they begin paving Franklin Street. We just have to supply the materials but they will do all the work. A motion was made by Trish Corle to sign the resolution, seconded by Dave Ziemba. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes.

A request was received from Ferndale United Methodist Church to close the 700 block of Vickroy Avenue on Sunday, July 7th from 3:00pm-7:00pm for their annual community strawberry block party. A motion was made by Trish Corle to honor their request, seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

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

TREES

Dave Ziemba said that he went through the borough with two guys from Pennline looking at trees. They are coming into the borough to remove trees and or limbs that are interfering with the power wires.

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 and Mark Muir were present from EADS.

Five pressure tests were completed in April.

Frank reviewed with council the repair of the Franklin and Goucher St storm line, the laterals on Station St and the manhole rehabilitation.

Frank recommended that some statistics be placed in the letter to DEP. He is working to gather the needed information. He will get it to Nancy once he has it completed. The letter is due to DEP by June 3, 2019.

Trish Corle addressed the visitors present and explained that Ferndale Borough is above the flow limit according to DEP. We need to get under the flow limit or we will be fined by DEP. An ordinance will be put into place regarding the requirements for testing and completion. While no one on council wants to see this happen, they have been left with no other choice.

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion to pay all Accounts Payable was made by Dave Ziemba and seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

Trish will work on writing an ad to be placed in the Tribune Democrat advertising for an auditor. It will be presented at the June meeting for approval.

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Council discussed appointing a liaison to have contact with State Representative Jim Rigby's Office. Trish Corle made a motion for it to be the President of Council, Owen Hofecker. Cindy Dom seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Trish Corle to accept the Public Relations Report seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

RECREATION REPORT

Mark Wissinger said he received the contract for the swim program that the YWCA offers. The program is offered to the elementary students from 1st grade - 6th grade. A motion was made by Trish Corle to sign the contract, seconded by Dave Ziembra. The motion carried.

A motion to accept the Recreation Report was made by Trish Corle and seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

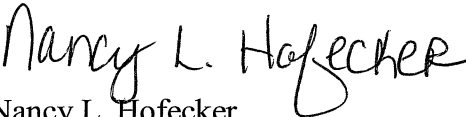
Nancy Hofecker reminded everyone that in June the committee meeting will be the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:00pm. Council meeting will be the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00pm. She will place an ad in the Tribune Democrat announcing the change. She will also have Sean Glenn update the website.

Dave Ziembra said he is looking for volunteers this weekend to help clean up an abandoned property in the borough. Anyone who would like to help should contact Dave.

A motion to accept Old/New Business was made by Trish Corle and seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. with Mark Wissinger making the motion.

Respectfully submitted


Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary