

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

May 14, 2018

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Monday, May 14, 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, Trisha Corle, Cindy Dom, Ken Dom, Connie Hobbs, Dave Ziemba, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Atty. Joe Green, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Roger Bock. V.P. Mark Wissinger and Street Foreman Brian McAteer were absent. Police Chief Jim Rigby arrived late.

VISITOR'S

Visitors present were Abrielle Furfari, Michelle Furfari and Wes Neal.

All visitors were just observing.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the April 9, 2018 minutes. A motion by Trish Corle to accept the minutes was made and seconded by Ken Dom. The motion carried.

PERSONNEL

A letter was submitted to council from Brian McAteer saying that he will retire effective May 31, 2018. A motion to accept Brian's resignation was made by Dave Ziemba seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

A motion to move Roger Bock to the Full Time Street Foreman position on a temporary probationary period for 6 months and to move Scott Bennett to a full time position on a temporary probationary period for 6 months effective June 1, 2018 was made by Ken Dom seconded by Dave Ziemba. The motion carried. Trish Corle abstained from the vote because Roger Bock is her nephew.

A motion was made to increase Roger Bock's wages to \$15.63 an hour and to increase Scott Bennett's wages to \$11.00 an hour both effective June 1, 2018. The motion was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Dave Ziemba. The motion carried. Trish Corle abstained from the vote.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report given.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that Chief Rigby will start enforcing the grass ordinance in the borough. Due to all the rain we have received they wanted to give everyone a chance to get their grass cut. If the grass isn't cut they will have 10 days from the warning to get it cut before being cited.

Chief Jim Rigby presented a letter for a rapid deployment protocol that needed to be signed for the police department to be a part of. In the event of an active shooter or major disaster it would alert all officers regardless of department to respond. A motion was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Trish Corle for Chief Rigby to sign the letter. The motion carried.

Community Safety Net contacted Chief Rigby regarding books that they printed geared for ages 9-12 regarding personal safety. They donated 100 of them to the department. Chief Rigby has been going to the bus stops and handing them out.

Chief Rigby said that the vests that were ordered for the officers have arrived. He brought his to the meeting and showed council. It is written in the SOP that all officers must wear them when responding to a call.

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.

FERNDALE FIREMAN'S ASSOC. REPORT

President Owen Hofecker read a letter from the Ferndale Fireman's Association requesting to use the grounds for the jubilee this year. The jubilee will be held the week of July 16th, 2018 through July 21st, 2018. They are requesting use of the grounds from July 7th, 2018 to July 28th, 2018 to allow time for set up and tear down.

A motion to allow the Ferndale Fireman to use the grounds was made by Trish Corle and seconded by Dave Ziemba. The motion carried.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Attorney Joe Green opened bid packets for the paving project in the borough. There were 2 phases to the paving project. The following bids were submitted: HRI Phase 1 only \$59,433.35,

Laurel Asphalt Phase 1 only \$45,727.00. Quaker Sales Phase 1 \$46,914.40, Phase 2 \$15,611.52, Cottles Phase 1 \$58,021.00, Phase 2 \$15,777.60.

After further discussion and research council decided not to complete Phase 2 of the paving project at this time. Laurel Asphalt's Phase 1 bid was thrown out because they didn't submit a bid bond with their bid. Therefore Phase 1's lowest bidder with all the proper paperwork was Quaker Sales.

A motion to accept Quaker Sales to complete Phase 1 of the project was made by Dave Ziemba and seconded by Cindy Dom. A roll call vote was made with all council members voting yes.

Council has approved for Ferndale United Methodist Church to receive two handicap spaces on Vickroy Avenue. The signs will indicate handicap parking Sundays only.

An updated resolution for the borough to maintain and repair the traffic signals on Franklin and Goucher Street needs to be completed. A motion was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Ken Dom to complete the paperwork. The motion carried.

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

TREES

Dave Ziemba noticed that there was a tree being taken down on the top of Midway Drive. He was going to check and see if it was storm related.

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

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Mark Muir said that in April EADS completed 5 pressure tests (4 transfers and 1 vacant structure was connected).

Mark Muir is working on providing council with some scale graphs, regarding the flows.

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

Connie Hobbs said that she contacted the court house and asked about the software that the tax collectors are using. The cost is \$300.00 a year for the software program. Emily at the courthouse said that Dawn is interested in using the program.

A motion to accept the Tax Collector's report was made by Ken Dom seconded by Dave Ziembra. The motion carried.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Trish Corle will be in contact with Wes Neal regarding community improvement. The suggestion was made for him to attend a committee meeting.

A motion to accept the Public Relations report was made by Connie Hobbs seconded by Ken Dom. The motion carried.

RECREATION REPORT

No report given.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

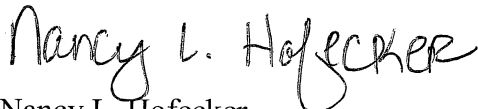
After contacting Judge Krumenacker and Andrew from Laurel Municipal, the council came up with guidelines for converting a double unit into a single family unit. The following criteria must be met: one water meter, one electric meter, one gas service and one location address. They must also have open areas on all the main floors, not just doors. The property will then need to be inspected by our codes enforcer, Chief Rigby. Attorney Green will work on writing up an ordinance defining a single family unit.

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

At 8:14pm the meeting then went into Executive Session regarding a pending litigation and personnel matter.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m. with Cindy Dom making the motion.

Respectfully submitted



Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary

BOROUGH OF FERNDALE
AGENDA
MAY 14, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. VISITORS
4. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9, 2018 MEETING
5. ENGINEER'S REPORT + SEWERS/SEWER PROJECT
6. PERSONNEL REPORT
7. SOLICITOR'S REPORT
8. MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS
9. EMERGENCY MGT. + FIRE CO. + WEST HILLS REPORT
10. FERNDALE FIRE ASSOC. – USE OF GROUNDS FOR JUBILEE
11. STREETS AND PROPERTY - BID PACKETS, PARKING FOR CHURCH,
RESOLUTION LIGHTS, BROKEN WINDOWS UPSTAIRS
12. TREES
13. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
14. FINANCE REPORT/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
15. PUBLIC RELATIONS
16. RECREATION
17. OLD/NEW BUSINESS – ANGELO PROPERTY

ADJOURNMENT

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