

## **FERNDALE BOROUGH**

### **Regular Meeting**

**May 13, 2021**

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, May 13, 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, Cindy Dom, Mark Wissinger, Jr, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Attorney Joe Green, Street Foreman Sean Simmons and Secretary Nancy Hofecker. Trish Corle and Police Chief John Blake were absent.

#### **VISITOR'S**

Visitor's present were Adam Grumling, Dennis Kassick and Mandy Feathers. All visitors were just observing.

#### **MINUTES**

There were no changes to the April 8, 2021 minutes. A motion was made by Eric Baumbaugh to accept the minutes, seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Connie Hobbs to amend the agenda moving the Engineer's Report before the Mayor and Police Report. The motion was seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

#### **PERSONNEL**

No report given.

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

No report given.

#### **MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS**

Mayor Ralph Boyle swore Adam Grumling in as a part time officer of the borough.

A motion was made by Police Committee seconded by Art Boring to hire Adam Richards as a part time police officer for the borough. The motion carried.

A motion to accept Mayor and Police Reports was made by Cindy Dom 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.

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

Eric Baumbaugh said they will still be having the jubilee from July 19<sup>th</sup>-July 24<sup>th</sup>.

Nancy Hofecker said they received a letter from the association asking to use the grounds from July 11<sup>th</sup>-July 31<sup>st</sup>. A motion was made by Art Boring to allow them to use the grounds, seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

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

### **STREETS AND PROPERTY**

Sean Simmons said that they repaired the bottom of Harlan Ave by putting a french drain in. With the recent heavy rain, it looks like it repaired the problem.

Sean said he spoke with Lisa from Dale Borough. They are very pleased with the street sweeping job that was done.

Sean said Roto Rooter is scheduled to come into the borough the week of May 24<sup>th</sup> to clean out the catch basins.

Sean said that he just wanted to make council aware that the F350 is going to need tires, all 6 of them.

Owen Hofecker asked Sean to contact the contractor/construction company that did the curbing on Ferndale Avenue. It appears that on the 800 block of Ferndale Ave they never put top soil back where they dug.

Nancy Hofecker shared that Mike Bowser from Penndot was in to review the roads we would like paved this year. Bids will be opened in the June meeting.

A motion to accept Streets and Property Report was made by Art Boring seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

## **TREES**

Art Boring said the tree committee got together and took out a few trees in the borough that were dead. Art said at this point we have pretty much used up the budgeted money for trees.

A motion to accept the Tree Report was made by Eric Baumbaugh seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

## **SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT**

Frank Diloreto was present from EADS.

Four pressure tests were completed in April. The final date for residents to be fully pressure tested is September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

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 or receive quotes come under the \$21,300.00 public bid threshold.

Ferndale Borough was not awarded the grant for the energy audit. EADS will follow up with the CFA to see what can be changed to fund an energy audit.

EADS is coordinating with James Excavating on completing the work at 1713 Franklin Street.

EADS has a final design of the Hystone Avenue project. Specifications are being completed. The tentative schedule is to advertise for the bids June 1<sup>st</sup>, open the bids June 30<sup>th</sup> and award the project July 8<sup>th</sup>. The contractor may begin after they submit all necessary paperwork.

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 31<sup>st</sup>. A resolution needs to be submitted with the application. Owen Hofecker and Eric Baumbaugh are the two officials to execute all documents and agreements for the project. A motion was made by Art Boring seconded by Cindy Dom to sign Resolution 2. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried. Frank will be preparing a commitment letter stating how the borough is funding their 15%.

A motion to accept the Sewer/Sewer Project Report was made by Mark Wissinger seconded by Art Boring. The motion carried.

## **TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

A motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for April was made by Cindy Dom seconded by Art Boring. The motion carried.

## **FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

A motion to pay all Accounts Payable was made by Connie Hobbs, seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

No report given.

## **RECREATION REPORT**

Mark Wissinger asked Sean if he could get some new basketball nets up at the courts.

Mayor Ralph Boyle asked if we could update the signs at the park with the dos and don'ts.

A motion to accept the Recreation Report was made by Art Boring, seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

## **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Owen Hofecker presented council with a quote to restring the wires and repair the lights on Plainfield Avenue. The quote is for \$5,200.00. A motion was made by Eric Baumbaugh to get the work done provided there is money in the budget. The motion was seconded by Art Boring. The motion carried. They will check with Trish Corle in regards to the budget.

Eric Baumbaugh said that the Station Street Grant never got submitted. It is 100% funded and is due by July 1<sup>st</sup>. He is going to ask Frank from EADS to help submit the grant.

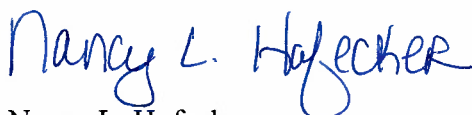
Eric Baumbaugh said that himself, Art Boring and Sean Simmons drove through the borough making a list of people with high grass and other violations. They will be sending letters out.

A motion to accept Old/New Business was made by Mark Wissinger seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

At 6:47pm the meeting went into executive session regarding potential litigation.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm with Cindy Dom making the motion seconded by Eric Baumbaugh.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy L. Hofecker  
Borough Secretary