

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

November 12, 2018

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Monday, November 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, Trish Corle, Cindy Dom, Ken Dom, Connie Hobbs, Dave Ziemba, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Street Foreman Roger Bock. Atty Joe Green and Police Chief Jim Rigby were absent.

VISITOR'S

Visitors present were Peter Rambish, Albert Cooper, Wes and Zachary Neal.

Peter Rambish, Wes Neal and Zachary Neal were just observing. Albert Cooper spoke and wanted to congratulate Chief Jim Rigby. He also thanked him for his years of service to the borough.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the October 8, 2018 minutes. A motion was made by Trish Corle to accept the minutes and seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Ken Dom said that he made changes to the employee policy indicating that every new employee must go through a pre-employment physical and drug screening.

A motion was made by Trish Corle to hire Peter Rambish as a part-time employee with the street department. Connie Hobbs seconded the motion. The motion carried.

President Owen Hofecker presented and read a resignation letter from Chief Jim Rigby. Chief Rigby's last day as police chief will be November 23, 2018. Trish Corle made a motion to accept the resignation. Ken Dom seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report given.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Our police department was randomly selected for a police audit. As per the audit some changes need to be made to our SOP. A motion was made by Cindy Dom for Chief Rigby to make the changes. Ken Dom seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

FERNDALE FIREMAN'S ASSOC. REPORT

Ralph Boyle said that Jim Rigby has opted not to run for President of the fire association. Bill Boyle will now be in charge of the hall rentals.

A motion to accept the Ferndale Fireman's Association Report was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Roger said that the leaf box is complete and they are in the process of picking the leaves up.

Roger said that he will need to purchase new plow rubbers for the one truck. He also needs to get one of the augers fixed for the salt spreader.

American Rock Salt is our new supplier for salt. The cost is \$78 a ton.

Nancy Hofecker said that she received a letter from Bishop McCort thanking the borough for participating in Turn the Town Teal. They are grateful that the borough allowed for them to place teal ribbons around the trees.

Nancy Hofecker said that council members are getting calls about trash not being picked up. Council needs to tell the residents to call her. She can't help or fix the problem if she isn't aware of it.

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

TREES

No Report Given.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank Diloreto from EADS was there in place of Mark Muir.

Three pressure tests were completed in October.

Frank from EADS said that Penn Machine had storm verification completed on July 11, 2016.

The manhole rehabilitation was completed on October 16th. They did not need to complete the entire rehabilitation as quoted. The concrete walls were in better condition than expected. The manhole will continue to be monitored.

Ken Dom and Cindy Dom along with the street department have been out checking flows in viewports. Those in violation will be receiving a letter from the borough.

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 Cindy Dom seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Trish Corle presented a tentative budget to council. Ken Dom made a motion to accept the tentative budget seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given.

RECREATION REPORT

President Owen Hofecker said that the 6th grade girl's recreation basketball team is playing in the Bishop McCort league currently. They will be registering to play in the East Hills league starting in January. He asked if the recreation committee would sponsor the girls and pay for the girl's registration fee of \$400.00. Trish Corle made a motion to sponsor the girls seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

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


OLD/NEW BUSINESS

None

At 8:07 p.m. the meeting went into Executive Session regarding a personnel issue.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m. with Trish Corle making the motion.

Respectfully submitted


Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary