

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

October 14, 2021

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, October 14, 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, Art Boring, Trish Corle, Cindy Dom, Mark Wissinger, Jr, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Attorney Joe Green, Street Foreman Sean Simmons and Secretary Nancy Hofecker. Eric Baumbaugh and Police Chief Adam Richards were absent.

A motion was made by Art Boring to adopt the October 14, 2021 agenda seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

VISITOR'S

No visitors were present.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the September 9, 2021 minutes. A motion was made by Trish Corle to accept the minutes, seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

PERSONNEL

At 6:20pm council went into executive session regarding a personnel issue.

Council came out of executive session at 6:27pm.

A motion was made by the Personnel Committee to hire Todd Sherle as a part time police officer. A roll call vote was taken: Art Boring no, Trish Corle yes, Cynthia Dom yes, Connie Hobbs yes, Owen Hofecker yes, Mark Wissinger no. The motion carried.

A motion was made by the Personnel Committee to hire Timothy Williams as a part time police officer. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Joe Green presented council with an ordinance for curb-to-curb paving for when a utility company digs up the road. The ordinance was read and will be advertised to be voted on during the November meeting.

Attorney Joe Green attended court with Laurel Municipal for 617 Summit Avenue. The previous owner and the current owner didn't show. The previous owner is facing fines from the magistrate and the current owner received a letter saying he has 30 days to comply.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle stated that one of our police officers tested positive for Covid. The positive covid test has placed some of the other officers in quarantine, leaving us short staffed.

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 presented a donation check in the amount of \$14,000.00 for the purchase of police body cameras, police dash cameras and other necessary police equipment. A motion was made by Trish Corle to accept the donation seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

Ralph Boyle said that there will be a 91st jubilee next year from July 18th-July 23rd.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Sean said that they are in the process of picking up leaves.

Sean wanted to let council know that 850, the marked cruiser had to be towed to Petrick's Automotive because it would start but won't move. Jeremy from Petrick's said that it was the throttle body that needed replaced. It is being repaired and should be completed by Friday.

Sean said that the price of salt per ton went down a little this year. It will be \$73.80/ton.

The borough is going to purchase a 2022 Ford F550 from Laurel Ford at the price of \$74,870.00. The borough is putting \$35,000.00 as a down payment. Leaving a balance of \$39,870.00 which will be financed through 1st Summit Bank at an interest rate of 1.59% up to 60 months. Money that was received from the American Recovery Act will help purchase the truck. A motion was made by Trish Corle approving the purchase and financing seconded by Cindy Dom. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes.

TREES

No report given.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank Diloreto was present from EADS.

Fifteen pressure tests were completed in September.

The FD-1 flow meter was installed on 9/14/2021. Stonycreek's meter will be calibrated on Monday, October 18, 2021. After calibration, we can receive the data from Stonycreek's meter to subtract their flow from FD-1.

Station Street Phase 2: EADS has received a quote to reline the mainline and laterals from Snyder Environmental Services for \$37,586.23. DCED has approved the request to add Station St Phase 2 to the Hystone Ave project. They are processing the grant amendment for the additional work. Once the grant is amended, a change order will be executed with Snyder to add to the contract.

A motion was made by Trish Corle to approve change order #1 for Snyder Environmental Services to construct Station St project #2 for \$37,586.23 plus additional contract time. The motion was seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

Snyder Environmental Services has set a vac-a-tee for a viewport to connect to. Once the lining material is delivered Snyder will complete the relining of the lateral.

Hystone Avenue Sewer Rehabilitation: Snyder Environmental Services has begun sending submittals for approval. They are working on preparing a construction schedule for the project. Once a schedule is determined EADS will conduct a preconstruction meeting for the project. They anticipate beginning their work November 2021 and be completed early December 2021.

DCED Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program for the Rigby Park Improvements Project and Multimodal Transportation Fund Program for the Station St Walkway Rehabilitation Project is expected to be announced November/December of 2021.

Penndot has released a Multimodal Transportation Fund Program for available funding. In case the borough doesn't get the DCED Grant they could possibly be eligible for this one. Penndot does require a 30% match that can not be waived. A 30% match on a \$280,800.00 grant is \$84,240.00. Council decided that at this time they will pass on filing for the Penndot grant.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax Collector's Report was presented for September. Total amount collected was \$1,049.21.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion to pay all Accounts Payable was made by Trish Corle, seconded by Art Boring. The motion carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given.

RECREATION REPORT

No report given.

OLD BUSINESS

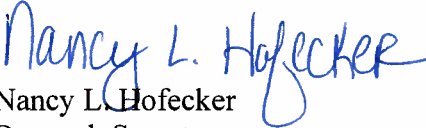
No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03pm with Art Boring making the motion seconded by Cindy Dom.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary