

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

October 10, 2019

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, October 10, 2019, 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, 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 Ron Carlson, Dalton Wood, Al Cooper, Michael Bellvia and Wes Neal.

Al Cooper addressed council with questions regarding the sewer testing.

Ron Carlson, Dalton Wood and Michael Bellvia were present for the opening of garbage bids.

Wes Neal was just observing.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the September 12, 2019 minutes. A motion was made by Trish Corle to accept the minutes and seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

PERSONNEL

No report given.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

At 6:42pm the meeting went into executive session regarding a possible litigation issue.

At 6:47pm council came out of executive session and back into the regular meeting.

Attorney Green opened the four bids for the garbage contract beginning January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022. He read the bids as follows: Pro Disposal \$354,982.32 – Burgmeiers \$391,390.33 – Waste Management \$398,648.88 – Advanced Disposal \$298,771.21. A motion was made by Trish Corle to accept Advanced Disposal's bid seconded by Ken Dom. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes.

Attorney Green presented council with an updated ordinance for the required testing for sanitary sewer lateral pipes. The ordinance will be advertised prior to the November meeting. The ordinance will then be voted on at the November meeting.

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

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that Ferndale Borough was in the news on a positive note. The SRO is moving forward. They are still working on hiring more officers.

Chief Blake said it has been a busy week. He did confirm that there were two drug busts in the borough.

President Owen Hofecker read a letter that he received from Officer Don Hess regarding Chief Blake. It was a letter thanking and congratulating Chief Blake on a job well done. Officer Hess said that the citizens of Ferndale are safer and the borough is a better place as a result of Chief Blake's actions.

A motion to accept the Mayor and Police Reports was made by Trish Corle and seconded by Dave Ziemba. 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

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that Santa's sleigh will be going through the borough on Christmas Eve. They are in the process of winterizing the building at the jubilee grounds.

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

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Roger said that they will be starting leaf season soon. Two of the borough trucks are due for inspection. Now that the tank is repaired, he will be putting the high lift back together. He also said that he should have enough salt to get him started for the winter season.

Dave Ziemba shared a property maintenance update report that he had received from Laurel Municipal. He said that between himself, Chief Blake and Nancy they have been working hard to clean up the blight in the borough and posting properties.

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

TREES

No report given.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank Diloreto was present from EADS.

Two pressure tests were completed in September.

Frank shared with council that some of the projects that the borough will be working on are eligible for grants.

Frank presented council with a flow chart displaying the boroughs flows during a rain event from October 1st – October 9th. The flows are still over the allowable amount by DEP.

EADS received a copy of the flow reduction plan letter from DEP. EADS is working on responding to the letter on the borough's behalf.

Frank had some questions regarding amending the pressure testing ordinance on lateral sewer pipes. Attorney Green and council addressed the questions with Frank.

Owen Hofecker shared with council that Dan Mikesic from Pennvest has contacted him. Dan met with Owen and Nancy to review and finalize the audit that was performed by Pennvest. Pennvest is going to release the remaining funds to 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 Dave Ziemba. The motion carried.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Trish Corle said she will be working on the budget for 2020. She will present it at the November meeting and it will be voted upon in the December meeting.

Trish said there is money in the budget to replace the big window upstairs that is damaged. Quotes to replace it were received from Best Window and Salem Window. Best Window quoted replacing several windows. Salem Window broke the quote down per window. The total

estimates were the same price. Ken Dom will call Salem Window to set up a time to have it replaced.

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

Nancy Hofecker talked about the visa credit card that is held with First National Bank. The credit limit on the credit card is \$1000.00. Nancy said the card is used by her, Chief Blake and Roger Bock. Since Nancy uses the card to purchase postage and shares the card with the police department and the street department, she asked for council to request an increase in the credit limit. The three signers for the card will be Nancy Hofecker, John Blake and Roger Bock. A motion was made by Trish Corle to increase the credit card limit to \$5,000.00 and seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given.

RECREATION REPORT

No report given.

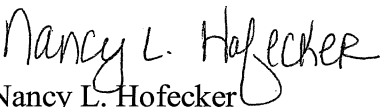
OLD/NEW BUSINESS

No old/new business.

At 7:06pm the meeting went into executive session regarding a personnel issue.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm with Cindy Dom making the motion.

Respectfully submitted


Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary