

**FERNDALE BOROUGH**  
Regular Meeting  
September 10, 2018

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Monday, September 10, 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, Atty. Joe Green, Police Chief Jim Rigby, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Street Foreman Roger Bock.

**VISITOR'S**

Visitors present were Wes Neal, Zachary Neal, Micah Haney, Kyler Kinsey.

All visitors were just observing.

**MINUTES**

There were no changes to the August 13, 2018 minutes. A motion was made by Trish Corle to accept the minutes and seconded by Dave Ziemba. The motion carried.

**PERSONNEL**

No report given.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

No report given.

**MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS**

Mayor Ralph Boyle shared that the Ferndale Jr/Sr High School is looking to hire a school resource officer. A proposal has been submitted to the school for approval.

Chief Rigby said that all the officers will be re-qualifying on their weapons during the month of October.

A motion to accept the Mayor and Police Reports was made by Trish Corle 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**

Ralph Boyle said that they are in the process of collecting all the bills from the jubilee and sorting them out. They should have everything finalized in October. They will be making donations to the borough, the Elk's and the Ferndale Band Boosters.

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

## **STREETS AND PROPERTY**

The owner of the apartment building on 501 Ferndale Avenue has been complaining because his basement keeps getting flooded with the heavy rains. Roger Bock has made a few suggestions to him to help prevent the flooding.

Roger said that the sewer basin on Margaret is finished.

The borough secretary has been getting a lot of complaints from residents regarding the condition of the borough. The residents feel that they are complaining to individuals in charge and nothing is being done. Dave Ziemba did go and talk to some of the residents that called the secretary. The residents showed him where they were referring to. Trish Corle told the Mayor that she wants every property that isn't up to code posted. If they don't take care of the situation they will then receive a citation. No exceptions are to be made.

Some of the council members have received phone calls regarding the borough truck sitting on Ferndale Avenue being used by one of the residents. The truck isn't being used by the resident other than to fill the truck with dirt to be dumped. The truck was parked there over the weekend. The keys were with the Street Department so it was unable to be driven by the resident. Council in good faith will let the resident finish using the truck for their project. However, the situation will need further discussion as to whether or not council will allow it to continue.

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

## **TREES**

There are two trees on Glenwood Avenue. The one tree has dead limbs and is into the wires. Dave Ziemba has a call into Penelec to see if they can come in and trim the dead limbs.

Dave stated that he got a call about a tree up on Margaret Ave but it is back in the woods. The resident isn't interested in letting a tree company come on their property to take care of the situation.

A motion to accept the Trees Report was made by Mark Wissinger seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

### **SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT**

Four pressure tests were completed in August.

Mark Muir from EADS is to contact Upper Yoder and see what rules they would like us to follow regarding the homes on Hystone Ave that are connected to the Upper Yoder system.

Johnstown Redevelopment Authority has discovered that our one manhole is severely cracked. A company is coming into the area to do some work for the Redevelopment Authority. If council is interested we could have them repair the manhole. Trish will take a look at the budget to see if we have money to use for the repair. Trish Corle made a motion that if the funds are available we allow for the manhole to be repaired. Cindy Dom seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

### **TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

No report given, the tax collector was on vacation. Nancy said that she would be sure that Dawn Null had a report for August and September for the October meeting.

### **FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

A motion to accept the Finance Report and to pay all Accounts Payable was made by Trish Corle seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

No report given.

### **RECREATION REPORT**

The swim program at the YWCA this summer went well. The final bill for that has been paid.

Nancy did send letters out to the other municipalities asking for financial help/donation to help cover the cost of the insurance and fees.

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

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Owen Hofecker reminded council members that if there are issues regarding trash pickup in the borough to let the secretary know so she can document it.

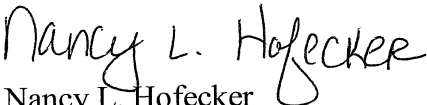
Owen Hofecker also reminded council members that there will be a Zoning Board Hearing on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The hearing is regarding Ferndale United Methodist Church turning the vacant lot that they own into a parking lot.

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

At 8:26pm the meeting went into Executive Session regarding a personnel issue.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m. with Trish Corle making the motion.

Respectfully submitted

  
Nancy L. Hofecker  
Borough Secretary