

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting
September 12, 2019

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, September 12, 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, Police Chief John Blake, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Street Foreman Roger Bock. Attorney Joe Green was absent.

VISITOR'S

Visitors present were Rena Gutteridge, Sue Lease, Brittney Baker Shurr, Quenna Smith, Susan Bird, Brenna Donley, Gene Bird, Al Cooper and Jody Ingram.

Al Cooper addressed council regarding the sewer issues and some suggestions for council.

All others were just observing.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the August 8, 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

No report given.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that they are working on hiring more officers and an SRO for the school.

Chief Blake suggested that they sell the motorcycle since no one drives it. They said they have tried to sell it in the past. Council was okay with Chief Blake advertising it.

Police Committee made a motion to split the cost with the Cherry Tree police department to send Chief Blake to fire arms instructor school. Ken Dom seconded the motion. The committee put a \$600.00 cap on the cost.

Chief Blake said the incident on Summit Avenue is still on going. You will be hearing more about it in the news.

A motion to accept the Mayor and Police Reports was made by Mark Wissinger and seconded by Connie Hobbs. 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 the bills for jubilee are still coming in. They should have everything finalized in the next couple of weeks. They are looking forward to next year being the 90th year.

There was a discussion about Trick or Treat in the borough this year. Trick or Treat has been set for Thursday, October 31, 2019 from 6pm-8pm.

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

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Roger said that they got the upstairs room finished and it is now available for rental. He said they got two catch basins done.

Roger said that he got a phone call from Groff regarding the high lift. Groff is saying that the hydraulic tank needs to be replaced and cannot be repaired. The cost to replace the tank is over \$2,600.00. Owen Hofecker asked Roger to please call Groff in the morning and ask what is the amount of the bill that we owe them currently and if we have any other options. Council believes that someone else could either repair, replace or make a new tank for less.

Ken got a quote from Salem Windows to replace the broken windows in the upstairs hall. Owen is still waiting on a quote from Best Window.

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 was present from EADS.

Four pressure tests were completed in August.

Frank reviewed with council some items that are on hold for now. Such as, Franklin and Goucher storm line, Station St and Manhole Rehabilitation.

Frank had some questions and suggests regarding changing the sewer ordinance. Council answered them to the best of their knowledge. Council said that Attorney Green will help them sort out the details of the ordinance.

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

A motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report was made by Trish Corle seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Trish Corle said she will be going to Herbert's in the next two to three weeks to see if we are on schedule with the budget. Cindy Dom is going with her to help learn the budget. The new budget will be presented at the November meeting and voted upon at the December meeting.

Nancy shared with council that Barnes Saly are working on the audit however, there is a report from the pension that they need to complete the audit. There are several municipalities awaiting the report regarding the pension plans.

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given.

RECREATION REPORT

Mark Wissinger said that the playground can use some more mulch. After discussion, council decided to wait until spring to get more mulch.

Owen Hofecker said the insurance for the Ferndale recreation program was renewed. Nancy will send letters out to the other municipalities connected to the school district asking for a donation to help off set the cost.

A motion to accept the Recreation Report was made by Dave Ziemba seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Nancy asked if everyone on council was okay with the specs for the garbage bid. She would like to place an ad in the paper so that bids can be opened during the October meeting. Council reviewed the ad to be placed and told her to go ahead and advertise.

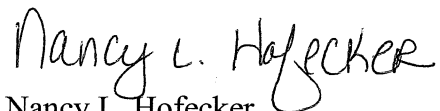
Ralph Boyle shared with the residents in attendance that the 2020 Census would be coming out in the early part of 2020. He encouraged the residents to complete the census because it helps the borough get funding.

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

At 7:06pm the meeting went into executive session regarding possible litigation.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm with Trish Corle making the motion.

Respectfully submitted



Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary