

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

September 14, 2015

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Monday, September 14, 2015, in the Fire Company's Recreation Hall at 618 Westinghouse Avenue, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

President Mary Rose Shaffer called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following present: Mary Rose Shaffer, Scott Miles, Al Lushko, Cindy Dom, Mark Wissinger (came in at 7:15) Tim Leighty, Trisha Corl. Also, present was Mayor – Ed Dallape, Secretary- Anita Smith, Street Foreman – Brian McAteer, Police Chief – James Rigby and Solicitor – Wayne Langerholc.

AUDITORS

Barnes, Saly & Company was represented by Terry Shook and Tiffany Wetzel-Sturtz. They finished the 2014 audit and numerous findings. These problems will be corrected for the year 2015, because the accounting firm of Herbert and Assoc. will take over the financial workings of the borough, starting September 1, 2015. The audit will be posted on the website or can be view at the borough office from 9:00 to 4:00, Monday thru Friday.

VISITORS

Randy and Laura Roth own property at 1711-1713 Franklin Street at the corner of Mendell Lane. There was no viewport installed because of the Fiber optics. The viewport on Mendell Lane was cured & in place, because Roto-Rooter videotaped and all terra cotta pipe was fine. Roto-Rooter said that the borough should have connected a viewport. Mark Muir interjected and said he contacted Denny of Liberoni, but has not received a reply from him. Main line was relined on Mendall Lane, but it must have a clean-out, but the first viewport would be the Roth's responsibility. Mark Muir said he would do a visual inspection on the viewport for water discharge.

Debbie Kralik of 211 Summit Avenue said she has taken the downspouts out of the sewer, but know the water runs onto the alley and in the winter it freezes and becomes a hazard for the residents that use Balsam Place. She asked the council what she should do. One solution would be for her to have French drains around her house or have the downspouts go into a rain barrel with small holes to disperse the water slowly.

MINUTES

Scott Miles made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 10, 2015 meeting, with Tim Leighty second the motion.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mark Muir handed out his monthly report. Inspections completed were 568, entire systems – 237, Tested to the foundation – 118, Outside only – 209, Storm verification only 4. Approximately 80-110 structures remain (127 addresses)

EarthTech – Updated Hiram and Tom on the grinder pump requirement and if the tanks are to stay in service they will need a vacuum tank to ensure they are watertight.

Mark Muir also suggested that CJL and the Solicitor be updated on the progress of the certified letters to the resident.

Scott Miles made the motion to accept the Engineers Report, Cindy Dom second it.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT +FIRE CO+ WEST HILLS REPORT

No one was present from the Fire Co., but a report was submitted to all councilmembers.

President of the Fire Assoc. – James Rigby said the Association wanted to attain liquor for the Firemen's Club, since this is a dry borough it will have to be put on the ballot for 2017.

Cindy Dom made the motion to accept the Emergency Mgt. Report, Scott Miles seconded.

Note: Tim Leighty left the meeting at 8:35, because of a fire at his store in Cresson.

EQUIPMENT AND STREETS

Rick Lantzy accepted a part-time job somewhere else. The borough is still looking for someone to cut grass and shovel sidewalks.

The street dept. painted Police lines on Summit and Ferndale Ave. They also painted crosswalks on Summit and Station, Summit at Clay St. Clay St. at Harlan Ave. & Clay St. at Midway.

The curbs from Summit to Harlan on Clay St. were also painted.

The manhole on Summit below Henry Alley was leveled and set risers for the state will be paving Summit Ave. and Clay St.

We have cut all the grass on borough property and cleaned and rearranged the barn to accommodate the recreation equipment.

The viewport on Clay Street that was broken has been repaired. Also, we repaired the broken ring on the manhole on Franklin St. at the traffic light. The Fire Co.'s downspouts at the back hall on Westinghouse Avenue were sealed.

We took Roger's plow to Johnstown Hydraulics for repair; the cost will be about \$400.00. The shaft on 2 of the weed eaters had to be replaced.

Motion to accept Street Departments report was made by Cindy Dom, seconded by Mark Wissinger.

TREES

Scott Miles reported that 3 tree permits had been issued. One permit was on Suter Street and the other two were on Summit Avenue.

Al Lushko made a motion to accept the Tree Report, seconded by Mark Wissinger.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORT

Atty. Wayne Langerholc read the letter that will be sent to Chris Matcho. The reason for the elimination of the lieutenant's position was because it did not work out. Chris Matcho can go back to part-time, at the starting salary of a 5 year employee.

Al Lushko made a motion to accept the Police report, seconded by Mark Wissinger.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Anita Smith reported that no real estate taxes were collected for August, 2015.

The MMO's for the Police Pension Plan and the Non-Uniform Pension Plan was presented to the council.

Trish Corle made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Mark Wissinger.

FINANCE REPORT

Cindy Dom did not have anything at this time, since it was covered under the Audit report.

Trish Corle made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Scott Miles.

Al Lushko made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Scott Miles.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT

This report was covered under the Engineer's report.

PERSONNEL REPORT

There was nothing to report.

RECREATION REPORT

The new slide for the playground will be installed next year. Al Lushko and Brian McAteer would like to price the material that is on the ground at the Roxbury Park Playground. As soon as a decision is made on the cost, the slide will be installed.

Mark Wissinger made a motion to accept Recreation report, seconded by Cindy Dom

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report was given.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Atty. Langerholc has filed a rite of summons with the Cambria County Courthouse on Barry Himes property on Ferndale Avenue.

Atty. Langerholc will have answers on a rite of summons on CJL.

Laurel Municipal Inspections Agency was sent a letter to break the contract; however more research will be done on this matter.

A discussion on the EDU's for Upper Yoder Township and Stonycreek Township had concerns, since they have room to expand and develop. This would cause more flow through Ferndale's sewer lines.

It was recommended to keep all options open.

Cindy Dom made a motion to accept the Solicitor's report. Al Lushko seconded it.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

They will be a conference at Seven Springs Resort, Mary Rose Shaffer and Cindy Dom would like to attend. More details will be available at the next meeting. Al Lushko made a motion and seconded by Trish Corle that Mrs. Shaffer and Mrs. Dom can attend the conference.

Mrs. Shaffer adjourns the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anita M. Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Anita M. Smith, Secretary