

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

February 9, 2023

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, February 9, 2023, 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: VP Eric Baumbaugh, Art Boring, Trish Corle, Cindy Dom, Connie Hobbs, President Owen Hofecker, Mark Wissinger Jr, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Secretary Nancy Hofecker, Street Foreman Sean Simmons and Police Chief Adam Richards.
Absent: Attorney Joe Green

A motion was made by Cindy Dom to adopt the February 9, 2023 agenda seconded by Trish Corle. The motion carried.

VISITOR'S

Zachary Neal was present to observe.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the January 12, 2023 minutes. A motion was made by Eric Baumbaugh to accept the minutes, seconded by Art Boring. The motion carried.

President Owen Hofecker did a little recap of the committee meeting. Those in attendance were: VP Eric Baumbaugh, Art Boring, Trish Corle, Cindy Dom, Connie Hobbs, President Owen Hofecker, Mark Wissinger, Mayor Ralph Boyle. They created the agenda for this evening's meeting and reviewed the action items that are listed.

PERSONNEL

No report given

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report given

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that 850 has a knocking noise. Sean will schedule for the vehicle to go to Petrick's to be looked at.

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that the police department has been unable to secure funds to purchase an AED. The Ferndale Volunteer Fire Association made a donation to the police department to purchase one AED.

Mayor Ralph Boyle said they hired another full-time officer, Todd Sherle. Todd will be on probation for six months. They also hired another part-time officer, Rodney Norman.

WEST HILLS REPORT

West Hills Regional e-mailed their report to the office, if anyone would like a copy, please contact the secretary.

Owen Hofecker presented Ordinance 504: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FERNDALE, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING AND EMPOWERING EMERGENCY RESPONDERS SERVICING FERNDALE BOROUGH TO INIATE AND CHARGE USER FEES FOR PROVIDING FIRE AND SIMILAR SERVICES.

A motion was made by Art Boring to accept and pass Ordinance 504, seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. The motion carried.

Owen Hofecker presented Ordinance 505: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FERNDALE, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING AND ENACTING A SERVICE CHARGE FOR FALSE FIRE ALARMS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF FERNDALE.

A motion was made by Cindy Dom to accept and pass Ordinance 505, seconded by Connie Hobbs. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. The motion carried.

FERNDALE FIREMAN'S ASSOC. REPORT

Owen Hofecker said he would like to thank the fire association for their donation of \$6,000.00 to the borough.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Sean said that he ordered 75 tons of salt and has to order 75 more to meet the contract requirements with Costars.

Eric Baumbaugh said they went down and looked at the bathroom doors at the recreation park. For now, they are going to try and fix it by replacing the hinges.

Eric Baumbaugh said they would like to purchase tarps for the trucks. Nancy did look into it and said they would be able to use funds from liquid fuels to purchase the tarps.

TREES

No report given

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank DiLoreto was present from EADS.

One pressure test was completed in January.

Hystone Avenue Sewer Rehabilitation: EADS has submitted a final invoice and will begin the grant closeout.

Station St Walkway Rehabilitation Project: Due to existing utility concerns, the bidding for the project was delayed to coordinate with Peoples Natural Gas and GJWA to relocate their lines from underneath the existing sidewalk. Once utility coordination is determined, bidding will be scheduled. Fall construction is the current goal.

Rigby Park Improvements Project: DCNR grant was awarded \$170,000.00 to the borough. This includes replacing the playground equipment, pavilion roofs, and adding ADA walkways to the pavilions and playground. DCNR scheduled a pre-con call on Feb 17th at 11:00am to discuss the project and prepare the grant agreement. The grant agreement between the DCNR and Ferndale needs to be executed prior to design beginning.

Local Share Account Statewide Program & GTRP Program: Announcement for the grants is anticipated to be March 2023.

PennDot MTF Grant Application: Submitted grant for the Rigby Park Pedestrian Lighting Project. Announcement for the grant is anticipated to be April 2023.

DCED Small Water and Sewer Grants: Grants will be submitted for the following projects: Goucher St Storm Sewer Rehabilitation & Stormwater improvements and Manhole Rehabilitation. Announcement for the grant has not been determined.

West Hills Regional Stormwater Meeting: Westmont Borough and the City of Johnstown have scheduled a meeting to discuss the creation of a stormwater authority with the City of Johnstown, Westmont Borough, Southmont Borough, Brownstown Borough, Upper Yoder Township, Lower Yoder Township and Ferndale Borough. Meeting is scheduled for noon, Friday February 24th at Central Park Complex.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax Collector's Report was presented for January 2023. No money was collected in January.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given

RECREATION REPORT

No report given

OLD BUSINESS

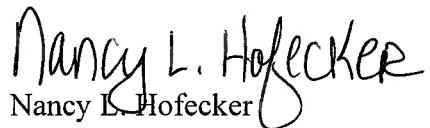
Nancy gave an update on the Edwards property. She did apply for Act 152 funds to help get the property torn down.

NEW BUSINESS

Owen Hofecker did announce that 3 council seats will be up for re-election this year. Two of the members have decided not to run again.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35pm with Art Boring making the motion seconded by Cindy Dom.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary