

# **FERNDALE BOROUGH**

## **Regular Meeting**

**July 9, 2020**

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, July 9, 2020, 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, VP Connie Hobbs, Art Boring, Cindy Dom, Mark Wissinger, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Attorney Joe Green, Police Chief John Blake, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Street Foreman Sean Simmons. Trish Corle was absent.

### **VISITOR'S**

Visitors present were Beth & Dennis Kassick, Wes Neal, Al Cooper and Zac Neal.

Beth & Dennis Kassick addressed council regarding parking on Clem Alley and Henry Place. People are parking too close to the stop sign. Chief Blake is going to look to see what we can do.

Wes Neal had questions for council regarding the sewer project.

Al Cooper wanted to thank the street department and police department for all their hard work. He said they do a great job in the borough.

Zac Neal was observing.

### **MINUTES**

There were no changes to the June 11, 2020 minutes. A motion was made by Art Boring to accept the minutes, seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

### **PERSONNEL**

No report given.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Attorney Green shared that we closed on the bond loan on July 2, 2020. The loan is for \$900,000.00. We will be making annual payments of \$55,000.00. The bond loan replaces the interest only loan payment that we had.

A motion to accept Solicitor's Report was made by Cindy Dom seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

## **MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS**

Chief Blake said there is a delay in getting the riot gear. Everyone placed an order at the same time so it will take a while.

A motion to accept Mayor and Police Reports was made by Cindy Dom seconded by Mark Wissinger. 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 presented council with a contract from Bartlebaugh's to sell food at the jubilee grounds. They will be moving their equipment in on July 12<sup>th</sup> and start selling food on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

## **STREETS AND PROPERTY**

Sean Simmons said that they had completed the catch basin on Hystone Avenue and they are slowly getting to the potholes in the borough. He asked for everyone to please be patient.

Nancy Hofecker presented council with a Winter Traffic Services Agreement from Penndot. The agreement is good for 5 years and it begins with the 2020-2021 winter season. A motion was made by Art Boring to accept the agreement seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

Owen Hofecker presented council with Resolution #2. The resolution is requesting monies from the Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant to be used for pedestrian safety. If we are awarded the grant it would be used to repair the steps on Station Street. While the grant is a 10% match there is a possibility that the 10% could be waived. A motion was made by Connie Hobbs to sign the resolution seconded by Art Boring. The motion carried.

Owen said that an ad was placed in the Tribune Democrat for this year's paving project. Bids will be opened at the August meeting.

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

## **TREES**

No report given.

## **SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT**

Frank Diloreto was present from EADS. Eighteen pressure tests were completed in June.

Frank reviewed the items on hold. Those items were Station Street Phase 1 & Phase 2 and the Manhole Rehabilitation.

Frank said that the PA Small Water Grant that we applied for has been pushed back and will not be announced until September 2020. Unfortunately, the borough was not granted the Penelec Grant.

EADS has been notified that there is potential for COVID-19 stimulus bill for infrastructure projects that are ready to be constructed in 2020. A list of potential projects that could be funded are Station St Phase 2, Hystone Avenue and Goucher Street.

Frank presented council with a quote from James Excavating to place a new viewport on 1713 Franklin Street so the resident will have a testing point for their pressure test. The cost of the quote is \$10,000.00. Frank reached out to five other contractors. However, James Excavating was the only one who gave a quote. A motion was made by Mark Wissinger to accept the quote seconded by Cindy Dom. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried.

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

## **TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

A motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for June was made by Connie Hobbs seconded by Art Boring. 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.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

No report given.

## **RECREATION REPORT**

No report given.

## **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Boyle said that from the 600 block of Louisa to the 1000 block of Louisa the road is a mess because of the construction from the gas company. Their equipment left ruts in the roadway. Attorney Green suggested for someone to contact Peoples Gas Company to get the road repaired.

Owen said he would like for the borough office to have access to update the website. Everyone on council agreed that would be a great idea.

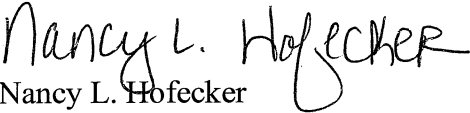
Owen Hofecker said that there is still an empty seat on council. The seat needs to be filled by next meeting. He asked the residents present and council members that if they knew of anyone who would be interested to let him know. Al Cooper said he would consider it and let Owen know soon.

A motion to accept Old/New Business was made by Cindy Dom seconded by Art Boring. The motion carried.

At 7:16pm the meeting went into executive session regarding a personnel issues and possible litigation.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm with Cindy Dom making the motion, seconded by Art Boring.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy L. Hofecker  
Borough Secretary