

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting
November 14, 2024

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, November 14, 2024, 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, Connie Hobbs, President Owen Hofecker, Mark Wissinger Jr, Mark Wissinger Sr, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Police Chief Adam Richards, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Attorney Joe Green. Art Boring and Cindy Dom were absent.

A motion was made by Eric Baumbaugh to adopt the November 14, 2024 agenda seconded by Mark Wissinger Jr. The motion carried.

VISITOR'S

Wes Watson was present to observe.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the October 10, 2024 minutes. A motion was made by Connie Hobbs to accept the minutes, seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

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

PERSONNEL

The personnel committee made a motion to remove Subsection G in the employee handbook effective January 1, 2025. Subsection G allows an employee to receive compensation if waiving the health care option. Motion was seconded by Mark Wissinger Jr. Roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried. Currently there are no employees receiving the compensation.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report given

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

A motion was made by the police committee to accept the defacto resignation of police officer Todd Sherle when on October 13th he removed his locker and relinquished his badge and keys. The motion was seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried.

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that round three for sewer citations will be taken up to the magistrates.

Our officers will be attending training in December for assaults. The class is being paid for by Victim Services.

We are looking into sending the Chief to a firearms class to become a firearms instructor. He will then be able to qualify our officers at the range.

WEST HILLS REPORT

Kevin Schrock was present. He said they had their first fire commission meeting. The next meeting will be held on December 4th at Lower Yoder Township.

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 will be having their jubilee banquet and after party on November 16th.

The association has decided that the jubilee will close at 9:30pm this year.

Santa's sleigh will be traveling through the borough on Christmas Eve. They will be starting at 5:30pm.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Eric Baumbaugh said they are almost done picking up leaves. They will be working on closing up the park soon.

TREES

No report given

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank DiLoreto was present from EADS.

Seven pressure tests were completed in October.

Station St Walkway Rehabilitation Project: Nancy has sent out the final payment to Straw Construction. The cancelled check needs to be submitted to the DCED. Once completed the project can be closed out and EADS will submit a final invoice.

Rigby Park Improvements Project: JCM anticipates beginning work within the next 2-3 weeks. EADS is working on getting final costs estimated so that a larger portion of reimbursement can be submitted.

Ferndale Ave Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project: The layout of the proposed sidewalk is completed. We need to begin coordination with Camtran about relocating the bus shelter. We are also going to begin work on the PennDOT HOP layout.

Station St Phase 2 Project: Safety review meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 27, 2024. PennDOT asked that I invite the local sponsor for the project. Is there anyone who would like to attend the call. The call is on Microsoft Teams, and you can also call over the phone.

DCED LSA 2023 Grant: Received approval to equip the police cruisers with the LPRs. Waiting to receive agreement to receive funding.

DCED Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP): Grant announcement is anticipated for Spring 2025.

DCED LSA 2024 Grant: Funding for the Municipal Building roof is eligible. Received roofing estimate from Blyer Construction. Grant is being prepared for submission.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax Collector's Report was presented for October 2024. The amount collected in October was \$1,914.25.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

A motion to approve the 2025 budget and salary schedule was made by Mark Wissinger Sr seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes except for Owen Hofecker he abstained from the vote. The motion carried.

Resolution # 9 was presented: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FERNDALE, CAMBRIA COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2025.

A motion was made by Mark Wissinger Sr to pass Resolution #9 seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given

RECREATION REPORT

Nancy shared that she received \$100.00 check from Dale Borough to go towards the recreation insurance.

OLD BUSINESS

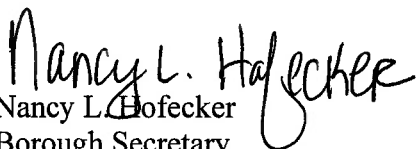
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The meeting adjourned at 6:39pm with Eric Baumbaugh making the motion seconded by Connie Hobbs.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary