

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting
November 10, 2022

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, November 10, 2022, 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, 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. Trish Corle (excused) and Attorney Joe Green were absent.

A motion was made by Cindy Dom to adopt the November 10, 2022 agenda seconded by Art Boring. The motion carried.

VISITOR'S

The following visitors were present: Heather Brandle and Dave Ziemba.

Heather Brandle was there to observe.

Dave Ziemba said he is purchasing the property next to him. He is going to have the house torn down. He asked permission to have the road partially blocked off while the house is being torn down. Council agreed that for safety reasons it should be blocked off.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the October 13, 2022 minutes. A motion was made by Eric Baumbaugh to accept the minutes, seconded by Cindy Dom. 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, Mayor Ralph Boyle. Mark Wissinger did not attend. 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 the committee discussed the budget with Chief Richards.

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that the driver's seat needs repaired in 850. It will cost \$476.00 to get it repaired. He also said that one of the officers damaged 851 when backing it into the garage. The cost to repair 851 is \$929.85.

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 they had their annual jubilee banquet for all those that helped. He also said they will be having the 92nd jubilee in July 2023.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Sean said they are still picking up leaves.

He also presented council with a list that he created to sweep streets.

Westmont Borough did purchase the old salt spreader. Nancy did receive a check from them for \$1500.00.

Nancy said that Ferndale United Methodist Church is requesting to place 4 signs on Ferndale Avenue giving direction to the church. They currently have 2 signs on Ferndale Ave all ready. After discussion council agreed that they can not allow them to place more signs. They can replace the ones that currently exist and they must stay the same size or smaller.

TREES

No report given

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank DiLoreto was present from EADS.

Six pressure tests were completed in October. Nancy did mail out letters to approximately 50 residents that haven't contacted her regarding testing of underground/under slab piping. She will

do a certified mailing with those remaining. Anyone who does not comply will start to get cited.

Hystone Avenue Sewer Rehabilitation: Closeout documentation has been sent to Snyder for execution. EADS is waiting for Snyder to return signed information to close out the project. Payment is to be held until documentation is received. Snyder also did fix the sinkhole on Hystone Ave.

Station St Walkway Rehabilitation Project: The retaining wall will be designed with Stone Strong Blocks and the contractor will be responsible for obtaining sealed drawings. Modern Precast Systems will be sending us the preliminary design for the retaining wall by tomorrow to incorporate into our design. EADS has drafted the easement documents for the Richards property to complete the retaining wall work.

Local Share Account Statewide Program & GTRP Program: Announcement for the grants is anticipated to be the end of 2022.

DCNR Fall Supplemental Grant Program (Park Rehabilitation and Development): Submitted grant for the Rigby Park Improvements on 10/26/22. Announcement for the grants is anticipated to be January 2023.

PennDot MTF Grant Application: Grant submission is prepared to replace the walking track lights around Rigby Park. Grant application due November 14th.

DCED Small Water and Sewer Grants: Grants will be submitted for the following projects: Goucher St Storm Sewer Rehabilitation, Manhole Rehabilitation and Stormwater improvements throughout the borough. Eligible projects require a 15% match. Applications are due December 21, 2022. Resolutions #13 & #14 were then presented.

A motion was made by Art Boring to pass Resolution #13 seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried.

A motion was by Eric Baumbaugh to pass Resolution #14 seconded by Connie Hobbs. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax Collector's Report was presented for October 2022. Total amount collected was \$3,900.17.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given

RECREATION REPORT

Nancy shared that Ferndale UM Church gave a \$100.00 donation to the recreation park. It was for use of the park this past summer for their vacation bible school.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance # 503 was presented. AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF FERNDALE BOROUGH, CAMBRIA COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, REQUIRING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 57 OF 2022, THAT FERNDALE BOROUGH, CAMBRIA COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR AND THE CAMBRIA COUNTY TAX CLAIM BUREAU, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023, WAIVE ALL ADDITIONAL CHARGES FOR REAL ESTATE TAXES, IF THE TAXPAYER COMPLIES WITH ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS AS SET FORTH HEREIN; DEFINING TERMS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPLEAR, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made Cindy Dom to accept and pass Ordinance # 503 seconded by Connie Hobbs. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Owen Hofecker did share that they are going to start giving a little recap of the committee meetings during the council meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57pm with Cindy Dom making the motion seconded by Art Boring.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary