

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

November 12, 2020

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, November 12, 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, Eric Baumbaugh, Art Boring, Cindy Dom, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Attorney Joe Green, Police Chief John Blake, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Street Foreman Sean Simmons. Trish Corle and Mark Wissinger were absent.

VISITOR'S

Visitors present were William Richards and Dawn Null. Dawn Null was just observing.

William Richards addressed council regarding parking on Harlan Avenue and requested a handicap space.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the October 8, 2020 minutes. A motion was made by Art Boring to accept the minutes, seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

PERSONNEL

No report given.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report given.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that the new cruiser has arrived. The cruiser will be heading up to Team Force in the next few weeks. A motion was made by Cindy Dom to reaffirm the phone vote that was taken to purchase the new cruiser with a \$8,000.00 down payment and to finance the remaining balance with 1st Summit Bank. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes.

Chief Blake said he noticed that some of the sidewalks in the borough are getting bad. Starting in the spring he will be going around letting people know that they need to repair and/or replace their sidewalks.

A motion to accept Mayor and Police Reports was made by Connie Hobbs seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. 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

Ralph Boyle and Eric Baumbaugh shared that Santa's Sleigh will be going through the borough on Christmas Eve around 5:00pm-5:30pm.

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

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Sean Simmons said they have been busy cleaning up leaves.

It has been brought to councils' attention that the garage on 806-808 Ferndale Avenue is starting to collapse. Chief Blake is going to reach out to the owners of the property and speak to them concerning the garage.

Laurel Municipal is working with the borough on the blighted property on Summit Avenue. After discussion council wants Laurel Municipal to move forward with citing the owner. Nancy will contact Laurel Municipal and ask them to move forward with citing the owner.

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

TREES

No report given.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank Diloreto was present from EADS. Sixteen pressure tests were completed in October. The final date for residents to be fully pressure tested is September 1st, 2021.

Frank said they are anticipating work to begin around November 23rd for Station Street Phase 1 and for it to be completed by December 4th.

Since the quotes have been high for the Station Street Phase 2 project it will be bid together with the Hystone Ave project but under a separate contract.

Frank said the Manhole Rehabilitation materials that were ordered from Sherwin Williams are in and are available for pickup. EADS will pick up the material and schedule their confined space employees to complete the repairs.

EADS is going to apply for the next available CFA Mini Grant to help us fund a building audit. The audit will increase the chances of being awarded funds to repair/upgrade the building.

James Excavating anticipates completing the work at 1713 Franklin Street before the end of the year.

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

EADS has hired USG to clean and televise the sanitary sewer lines for the Hystone Avenue project. Once EADS receives the information they will work on a design and start to put a package together to bid the project. They plan to bid the project early 2021 and construct in the spring/summer 2021.

A motion to accept the Sewer/Sewer Project Report was made by Art Boring seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

A motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for October was made by Cindy Dom seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion to pay all Accounts Payable was made by Eric Baumbaugh and seconded by Art Boring. The motion carried.

A tentative budget was presented to council members from the Finance Committee. A motion was made by Art Boring to accept the tentative budget and to advertise it. The motion was seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given.

RECREATION REPORT

No report given.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Owen Hofecker read a letter from Mr. Robert Meyers on 629 Vickroy Avenue requesting a handicap space in front of his property. Council granted the handicap spot. The street department will go up and mark the spot.

Nancy Hofecker presented council with a SHARP Agreement (Cambria County Special Hazards and Response Program). Mayor Ralph Boyle explained that the borough has signed this agreement before this agreement is just being updated. A motion was made by Art Boring seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

Nancy Hofecker said she will be advertising the following ordinances 497, 498 and 499. The ordinances will then be voted upon during the December meeting. The following ordinances were read:

Ordinance 497 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FERNDALE, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING FERNDALE BOROUGH CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 18 18-311 ORDINANCE NO 485 SECTION 11 EXPIRATION OF CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE REGARDING SEWER INFILTRATION AND ILLEGAL DISCHARGE TESTING.

Ordinance 498 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FERNDALE, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING FERNDALE BOROUGH CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 18 18-202 2. B. ESTABLISHING A MONTHLY SEWER USER CHARGE PAYABLE PER EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNIT


Ordinance 499 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FERNDALE, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING FERNDALE BOROUGH CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 15 15-401 A VEHICLE PARKING ORDINANCE WHEREIN PARKING ON CERTAIN SIDES OF SPECIFIC STREETS WITHIN THE BOROUGH IS PROHIBITED

A motion to accept Old/New Business was made by Connie Hobbs seconded by Cindy Dom.

At 7:03pm the meeting went into executive session regarding potential litigation.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm with Cindy Dom making the motion, seconded by Connie Hobbs.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary