

FERNDALE BOROUGH

Regular Meeting

October 8, 2020

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, October 8, 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, Trish Corle, Cindy Dom, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Attorney Joe Green, Police Chief John Blake, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Street Foreman Sean Simmons. Mark Wissinger was absent.

VISITOR'S

Visitors present were Dennis Kassick and Kelly Plummer.

Dennis Kassick had some questions about placing a shed on his property.

Kelly Plummer addressed council regarding street cleaning and parking on Boston Street.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the September 10, 2020 minutes. A motion was made by Art Boring to accept the minutes, seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

PERSONNEL

No report given.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report given.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Ralph Boyle stated that they are looking for volunteers for trick or treating on October 31st. The volunteers watch traffic and help kids cross the roads.

Chief John Blake shared that the transmission needs fixed on the one cruiser. The cost to repair it is approximately \$4,100.00. He shared this information with police committee and they agreed

we should start to look at purchasing a newer cruiser. Committee advised to look into trading the other cruiser and the motorcycle to purchase a newer cruiser.

Nancy Hofecker presented council with Resolution # 3 for 2020. Resolution # 3 is a RESOLUTION REDUCING POLICE OFFICERS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE POLICE PENSION PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2021. A motion was made by Art Boring to sign and adopt the resolution seconded by Trish Corle. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried.

A motion to accept Mayor and Police Reports was made by Trish Corle seconded by Cindy Dom. 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

No report given.

STREETS AND PROPERTY

Sean Simmons said they will be getting ready to start picking up leaves next week. He said they did get four new tires for the high lift.

Laurel Municipal is working with the borough on the blighted property on Summit Avenue. Laurel Municipal sent the owner a letter and he had 30 days to respond. To date the owner has not responded to the letter. Nancy will contact Laurel Municipal to ask them to move forward with the next step.

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

TREES

Art Boring presented council with a letter that he created in regards to the tree ordinance. Some property owners are in violation of the ordinance in regards to their trees. He would like to send out letters to those in violation.

A motion to accept the Trees Report was made by Cindy Dom seconded by Trish Corle. The motion carried.

SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT

Frank Diloreto was present from EADS. Seventeen pressure tests were completed in September. The final date for residents to be fully pressure tested is September 1st, 2021. Frank said they are anticipating work to begin around October 19th for Station Street Phase 1 and for it to be completed by October 31st.

EADS is still working on contacting contractors to request quotes for the Station Street Phase 2 project.

Frank said the Manhole Rehabilitation that was completed shows signs of I&I leaking around the existing pipe penetration. EADS is working with AVANTI Grout and Sherwin Williams to order materials and make the necessary 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 in the coming weeks.

EADS has completed the survey on the borough property at 109 Station Street. Frank presented council with a stamped and signed survey for the property.

Frank presented council with an agreement between EADS and Ferndale Borough to provide basic services to design, complete permits, and survey the project and additional services for grant administration, property owner coordination and construction inspection. These services will be covered under the PA Small Water Grant that the borough was granted. The total cost for the engineering services is \$64,600.00. A motion was made by Trish Corle to sign the agreement seconded by Connie Hobbs. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried.

The sewer inlet was repaired by the borough street crew. Frank said they did a great job and got it completed so that HRI Inc could do the final paving.

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 and Goucher Street.

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Trish Corle said that the meeting with Herbert's to review the budget went well. Cindy Dom and Nancy Hofecker attended the meeting with Trish. Deb Herbert and Shawn Toth were present from Herbert's.

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

A motion to accept the Finance/Accounts Payable Report was made by Connie Hobbs seconded by Trish Corle. The motion carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report given.

RECREATION REPORT

Owen Hofecker said the school district approved the use of facility form for Sarah Riffle to use the elementary school gym for the basketball rec program. Nancy did contact FWF and get the rec insurance in place.

A motion to accept the Recreation Report was made by Trish Corle seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

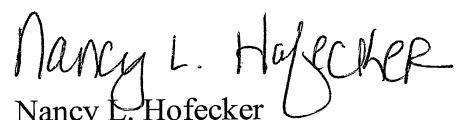
Owen Hofecker said that they need to appoint a new zoning board. Bill Cornell has resigned from the board. Gerald Katzenstein and Bill Devlin have moved out of the borough. You must reside in the borough to be on the board. He asked the other council members to help appoint new members.

A motion to accept Old/New Business was made by Trish Corle seconded by Art Boring.

At 7:01pm the meeting went into executive session regarding a personal issue and potential litigation.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51pm with Trish Corle making the motion, seconded by Cindy Dom.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy L. Hofecker
Borough Secretary