

## **FERNDALE BOROUGH**

Regular Meeting  
September 9, 2021

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, September 9, 2021, 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, Mark Wissinger, Jr, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Attorney Joe Green, Police Chief Adam Richards, Street Foreman Sean Simmons and Secretary Nancy Hofecker.

A motion was made by Trish Corle to adopt the September 9, 2021 agenda seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

### **VISITOR'S**

Visitor's present were Robert Pilot, Jody Ingram, and Dennis Kassick.

Robert Pilot and Jody Ingram addressed council with concerns on some properties that have high grass or shrubs that need taken care of.

Dennis Kassick addressed council with concerns regarding the sidewalk on Summit Ave connecting to the road.

### **MINUTES**

There were no changes to the August 12, 2021 minutes. A motion was made by Eric Baumbaugh to accept the minutes, seconded by Art Boring. The motion carried.

### **PERSONNEL**

A motion was made by Art Boring to hire Brian Miller and James Ardary as part time police officers seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Eric Baumbaugh to adopt the new wage progression scale for police officers hired on or after September 1, 2021 seconded by Cindy Dom. The motion carried.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Attorney Joe Green said he is still working on an ordinance for curb-to-curb paving for when a utility company digs up the road.

There was discussion regarding the property located at 617 Summit Avenue. Attorney Green will be contacting Laurel Municipal and attending the court date with them.

## **MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS**

No report given.

## **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 that the roof is leaking above Nancy's office. An emergency motion was made by Trish Corle to repair the roof above Nancy's office spending up to \$5,000.00 seconded by Art Boring. The motion carried.

Eric Baumbaugh asked the street department to paint white lines for stop signs where there is no crosswalk. He then said there is an issue with cars coming out of Cloyd. There is no stop sign there and people just drive right out into traffic. He also said that they need to review some of the roads and might need to place some signs that say no parking this side. Attorney Green said the ordinances will then need to be amended.

## **TREES**

Art Boring said that he is filing a citation against David Gerak because he still hasn't removed his tree stump on Summit Ave.

Art Boring is compiling a list of address that still have stumps.

## **SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT**

Frank Diloreto was present from EADS.

Twenty pressure tests were completed in August.

Station Street Phase 2: EADS has received a quote to reline the mainline and laterals from Snyder Environmental Services for \$37,586.23. EADS has submitted the quote with maps and narrative to the DCED to see if this can be added to the Hystone Ave project since they have similar scopes.

A motion was made by Trish Corle to accept the retraction of agreement to perform work on the 1713 Franklin Street project from James Excavating, seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Art Boring to award the 1713 Franklin Street Project Contract to Snyder Environmental Services in the amount of \$9,500.00 seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

Hystone Avenue Sewer Rehabilitation: Snyder Environmental Services has provided the updated Insurance Certificate for the project. They will be sending material submittals and other preconstruction items for review prior to starting construction. Snyder anticipates beginning their work November 2021 and be completed early December.

Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program for the Rigby Park Improvements Project is expected to be announced November/December of 2021.

Multimodal Transportation Fund Program for the Station St Walkway Rehabilitation Project is expected to be announced November/December of 2021.

## **TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

Tax Collector's Report was presented for August. Total amount collected was \$3,387.26.

## **FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

A motion to approve the audit for the 2020 fiscal year was made by Trish Corle, seconded by Eric Baumbaugh. The motion carried.

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

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Trish Corle said in case any one missed it there was a nice article in the Tribune Democrat regarding the hiring of our new police chief Adam Richards.

## **RECREATION REPORT**

Nancy Hofecker said that there is going to be drills and skills basketball with Sara Riffle at the school. As per the school's requirement Nancy put the recreation insurance in place. She will be

sending letters out to the other municipalities connected to the school asking to help pay for the insurance.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No report given.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Owen Hofecker shared that Laurel Municipal was hosting an annual dinner and meeting on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 6pm. All council members were invited. If you wish to attend, please let Nancy know by Friday.

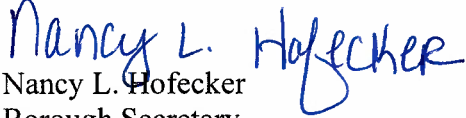
Eric Baumbaugh has been talking to Sean Glenn regarding the website. Sean is going to get us a price on getting a new website that is more user friendly.

At 6:49pm the meeting went into executive session regarding potential litigation.

At 7:13pm council came out of executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm with Trish Corle making the motion seconded by Cindy Dom.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Nancy L. Hofecker  
Borough Secretary