

## **FERNDALE BOROUGH**

Regular Meeting  
September 8, 2022

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, September 8, 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: Art Boring, Trish Corle, Cindy Dom, Connie Hobbs, President Owen Hofecker, Mark Wissinger, Jr, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Attorney Joe Green, Secretary Nancy Hofecker, Street Foreman Sean Simmons and Police Chief Adam Richards. VP Eric Baumbaugh was absent.

A motion was made by Trish Corle to adopt the September 8, 2022 agenda seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

### **VISITOR'S**

The following visitors were present: Michael Bellvia Pro Disposal, Al Cooper and Kaeleigh Cooper. All visitors were just observing.

### **MINUTES**

There were no changes to the August 11, 2022 minutes. A motion was made by Trish Corle to accept the minutes, seconded by Art Boring. The motion carried.

### **PERSONNEL**

No report given

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

No report given

### **MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS**

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that Chief Richards is working with CBM to get computers for the cruiser. Mayor Boyle also said that we have received some more donations towards a purchase of an AED.

Mayor Ralph Boyle said that they hired a new part time officer, Jeff Novotny.

## **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 are waiting on three bills from the jubilee. Once those are in they will be able to provide a report with final numbers.

## **STREETS AND PROPERTY**

Sean Simmons said he got the new contract for salt from costars. The price of salt went up this year. It is \$84.47 a ton.

A & H called our new salt spreader has arrived. Sean and Roger will be taking the truck to A & H so they can install it. Sean does have a few people interested in purchasing the old salt spreader. They will be coming to look at it.

## **TREES**

Art said there are a few trees in the borough that are dead. The trees are in the curb line and the resident's responsibility. He will be sending out letters to the residents advising them to get them removed.

## **SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT**

Frank DiLoreto was present from EADS.

Two pressure tests were completed in August.

Hystone Avenue Sewer Rehabilitation: Closeout documentation has been sent to Snyder for execution. EADS is waiting for Snyder to return signed information to closeout the project. Payment is to be held until documentation is received. EADS will complete the closeout for the project once the documentation is received from Snyder.

Station St Walkway Rehabilitation Project: A preliminary design was reviewed with Laurel Inspections Agency and no permitting through them is required. EADS will continue with the design to install handrail on both sides of the sidewalk and a guide rail along Station St. The retaining wall will be designed with Stone Strong Blocks and the contractor will be responsible for obtaining sealed drawings.

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

DCED Small Water and Sewer/H2O Grants: A new round of the Small Water and Sewer grants and H2O grants are expected to be announced this fall to fund storm sewer, sanitary sewer, and water line projects. A few projects that are applicable for the Borough include: Goucher St Storm Sewer Rehabilitation, Manhole Rehabilitation and Stormwater improvements throughout the borough. Each submission is typically \$100.00 application fee.

DCNR Community Conservation Partnership Program (Park Rehabilitation and Development): Grant Applications are due October 27, 2022. Public engagement is required for the application. Local funding match is 20%. Park must be ADA accessible to receive funding. Grant announcement is expected for January 2023.

### **TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

Tax Collector's Report was presented for August 2022. Total amount collected was \$4,097.50.

### **FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

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

Trish said she will be starting to work on the budget in the next few weeks.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

No report given

### **RECREATION REPORT**

Basketball and wrestling will be starting. Owen Hofecker did sign the use of facilities forms for both. Nancy is getting the insurance in place. She will then reach out to the other municipalities in the district to see if they will help with the cost on the insurance.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Attorney Green said there were no bids received for an auditor for 2023-2025. He asked Nancy to place the ad in the Tribune Democrat again next month.

Attorney Green said there were two bids received for trash hauler for 2023-2025. The results are as follows:

Pro Disposal: first year \$14.97 per unit per month = \$141,915.60 year;  
second year \$15.72 per unit per month = \$149,025.60 year;  
third year \$15.98 per unit per month = \$151,490.40 year  
Total contract \$442,431.60

Waste Management: first year \$13.67 per unit per month = \$129,591.60  
second year \$14.90 per unit per month = \$141,252.00  
third year \$16.24 per unit per month = \$153,955.20  
Total Contract \$424,798.80

A motion was made by Trish Corle to accept Waste Management as the trash hauler for the 2023-2025 contract period. Motion was seconded by Connie Hobbs. A roll call vote was taken with all present members voting yes. The motion carried.

Both bids are a significant increase therefore the cost of garbage for the residents will also need to increase. All council members agreed that there has not been an increase to our residents for the garbage in a long time.


Attorney Green presented council with an updated sign ordinance. The ordinance was read, reviewed and discussed. The ordinance will be advertised and voted on at the October meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

President Hofecker said that the borough will be receiving the second part of the ARPA fund money in the next week.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05pm with Cindy Dom making the motion seconded by Connie Hobbs.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Nancy L. Hofecker  
Borough Secretary