

Borough of Pitcairn Council
Business Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2022
7:00 pm

Meeting called to order – President Jim Rullo
Stand for Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:	Here	Absent
Thomas Dick, Jr.	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Lisa Petrosky	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Domenic Roberta	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
James Rullo	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Debra Freeman	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Richard Tartaglione	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
George Toth	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Mayor Margaret Stevick	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

Mr. Rullo motioned to approve Minutes from the April 11, 2022 Borough Council Combined Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Toth; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rullo and Chief Farally presented Officer Kris Dick a Commendation for action in Wilmerding Borough.

Citizen Comment.

John Kubli discussed the creek at the corner of Ravine Street and Wall Avenue. Mr. Kubli stated the creek wall is eroding and is fearful that trees will fall and block the creek causing flooding. Mr. Rullo advised that we will have the Borough Engineer go out and take a look.

Evelyn Marto of Sixth Street asked what is being done at 581 Sixth Street. Nick Turner, Code Enforcement, explained that the TriCOG Land bank owns the property, plans to rehabilitate it, and sell it. Mr. Turner stated he would look into it and get back to Ms. Marto.

Ms. Marto also asked why all of the properties on Jewell Way are planned to be torn down when no one can see the houses up there. She asked why other condemned homes in the lower part of town aren't slated to be torn down. Mr. Turner explained that for the new grant we had to list other structures. Some of the condemned homes in town have already gone through a demolition hearing, and we are just waiting final approval of a grant.

Mayor Betsy Stevick

- Mayor Stevick asked for a Motion to approve a request for a handicap parking space at 417 Eleanor, 661 Wall Avenue, 369 Second, 558 Sixth Street, and 329 Washington Street. **Mr. Toth Motioned to approve the handicap parking spots presented by Ms. Stevick; Seconded by Mr. Tartaglione; Motion carried unanimously.**
- Mayor Stevick read the police fines.
- Mayor Stevick announced there will be a Memorial Day presentation in front of the tablets.
- Mayor Stevick asked the public for any used walkers and canes. Mayor Stevick is collecting them for the Brothers Brother Organization.

Personnel / General

- **Mr. Roberta Motioned to fill vacancy on Pitcairn Borough Council with Debra Freeman. Seconded by Mrs. Petrosky; Motion carried unanimously.** Mayor Stevick swore in Debra Freeman. Mr. Rullo appointed Ms. Freeman as Park and Recreation Committee Chair.
- **Mr. Roberta Motioned to fill the Vacant Vice President of Council. Mr. Tartaglione nominated Dominic Roberta, Seconded by Mr. Dick. Motion carried unanimously.**

- **Mr. Roberta Motioned to approve a \$500 bonus for Carrie Kozier for the extra work load as a result of the former manager resigning. Seconded by Mrs. Petrosky; motion carried unanimously.**
- **Mr. Roberta Motioned to approve a 5% cost of living raise for Carrie Kozier retroactive to April 25, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Dick; motion carried unanimously.**
- **Mr. Roberta Motioned for the approval of a grant application by PitCARE to the Scott Electric Foundation for new decorative street lights and a backup generator for the Park Building.** Mr. Bolen explained that he was approached regarding this grant and it could pay for Street Lights and a generator. The grant could only go through a 501 c 3 organization. PitCARE was willing to partner with the Borough to hopefully secure the grant. **Seconded by Mr. Dick; motion carried unanimously.**

Streets – George Toth

- **Mr. Toth Motioned to adopt Ordinance 1048 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE BOROUGH OF PITCAIRN CODE, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 301, TO ADD TO SAID SECTION A VEHICLE WEIGHT RESTRICTION FOR MCGINNIS AVENUE AND K STREET. Seconded by Mr. Dick; Motion carried unanimously.**
- **Mr. Toth Motioned to approve Liberoni's final payment for street paving in the amount of \$6,134.39. TO BE PAID FROM CAPITAL FUNDS. Seconded by Mr. Tartaglione. Motion carried unanimously.**

Parks and Recreation – Deborah Freeman

- **Ms. Freeman motioned to adopt Resolution 8-2022 requesting EADS to submit a grant application in the amount of \$394,145.00. This is an Allegheny County Trail Development Fund Grant. Seconded by Mr. Toth; motion carried unanimously.**
- **Ms. Freeman Motioned to adopt Resolution 9-2022 requesting EADS to submit a grant application in the amount of \$243,960.00. This is a DCED Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program grant application. Seconded by Mrs. Petrosky; Motion carried unanimously**
- **Ms. Freeman Motioned to approve the use of the Baseball Field by Monroeville baseball. It was asked what the age group was. The teams playing will be 13 to 15 years old. Seconded by Mr. Toth; motion carried unanimously**
- **Night Market was a success, lots of positive feedback. Mrs. Petrosky asked that Council begin to think about possibly adopting a fee and zones for food trucks to be in the Borough during times other than the Night Market.**

Finance and Economic Development – Lisa Petrosky

- **Mrs. Petrosky Motioned to pay bills as presented. Seconded by Mr. Toth; Motion carried unanimously.**
- **Planning Commission Update. Was discussed during Night Market update.**

Health and Welfare –Richard Tartaglione

- **Mr. Turner has submitted his monthly reports to Council.**
- **Mr. Tartaglione Motioned to advertise the vacant property ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Dick; Motion carried unanimously.**

Electric – Tom Dick, Jr.

- Mr. Dick Motioned to approve the administrative staff to participate in the PA Public Power Annual Financial Workshop on June 8. The office will be closed from 8 AM to 2 PM that day. Seconded by Mr. Toth; Motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Dick discussed the changes and upgrades made by Duquesne Light. He stated that we had a brief power interruption during the past storms and proves the upgrades made are working.

Public Safety – Jim Rullo

- Mr. Rullo Motioned to approve the Police Departments Court Appearance Policy. Seconded by Mr. Tartaglione; Motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Rullo motioned to approve Police Car computers and installation by Baycom at a price of \$42,335.00. Chief explained that we are piggy backing with Monroeville to get a better price. This will give the officers silent dispatch. Mrs. Petrosky asked if this was in the budget. Mr. Bolen stated that \$24,000.00 was budgeted and we will have to make the difference somewhere. Mr. Toth asked if this was Public Safety Funds. Mr. Bolen stated he would have to look at previous minutes but we could use public safety funds. Seconded by Domenic Roberta; Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Engineer's Report

Don Black stated that the Park Master plan has been submitted along with the grant application. He explained that the plan isn't final and we can tweak it as needed. He explained that we had a landslide at the Highland Avenue sewer project, and we are working on another plan to fix it. Will probably have to use a holding tank and have it pumped out on a monthly or bi-monthly basis, but it does comply with DEP. Mr. Bolen informed council that the holding tank is in place and hooked up. Mr. Black stated that at best we can see the LSA grant by November 2022. The thought of design for a new line would bring the sewer line down Center Avenue at a depth of 3 feet and connect to the main line at Center Ave and Fifth Street.

Borough Manager's Report

Mr. Bolen read aloud the bank fund balances and summarized the Real Estate Tax Collection. The year to date compared to budget has been submitted to Council.

Police Chief Report

Chief Farally informed Council that the Civil Service Commission will meet on May 18 at 7:00 PM to certify the list of potential candidates.

Discussion took place regarding Tip 411, an app that citizens can use to provide information anonymously to the police department. Cost to participate is around \$5,400.00.

Mr. Roberta Motioned to Adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Dick; Motion carried unanimously.