

Borough of Pitcairn Council
Combined Budget, Workshop and Business Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2022
5:00 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>
Richard Tartaglione	<u> </u>	<u> x </u>
Debora Freeman	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
George Toth	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Mayor Margaret Stevick	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

Preliminary budget presented by Manager to Council and Mayor.

Tom Dick, Jr. motioned to approve the Minutes from the September 12, 2022 Borough Council Combined Meeting. Seconded by George Toth. All Ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comment.

Deb Marto asked to have Max the Police Dog at the next Crime Watch Meeting. Mr. Rullo asked if Chief thought this was a good idea since Maxx has not completed his training. Ms. Marto asked that Chief just bring Maxx to the meeting so people could see him. She understands Maxx is a working dog, not a petting dog. Chief agreed that he can bring Maxx to the meeting so residents could see him.

Kim Kline directed questions to the Chief of Police. Mr. Rullo asked Ms. Kline if she had anything for Council. Ms. Kline stated she contacted the Allegheny County Health Department and Kline was told that if a business in a zoned business district does not have electricity, then the Code Enforcement Officer or the Police can pad lock the door of said business. Mr. Rullo stated that Council will refer this to the Code Enforcement Officer.

Ms. Evelyn Marto asked why her alley, Chestnut alley was not on the agenda. Mr. Toth stated that we listed the worst of the worst but Chestnut Alley will be considered for paving.

Mayor Betsy Stevick

- Ms. Stevick asked for a motion to approve a request for a handicap parking space at 540 Third St. Dominic Roberta made the motion, seconded by George Toth. All Ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Stevick stated the police responded to 312 calls and collected \$100 in parking fines.

Mayor Stevick announced Halloween will be on 10-31 from 6-8 pm.

Personnel / General – Domenic Roberta

- Domenic Roberta motioned to accept the resignation of Pitcairn Borough Councilman Richard Tartaglione effective October 10, 2022. Seconded by George Toth. All Ayes. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Streets – George Toth

- Discussion of Alleys that need paving and repaired. Diamond Alley (400 Block), Merchants Alley, Hilltop Alley (700 Block) and unnamed alley 700 block between 12th and 11th streets. Mr. Bolen stated that he spoke with Public Works Director Jim Comunale and Mr. Comunale explained that Merchants Alley is in bad shape from the 300 block to the 500 block. All of the drains need repaired as well as new pavement. The 400 block of Diamond Alley needs repaired because of the garbage trucks and other traffic.

Parks and Recreation – Debora Freeman

- Request for volunteers to participate on the Park and Recreation Committee. Ms. Freeman explained that the Park and Recreation Committee will not meet monthly.
- Ms. Freeman stated that the Halloween Parade will be on 10-29 at assembly of God Church at 1:00 PM. Please try to be there by 12:30 PM.

Finance and Economic Development – Lisa Petrosky

- Lisa Petrosky motioned to pay bills as presented. Seconded by Tom Dick, Jr. All Ayes. Motion carried unanimously.
- Ms. Petrosky gave a recap of the Pitcairn Night Market, Friday, September 23rd, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. She stated closing of Broadway was not a good idea, she thinks we lost a lot of shoppers because of it. People did not know where to park. They added food vendors because in the past the vendors ran out of food. Was a nice night to have the market.

Health and Welfare – Deb Freeman for Richard Tartiglione

- Mr. Turner has submitted his monthly reports to Council.
- Debra Freeman motioned to initiate the Demolition Hearing process for 721 K Street, 423 Eleanor Street and 650 Twelfth Street. These Demos are to be paid for with a grant applied for through Senator Brewster's Office. Seconded by George Toth. All Ayes. Motion carries unanimously.

Electric – Tom Dick, Jr.

- Tom Dick, Jr announced that Chambersburg did purchase our old meter system for \$5,000 and we will deposit that money in the Electric Capital Improvement fund.

Public Safety Committee – Jim Rullo

- Jim Rullo motioned to hire Sharon Jackson as Part Time Police Officer based on the Chief of Police recommendation. Seconded by Lisa Petrosky. All Ayes. Motion carried unanimously.
- Jim Rullo motioned to hire Tyler Kowall as Part Time Police Officer based on the Chief of Police recommendation. Seconded by Dominic Roberta. All ayes. Motion carries unanimously.
- **Jim Rullo motioned to adopt Resolution 10-2022 Authorizing Participation by the Borough of Pitcairn Police Department in the Allegheny Police Chiefs Inc. Body-Worn Camera Grant Program and Underwriting Participation in the Program. This requires a \$5,000 commitment per year for the years 2023 through 2027.** Recommend using Public Safety Fee Funds. Chief Farally explained he has a policy in place and the fund commitment is to pay for storage of the video data in the cloud. Seconded by George Toth. All Ayes. Motion carries unanimously.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to Report

Engineer's Report

Don Black stated that the Borough of Pitcairn was awarded \$121,000 Grant for the DCED trails and greenways grant that was applied for. DCED provided half of what was applied for to add improvements to the Joseph Markosek sports complex. The original grant was for improvements to the access road and the parking lot. Council will need to decide which part they would like to move forward with. The Borough also was awarded \$111,000 through Act 152 Grant for demolishing several properties.

Mr. Black asked for permission to apply for some other sewer grants for the sewer break that occurred on Highland Avenue in the spring. We have a grant application in but have not heard about as of the date of this meeting. Discussion followed.

Borough Manager's Report

The Borough manager read the account balances and has submitted the year-to-date financials to Council.

Tax Collector collected \$13,207.35 in September. Total real estate taxes collected to date \$424,099.

Police Chief Report

Chief asked permission to send out donation letters to solicit funds for the new Pitcairn Police Department K-9 program. Dominic Roberta motioned to grant permission. Seconded by George Toth. All Ayes. Motion Carries unanimously.

Tom Dick, Jr. motioned to Adjourn. Lisa Petrosky asked if we could hold a brief Executive Session after the meeting. Seconded by George Toth. All Ayes. Motion carries unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM

Executive Session followed.