

Borough of Pitcairn Council
Business Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2023
6:00 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> </u>	<u> x </u>	
Domenic Roberta	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	
James Rullo	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	
Deborah Marto	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	
Debra Freeman	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	
George Toth	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	Via Telephone
Mayor Margaret Stevick	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	

Jim Rullo announced there was an Executive Session at 5:30 to discuss personnel matters
Tom Dick, Jr. motioned to approve the Minutes for Councils Meeting on March 13, 2023. Seconded by Debra Freeman, All Ayes. Motion carries.

Citizen Comment

Kevin Dick asked about the Landlord Tenant Registration. The solicitor explained the lawsuit and the Judges findings. Kevin Dick asked why the speed dolly was moved from Highland Avenue. The Manager explained that there were requests from other citizens to move it to Wall Avenue. He also asked if the street sweeper was fixed. It is fixed and the sweeper will be run on Friday April 14. Mr. Dick also suggested tearing down the Dug outs and Concession stand at the small fields.

Mayor Betsy Stevick

Mayor Stevick reported the Police responded to 139 calls in Pitcairn.
Mayor Stevick read the Police fines collected for the month of March.

The Mayor wanted to remind all that if they have Handicap placards you need to be sure they are valid. If you park in a handicap spot you need to have the placard displayed. If it is not displayed you risk a parking violation.

Personnel / General –Domenic Roberta

- Domenic Roberta motioned to grant Dan Casarcia permission to change the second floor of 618 Broadway to an apartment. The second floor is currently set up as office space. Mr. Casarcia was present and stated that he wants to convert the second floor to an apartment and the first floor will remain as office/retail space. A discussion took place regarding the number of exits the second floor had, there are two. Seconded by Deb Marto, All Ayes. Motion Carries.
- Domenic Roberta motioned to advertise an AirBNB Ordinance. Discussion took place about the wording of the ordinance. The solicitor stated that Council may add or remove what they would like. Seconded by Thomas Dick, Jr, All Ayes. Motion Carries.

Streets – George Toth

- Discussion of adding flashing speed signs to Highland and Wall Avenues to replace the speed dolly. Table top speed bumps. Discussion of prices on the flashing lights and speed bumps. Consider both near parks. Deb Freeman motioned to purchase 2 lights and 2 tabletop bumps. Seconded by Deb Marto. All Ayes. Motion Carries.

Parks and Recreation – Debora Freeman

- Deb Freeman gave an Easter Egg Hunt Recap. She stated the weather gods were in our favor. After the egg hunt the weather turned cold and rainy. There was a big turnout for the hunt.
- Deb Freeman motioned to approve the Pittsburgh Kings Youth Football Organizations use of the football field on June 3 2023 and from June 15, 2023 to November 1st 2023. Seconded by Deb Marto. All Ayes, motion carries.
- Deb Freeman motioned to approve the Dirty Dawgs Softball Teams use of the softball field on Thursdays and Fridays from May 4 to August 18, 2023. Seconded by Deb Marto. All Ayes, Motion carries.
- Deb Freeman motioned to direct the Borough Manager to request permission to use the Propel Gymnasium on behalf of the Pitcairn Italian Club for pick-up basketball games. Seconded by Deb Marto. All Ayes. Motion Carries.

Deb Freeman read a thank you note from Jody from Post Office. Her daughter was in a bad accident.

Finance and Economic Development – Lisa Petrosky (absent)

- Dominic Roberta motioned to pay bills as presented. Seconded by Tom Dick, Jr. All Ayes. Motion Carries.
- Reminder the Pitcairn Night Market is April 21, 2023 at 6:00 PM.
- We have changed several of our bank accounts to money market accounts in order to increase our interest earnings. Dominic Roberta motioned to transfer \$300,000 from the General operating account to the General Money Market account. Seconded by Deb Marto. All Ayes. Motion carries.
- Dominic Roberta motioned to hire Maher Deussel to perform a fee analysis of the Landlord Tenant Fee. Cost to borough is \$5,000. Seconded by Tom Dick, Jr.. All Ayes, Motion carries.

Health and Welfare – Deb Marto

- Mr. Turner has submitted his reports to Council. Went on a few inspections. Likes the software Nick is using.
- 2023 Clean Up Day is April 29, 2023 from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. There will be two dumpsters at 582 6th street and 3 at 100 S. Center Ave. NO CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS.
- Deb Marto would like the meetings video recorded and uploaded to YouTube. She asked if no name alley was paved.

Electric – Tom Dick, Jr.

- We shut off 72 accounts between March 14 to March 20th. Four accounts remain off. We collected \$31,421.27 in delinquent charges.

Public Safety – Jim Rullo

- Jim Rullo motioned to hire Jason Dembiczak as a part-time Patrolman based on the Chiefs recommendation. Seconded by Deb Marto. All ayes. Motion Carries.
- Jim Rullo motioned to hire Kyra Haile as a part-time Patrolman based on the Chiefs recommendation. Seconded by Deb Marto All ayes. Motion Carries
- Jim Rullo motioned to make an additional donation from the Public Safety Fund to Fire Co #1 for their Fire Truck. Discussion took place regarding the robust balance of the Public Safety Fund. Tom Dick Sr discussed the additional cost that inflation has caused. It is almost \$250,000 more today than when the truck was ordered a year ago. Seconded by George Toth. Roll Call vote George Toth – yes, Debra Freeman – yes, Jim Rullo-yes, Dominic Roberta – yes, Tom Dick, Jr. – abstain, Deborah Marto – yes. – five- yea, one abstain, motion carries.

Solicitor's Report

No items for public report.

Engineer's Report

The Borough was awarded the LSA grant in the amount of \$697,000 to fix the sewer on Highland and Center.

We have been awarded three demo grants. We are waiting on the County and the COG to finalize the contract. Trying to time the bids so they all go out at the same time. We hope to start the surveying of the Field parking lot so it can be bid out.

Borough Manager's Report

The Borough Manager read the account balances out loud.
Real Estate Tax Collected in March - \$2,861.13

The manager read aloud Waste Management's electronic and hazardous waste collections for the month of March.

Police Chief Report

Deb Freeman motioned to adjourn, seconded by Tom Dick, Jr. All Ayes, Motion carries. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM

**Respectfully submitted
Michael Bolen
Borough Manager**