

**Borough of Pitcairn Council
Business Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2023
6:00 pm**

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

A moment of silence was observed for the families of Rustic Ridge in Plum Borough.

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

Jim Rullo announced that an Executive session was held on August 14 at 5:30 PM to discuss legal matters.

Jim Rullo motioned to approve Minutes for Pitcairn Borough Council Meeting on July 10, 2023. Seconded by Tom Dick, Jr. All Ayes, motion carries.

Citizen Comment

Virginia Crothers wanted to voice her concerns about the new owners of 516-518 Brinton Ave. She stated that they park in Rock Alley and it does not allow the Crothers access to their parking spaces behind their residence. Chief Farally stated that if they are blocking the alley to please call the police and they will come up and handle it.

Robert Utter, owner of Lilac Investment Properties wanted to thank the Fire Department for the Carnival. Second, he wanted to thank the Public Works Department for cleaning up all of the knotweed along the creek near his properties. He asked if they could do it and they responded and had it done in a couple days. That doesn't happen in other municipalities. He also wanted to ask about the electric shut off procedures. Solicitor Matt Kalina asked for Mr. Utters contact information and told him he would be in contact.

Mayor Betsy Stevick

The Mayor was absent.

Personnel / General –Domenic Roberta

- **Lisa Petrosky motioned to Pass Resolution 11-2023 Authorizing the Execution of a Cable Franchise Agreement Between the Borough and Verizon Pennsylvania LLC. Seconded by Deb Marto. All Ayes, motion carries.**
- **Lisa Petrosky motioned to Pass Resolution 12-2023 for the Borough of Pitcairn to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with Allegheny County to undertake essential community development and housing assistance activities within the Borough from annual CDBG grants**

and HOME funds received from HUD for program years 2024, 2025 and 2026. Question was asked what this was. The Manager explained it was a “housekeeping matter” so Allegheny County could operate various programs in the Borough of Pitcairn. **Seconded by Tom Dick, Jr. All Ayes, motion carries.**

Streets – George Toth

- Taylor Street Bridge Discussion. Don Black explained the annual PDOT inspection found there have been some deficiencies of the Taylor Street Bridge. PDOT has increased the frequency of these inspections. They recommend grouting and underpinning of the bridge walls. We hate to put money in to it since it is part of the Dirty Camp Run Project. The most recent inspection last month discovered more deficiencies and they are looking at various options.
- Paving Project discussion took place. Brinton Avenue and Merchants Alley are the most expensive and need the most amount of work. Brinton Ave needs a total rebuilding. It was decided to go after the LSA grant for these. The manager and engineer would prioritize the streets that can be done now and get back to Council with a list for approval.
- Discussion of placement of Speed Radar signs was discussed. It was decided to put them on the 900-1000 block of Wall Avenue and the 900 Block of Brinton Avenue.

Parks and Recreation – Debora Freeman

- The Pittsburgh Kings will hold their August 19 game under the lights. They have security guards at the games.
- Deb Freeman asked if we could put Ann Price and Rollo Vecchio’s names on the new benches at Summers Field as a dedication to their service to the Borough..

Finance and Economic Development – Lisa Petrosky

- Lisa Petrosky motioned to pay the bills as presented. Seconded by Deb Marto. All Ayes, motion carries.

Health and Welfare – Deb Marto

- Mr. Turner has submitted his reports to Council.
- **Deb Marto motioned to Pass Resolution 13-2023 awarding the CEAP Grant Funded Demolition Project to Low Bidder Lutterman Excavating, LLC. The Base Bid is in the amount of \$36,700 (Demo of K and 12th Streets) and the Add Alternate Bid is in the amount of \$22,500(423 Eleanor) for a total of \$59,200.00. Lisa Petrosky asked if the Engineer checked the bids since there was a significant difference in the bidders. The Engineer stated that the bid was checked and it is legitimate. Seconded by Tom Dick, Jr. All ayes. Motion carries.**
- **Motion to sale the 2012 Ford Explorer Code Car on Municibid. 2nd TD. All Ayes**
- Propel School starts Thursday and Friday, please drive carefully.

Electric – Tom Dick, Jr.

- Jim Comunale has been working with Verizon to move the poles from the Creekside of Wall Ave to the non-creek side to accommodate the future flood control project.

Public Safety – Jim Rullo

Nothing for the meeting.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing for the meeting.

Engineer's Report

The Engineer stated we talked about Taylor. There are two other demo projects on Jewel Way and 121 Wall. They were just advertised this week. The Engineer recommended starting to get a new list together for demolitions. We met with the WPJWA over the water line replacement that runs behind the building. They may have to replace some sidewalk.

Borough Manager's Report

The year-to-date Financial Statements were presented to Council.

Real Estate Tax Collected in July \$44,334.95. YTD Collections \$383,305.71

Account Balances were read out loud.

Gateway is planning a Back-to-school Event on August 19 from 12:00 to 2:00 PM at the Gateway School District Campus.

As an update to the last meeting the mirror on 11th and Highland. I discussed with PW. They are going to trim the trees way back to improve the sight lines

Condolences to Jim Comunale and his family on the loss of his brother.

Also would like to offer Condolences to the families and community of Plum Borough for their losses.

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Police Chief Report

The chief reported on the K-9 program. Two guns have been found. Max performed at least five tracks, all leading to arrests. We have performed numerous drug scans, found drugs outside of the laundry mat. Performed scans at the school in Wilmerding. We have training in Brazil, Indiana in September.

Jim Rullo motioned to adjourn, Seconded by Lisa Petrosky. All ayes, motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Bolen
Borough Manager