

**Borough of Pitcairn Council
Combined Agenda and Business Meeting
Minutes
December 12, 2022
6:00 pm**

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

| Roll Call: | Here | Absent |
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| 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> |
| Deborah Marto | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> |
| Debora Freeman | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> |
| George Toth | <u> </u> | <u> x </u> |
| Mayor Margaret Stevick | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> |

Jim Rullo motioned to approve Minutes for Council Combined Meetings, November 14, 2022 and November 21, 2022. Seconded by Tom Dick, Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Rullo announced an Executive Session was held at 5:40 to discuss a legal matter.

Citizen Comment

Sean Morreifeild, Football Coach Pittsburgh Kings Football, asked about moving his football team into Pitcairn. It has been in the Morningside neighborhood of Pittsburgh the last seven years. He explained that there are waiting lists for Gateway and Woodland Hills midget programs. His organization does not charge a dime to the participants. Flag football begins in April to June then contact football runs from June to October. The city fields are free for youth organizations. He would utilize the concession stand. Four days a week for practice and four home games on Saturdays. Pitcairn would be the center hub for Pitcairn, East Allegheny, Turtle creek. Age groups would be 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14. Currently has 70 kids and 40 cheerleaders. Mr. Morreifeild stated he would lose some kids if they do the move. Name of the organization is “Pittsburgh Kings”. Mr. Morreifeild thinks they would get 1,000 people for games. 10:00 AM start.

Council asked if he would support the local businesses and he answered yes.

Mr. Morreifeild was asked to submit an application.

Mr. Rullo asked if there was anyone that would like to speak. There was not.

Mayor Betsy Stevick

Mayor Stevick requested a motion to approve George Burkhardt as a substitute crossing guard. Motion was made by Domenic Roberta, seconded by Lisa Petrosky. Motion carries unanimously.

The Mayor read the fines collected for the month of November.

Personnel – Domenic Roberta

- Mr. Roberta announced the Borough Offices will be closed one half day on December 23 and a full day December 26th.

Streets – George Toth

- In Mr. Toth's absence council discussed making Merchant Alley one way in the east direction from Second Street to Brinton Avenue. After discussion a motion was made by Tom Dick Jr, seconded by Domenic Roberta. All Ayes, motion carries unanimously

Parks and Recreation-Debra Freeman

- Debra Freeman announced that Santa arrives at Six PM on December 17 at the Park Building. The Lions Club will be cooking hot dogs, volunteers will be putting Santa bags together on the 16th at the Park Building.
- Discussion of Sugar Camp Park evening closure (locking gate). Police can lock the gate. Check to be sure the park is empty and lock it after 6 PM. The Mayor was asked to direct

Finance and Economic Development – Lisa Petrosky

- **Lisa Petrosky motioned to adopt the proposed and advertised 2023 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$4,946,496.80. Seconded by Domenic Roberta. All Ayes, motion carries unanimously.**
- **Lisa Petrosky motioned to adopt Ordinance 1050 fixing and levying the real estate tax rate for the year 2023 at 9.25 mills. Seconded by Domenic Roberta. All Ayes, motion carries unanimously.**
- **Lisa Petrosky motioned to adopt Ordinance 1051 amending Ordinance 917, fixing the salaries and rates of compensation for the appointive officers, and monthly and hourly employees for 2023. Seconded by Domenic Roberta. All Ayes, motion carries unanimously.**
- Lisa Petrosky motioned to approve the following end-of-year transfers from the General Fund: \$100,000 to the Capital Projects Fund, \$20,000 to the Electric System Capital Projects Fund, \$45,937 to the Bond Repayment fund and \$100,000 from the Sewer Revenue Fund to the Sewer Capital Fund. Seconded by Domenic Roberta. All Ayes, motion carries unanimously.
- Lisa Petrosky motioned to pay the bills as presented. Seconded by Domenic Roberta. All Ayes, motion carries unanimously.
- Planning Commission will be meeting on Tuesday at 6:00 PM on December 13, 2022.
- Allegheny Together will hold a business meeting on December 19, 2022 from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM.

Health and Welfare – Deb Marto

- Nick Turner, the Code Enforcement Officer has submitted his monthly reports to Council. Mr. Turner will give an update and any requests for action from Council.
- Deb Marto motioned to authorize the Engineer to submit the 2022 Wasteload Management Report to ALCOSAN. Seconded by Lisa Petosky, All Ayes, motion carries unanimously.
- Deb Marto motioned to set the demolition hearing for January 9, 2023 5:30 PM. Seconded by Thomas Dick, Jr. All Ayes, motion carries unanimously.
- Discussion of zoning case law for Nonconforming uses. Our ordinance has a one year 1 year abandonment definition. Case law establishes an intent to abandon. The solicitor recommends putting in other criteria to establish abandonment parameters with in the ordinance.
- **Deb Marto motioned to approve Resolution 16-2022 requesting an H2O PA grant of \$377,100.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Sanitary Sewer Repairs at Highland Avenue to Taylor Avenue project. Seconded by Lisa Petrosky. All Ayes, motion carries unanimously.**

- **Deb Marto motioned to approve Resolution 17-2022 requesting a PA Small Water and Sewer Program grant of \$ 178,500.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Sanitary Sewer Improvements - Fifth Street and Wall Avenue East. Seconded by Domenic Roberta. All Ayes, motion carries unanimously.**
- Deb Marto motioned to authorize the Code Enforcement Officer to continue using MaintainX. Nick Turner stated its clean and use pictures and upload emails, text messages. Great organizer. Seconded by Domenic Roberta. All Ayes, motion carries unanimously.

Electric – Tom Dick, Jr.

- Tom Dick, Jr. motioned to approve a modified version of the Utility Winter Moratorium suspending electric shut offs from December 13, 2022 through March 31, 2022. Council will have the discretion to lift this moratorium at a future meeting if they see fit

Public Safety – Jim Rullo

- Jim Rullo motioned to hire Robert Wratcher as Part Time Police Officer based on the Chief of Police recommendation. Seconded by Domenic Roberta. All Ayes, motion carries unanimously.
- Jim Rullo motioned to hire Jose Estevez as Part Time Police Officer based on the Chief of Police recommendation. Seconded by Domenic Roberta. All Ayes, motion carries unanimously.
- Jim Rullo announced that Civil Service testing will be held on January 17, 2023 at 11:30 AM at the Pitcairn Park Building for full time Police Officers. The advertising will be handled by the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments.
- The Pitcairn Police Department and the Borough have agreed to a new 5-year CBA. It provides raises to the officers of 5% the first year, 4% the second year and 3% the remaining three years. It also lowers the probationary period to 9 months and allows officers to utilize some PTO earlier than in the previous contract. The final copy is ready for signatures. **Jim Rullo motioned to approve the five-year Collective Bargaining Agreement between Teamsters Local Union 205 and the Borough of Pitcairn Police Department Officers. Seconded by Domenic Roberta.** Roll Call Vote Tom Dick Jr, Yes. George Toth Absent. Domenic Roberta, Yes. Deborah Marto, Yes. Jim Rullo, Yes. Debra Freeman, Yes. Lisa Petrosky, No. Five yes, one no and one member absent. Motion Carries.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to Report

Engineer's Report

Engineers report was submitted. Don Black explained part of it was covered with the new grant applications. We are still waiting to hear about the LSA Grant for the Highland street sewer project.

Borough Manager's Report

The Borough manager read aloud the Account Balances

Year to date compared to budget report has been submitted to Council.
Tax Collector collected \$4,016.12 in November, Total to date \$430,277.

Police Chief Report Absent

Adjournment

Tom Dick motioned to adjourn TD Seconded by Domenic Roberta, All Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Bolen
Borough Manager