

Borough of Pitcairn Council
Combined Budget, Workshop and Business Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2023
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> </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>
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 October 9, 2023 Borough Council Combined Meeting. Seconded by Deb Marto. All ayes, motion carries.

Jim Rullo announced that an Executive Session was held on October 26, 2023 to discuss a public safety matter.

Citizen Comment.

VA Crothers questioned 516-518 Brinton Ave burning trash. She asked Chief about the stop sign in Rock Alley. Chief Farally stated that when he was there the fire was not very big, and they are allowed to have a recreational fire. He also stated there is no stop sign in Rock Alley. The Chief asked that Ms. Crothers call the police if they have any issues.

Anthony Pizzuto of the Pitcairn Italian Club asked if we could look at the stretch of Curb in front of the Italian Club. He asked if it was possible to have it replaced. Mr. Pizzuto also asked about expanding the club to increase the size of the back room. He was directed to speak with our code enforcement officer. Mr. Pizzuto also explained the Italian Club would like to make some kind of donation to Sugar Camp Park. Some kind of Bar B Que grills or kitchen.

Mayor Betsy Stevick

The Mayor stated the Pitcairn Police responded to 229 in the month of October.
The Mayor read the fines collected for the month of October.

Personnel / General – Domenic Roberta- Absent

- Jim Rullo motioned to hire Troy Nelson as a Lineman for Pitcairn Borough Electric at a rate of pay of \$48.00 per hour effective October 17, 2023. Seconded by Tom Dick, Jr. All ayes, motion carries.
- Jim Rullo motioned to raise the rate of pay for Jim Comunale to \$58.00 per hour effective October 17, 2023. Seconded by Deb Marto. All ayes, motion carries.

Streets – George Toth

- Discussion took place to add a stop sign at the intersection of Sixth Street Extension and Ninth Street. The Borough Manager explained that a resident called and they had witnessed a school

student almost get hit from a car rounding the bend. They themselves had almost been hit as well. Cars fly up the hill and turn onto Ninth. He asked that a stop sign be put in to slow people down. The Engineer stated that since the Borough owns the streets, a study is not necessary. George Toth motioned to add the stop sign at the corner of Sixth Street extension and Ninth Street. Seconded by Tom Dick, Jr. All ayes, motion carries.

- **George Toth motioned to approve Resolution 15-2023 requesting a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant of \$390,561.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Borough of Pitcairn Merchants Alley Paving Project. Lisa Petrosky asked if there was a Borough match. The Engineer stated there was not. Seconded by Tom Dick, Jr. All ayes, motion carries.**
- **George Toth motioned to approve Resolution 16-2023 requesting a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant of \$708,378.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Borough of Pitcairn Brinton Avenue Roadway Reconstruction. Seconded by Tom Dick, Jr. All ayes, motion carries.**

Parks and Recreation – Debra Freeman

- Harvest festival report, 60 kids attended, not all the parents walked the parade even though they were encouraged to walk with their child. Each child received a prize as well as candy.
- Old Fashion Christmas will be held on December 16 at the Park Building at 6:00 PM, Toys will be handed out and the children can get their picture taken with Santa. There will be a hayride and a bonfire.
- Home decoration contest discussion possibly window decoration contest for business. Members of Council did not feel there was enough time to have a contest this year.

Finance and Economic Development – Lisa Petrosky

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

Health and Welfare – Deborah Marto

- Mr. Turner has submitted his monthly reports to Council.
- **Deb Marto motioned to approve Resolution 14-2023 adopting ALCOSAN's 7% increase for wastewater treatment service in 2024 and authorize WPJWA to bill customers accordingly. Seconded by George Toth. All ayes, motion carries.**
- A discussion of the Garbage contract took place. The Manager explained that we did not receive any bids for the advertised garbage contract. The Contract with Waste Management expires on December 31, 2023. The manager reached out to Swissvale Borough to see how they started collecting their own trash. Swissvale Borough Manager offered to collect Pitcairn's trash for the same cost as Waste Management. Tom Dick, Jr. motioned to enter into an agreement with the Borough of Swissvale for trash pickup. Seconded by George Toth. All ayes, motion carries.

Ms. Marto announced that Protect PT will hold a meeting to discuss the Monroeville landfill at Fire Company #1. She encouraged all to attend.

Lisa Petrosky announced that Protect PT will provide air quality monitors. They will monitor and read the monitors and provide the data.

Electric – Tom Dick, Jr.

- The pole line in the 1100 block of Wall Avenue has been successfully moved to the non-creek side of the street. Without Jim, our crew and Verizon this would have cost the borough well over \$100,000.

Public Safety Committee – Jim Rullo

Nothing to report.

Solicitor's Report

No items for public report

Engineer's Report

Don Black stated that demolitions should be beginning soon.

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 \$3,289.69 in September, Total to date \$420,577.39.

Police Chief Report

Nothing for the public meeting.

Someone in the audience asked if the Pittsburgh Food Bank could be set up at the high rise at 270 Broadway? The Borough Manager stated he would ask.

George Toth Motioned to Adjourned, seconded by Lisa Petrosky. All ayes, motion carries. Meeting ended at 6:47 PM.