

Borough of Pitcairn Council
Workshop/Business Combined Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2024
6:00 pm

Meeting called to order – President Thomas Dick, Jr.
Stand for Pledge of Allegiance

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

A moment of silence was held for Scotty Williams.

An Executive Session was held at 5:30 PM to discuss personnel and litigation.

Domenic Roberta motioned to approve the Minutes for the Council Meeting on July 8, 2024. Seconded by Deb Marto. All ayes, motion carries.

Citizen Comment

Alan Ankney asked if the borough allows solar panels. The manager explained that the borough has exclusive distribution rights to the residents of Pitcairn. He also stated that our electric system is not capable of “buying back” excess electricity. Mr. Ankney also said a couple of years ago he picked up over 300 lbs. of trash. He tried to organize neighbors to pick up trash, but it didn’t work. He also asked about the overgrowth of hedges and weeds in the alley ways. He stated the 600 block of Second Street. Bill Kornrumpf offered his phone number and asked that Mr. Ankney call him with any problems. Nick Turner said he has cited a few people along that alley.

Mayor Margaret Stevick

The mayor read the fines and reported the police responded to 246 calls in the month of July. She also warned residents to not allow their dogs to run loose in the streets. She asked if there is a dangerous animal ordinance that residents need to register a pit bull breed.

Personnel / General –Domenic Roberta

- Domenic Roberta motioned to accept the Civil Service List of Police Officers as certified by the Pitcairn Civil Service Commission. Seconded by Lisa Petrosky. All ayes, motion carries.

Public Safety – Jim Rullo

- Jim Rullo motioned to pay the Fireman’s Workers Comp insurance in a lump sum, resulting in \$934 savings. This is paid for by the Public Safety Fund. It was asked what the total payment was. The manager provided \$11,969. Seconded by Domenic Roberta. All ayes, motion carries.
- Jim Rullo motioned to promote Police Officer Joshua Morrow from part time to full time status effective September 1, 2024. Seconded by Deb Marto. All ayes, motion carries
- Jim Rullo motioned to promote Police Officer Kyra Haile from part time to full time status effective September 1, 2024. Seconded by Domenic Roberta. All ayes, motion carries.

Streets – George Toth

- George Toth motioned to approve Change Order No 1 submitted by Curry and Kepple to lower the Taylor Avenue Sewer line so it is below the box culvert channel. This includes closing the 700 Block of Wall Avenue while the work is being performed. The street will be open in the evenings and weekends. Seconded by Jim Rullo. All ayes, motion carries.

Parks and Recreation – Lisa Petrosky

Discussion of the 14th Street playground upgrades. We have an opportunity to apply for a grant for the 14th Street playground. We really can't do much without a grant. There is a county wide COG grant where we will receive \$20,000 but that would be better used for storm drains. The GETDF grant would be better suited for the playground.

- Lisa Petrosky motioned to direct the EADS group to apply for the GETDF grant for improvements to the 14th Street playground. Seconded by Deb Marto. All ayes, motion carries.

Finance and Economic Development – Bill Kornrumph

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

Health and Welfare – Deb Marto

- Mr. Turner has submitted his reports to Council.
- There were 20 Quality of Life Tickets issued in the previous month.
- Deb Marto motioned to approve the Change Order for additional grading and material for the Jewell Way demolition project. Seconded by Jim Rullo. Don Black stated the contractor regraded and added dirt to the hillside to stabilize it. He said the change order is warranted. All ayes. Motion Carries
- Deb Marto motioned to approve the final payment to Katofsky Construction for the Jewell Way Demo Project as recommended by the engineer. Seconded by Jim Rullo. All Ayes, motion carries.
- Deb Marto motioned to approve the final payment to Katofsky Construction for the 121 Wall Ave Demo Project as recommended by the engineer. Seconded by Lisa Petrosky. It was asked if the tanks had been removed. Don Black explained that the bid opening for the storage tank removal will be on August 22 at 10:00 AM. He added there has been interest in bidding. All ayes, motion carries.
- A discussion took place about expanding street sweeping. Parking challenges were discussed.
- Garbage service contract was discussed. We are currently on a month-to-month extension. The Municipal Assistance Program was discussed.

Electric – Tom Dick, Jr.

- Tom Dick motioned to approve Sunbelt Solomon repairing the substation transformer for \$5,200 plus the cost of additional materials. Seconded by George Toth. All ayes. Motion carries.
- The crew has replaced 29 utility poles in the past year

Solicitor's Report

Engineer's Report

Bill Kornrumph asked about the property at Jewell Way. Asked if it could be developed. Don Black stated that is someone purchased the property it could. There would have to be significant work done on the road and utilities improved.

Borough Manager’s Report

Our 2023 Annual Audit and Financial Report has been submitted and approved with the Governor’s Center for Local Government Services.

Real Estate Tax Collected in July \$51,293, \$410,365 to date in 2024 taxes. There has been \$44,074 in 2023 taxes and \$46,811 in delinquent taxes collected in 2024.

The year-to-date financial reports were submitted to Council.

- Capital Improvement Account - \$389,722**
- Electric System Capital Improvement Account - \$102,506**
- Liquid Fuels \$75,583**
- Local Grant Dirty Camp Fund - \$71,103**
- Sewer Capital Improvement Fund - \$905,024**
- Public Safety Fund - \$82,884**
- ARPA Funds - \$65,362**
- Bond Repayment Fund - \$332,337**
- Park and Recreation Account \$14,746,199**
- Park and recreation Special Events Fund \$5,894**

Police Chief Report

No Report

Deb Marto motioned for Adjournment. Seconded by Lisa Petrosky. All ayes, motion carries.