

Borough of Pitcairn Council
Business Meeting Minutes
May 13, 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>	<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>
Bill Kornrumpf	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
George Toth	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Mayor Margaret Stevick	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

Tom Dick, Jr. announced that there was an Executive session held at 5:30 PM.

Jim Rullo motioned to approve the minutes for the Council Meeting held on April 8, 2024. Seconded by George Toth. All ayes, motion carries.

Deb Marto motioned to amend the agenda to include the mayor asking for a temporary handicap parking spot at 714 Sixth Street. Seconded by Lisa Petrosky. All ayes, motion carries.

Citizen Comment

Anthony Pizzuto of the Italian Club asked if the Borough could look at the curb in front of the Italian Club. The curb is crumbling. Mr. Pizzuto also asked if the Italian club could use the field at Summers Field to park cars on Saturday, May 18, 2024, during a fund raiser they are having. It was asked how many cars? Mr Pizzuto stated they have looked at a couple of spots, 582 Sixth isn't available. There are a limited number of spots on the street. They will try to utilize other spots. The solicitor stated that if Council is agreeable then he could draw up a simple hold harmless clause for both parties to sign. They will try to keep cars away from the hill. Tape off a section where the cars will park.

At this time a motion was made by Lisa Petrosky to allow the Pitcairn Italian Club to use Summers Field pending the execution of a hold harmless agreement. Seconded by Deb Marto. All ayes, motion carries.

Nick Turner stated that the Monroeville fire company has offered a red trailer to the Pitcairn Fire Company for training. The trailer is basically a maze for the firefighters to crawl through, simulating a burning house. red trailer is a maze to train firefighters. Questions were raised when he needed an answer and where would the trailer be stored. Monroeville needed an answer by Monday May 13, 2024. The trailer would be stored next to the fire company at 100 South Center Ave. The council stated that it could be an eyesore and they were trying to beautify the area near the Fire Company. The trailer is currently located in a lot in Trafford. The council will go look.

Kevin Dick asked how many tickets are written, he stated that information should be on the agenda. The manager explained the tickets written would be read aloud. Mr. Dick asked what was going on with the case against 368 Broadway, the solicitor stated that it was still in litigation, and we could not comment on it. Mr. Dick asked about the Landlord tenant registration. The solicitor stated that the study was done, and we will advertise and amend the ordinance at the next meeting. He then asked if anything was being done about the alleys, that there was a sink hole in the 500 block of Merchants alley. The manager stated that the Borough has applied for a grant to rebuild Merchants alley from Wall Avenue to Brinton Avenue. Mr. Dick asked about the trash in the alleys. A discussion took place.

Mayor Margaret Stevick

The mayor announced that the police responded to 160 complaints in the month of April.

There will be a Memorial Day celebration announcement at Noon on Monday May 27, 2024. The Gateway band will be there.

The mayor read the fine's collected.

Parking Violations \$ 155.00

Quality of Life fines \$ 125.00

County fines \$ 179.52

District Magistrate fines \$ 270.24

Rosalie Helpy passed away.

Pastor Bob of the Pitcairn Assembly of God will be holding a prayer service on June 29 from Noon to 3:00 PM.

The mayor asked for a motion to approve a temporary handicap spot in front of 714 Sixth Street. The resident had a knee replacement. A motion was made by Lisa Petrosky. Seconded by Deb Marto. All ayes, motion passes.

Personnel / General –Domenic Roberta

We are currently in negotiations with the Teamsters for the upcoming Public Works contract renewal.

Streets – George Toth

- George Toth motioned to install Alley name signs on all the alleys through Pitcairn. The Police Chief added that the police had a foot pursuit of a suspect and other police departments arrived to provide back up. There was confusion because the outside departments did not know the alley names. Seconded by Deb Marto. All ayes, motion carries.

Parks and Recreation – Lisa Petrosky

- Lisa Petrosky motioned to waive the fee and allow the Pitcairn Presbyterian Church to use the Cliff Adams field on August 10, for a Kick, Pass and Punt contest. Seconded by George Toth. All ayes, motion carries.
- A discussion took place regarding a Holiday Decoration Contest in December. Ms. Petrosky thought it would be best to have one winner from each voting district. She will ask Patti Kemerer how previous contests were held.
- Pitcairn Night Market recap. There were 19 paid vendors, 5 nonprofits. One issue of the night, kids got a little rowdy. Vendors did not feel safe. The Police Chief will address this at the next Night Market. Lisa Petrosky asked if we could get some blinking pedestrian crossing signs, or temporary signs. Traffic is still moving fast on Broadway.

Finance and Economic Development – Bill Kornrump

- Bill Kornrump motioned to pay bills as presented. Seconded by Lisa Petrosky. All ayes, motion carries.
- Motion to appoint a new member to the Planning Commission. There were two candidates present. Dakota Brazilton stated he has lived here for four years. Wants to get more involved. He has joined the fire company and is going through training to become a firefighter. Frank Leonardo has lived in

Pitcairn for 43 years. He has been involved in the past. Was on the Public Safety Committee. He is interested in Tax abatements to bring people into town.

- Bill Kornrumph motioned to appoint Frank Leonardo to the planning commission. Seconded by Deb Marto. All ayes, motion carried. It was added the meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month.
- Motion to accept the resignation of Nick Turner from the Planning Commission. Mr. Turner was asked why he was resigning. Mr. Turner stated he has too much on his plate. Motion was seconded by George Toth. All Ayes, motion carries.

Health and Welfare – Deb Marto

- Mr. Turner has submitted his reports to Council. He wrote 36 quality of life tickets, four were paid, 26 tickets were for high grass.
- Clean up day recap. We had five dumpsters, we only filled one and a half of them. Ms. Marto thanked the volunteers that cleaned up.

Electric – Tom Dick, Jr.

Thomas Dick announced the underground utility work is complete at Taylor Street.

Public Safety – Jim Rullo

- Jim Rullo motioned to appoint Joechris Ross as interim Sergeant. He must complete or have started civil service testing for promotion of Sergeant by December 31, 2024. Failure to do so will terminate his appointment as interim Sergent. Seconded by George Toth. All ayes, motion carries. The mayor presented Officer Ross with his new badge.
- Jim Rullo motioned to enter a memorandum of understanding with Teamsters Local No. 205 to set the rate of a part time police officer holding DOT inspection credentials at \$25.00 per hour. Seconded by George Toth. All ayes, motion carries
- Jim Rullo motioned to hire Commercial DOT Enforcement Officer/Police Officer Bryan Bradford on a part time basis at the rate of \$25 per hour. Seconded by Deb Marto. All ayes, motion carries.
- Jim Rullo motioned to hire Joshua Morrow as a part time patrolman based on the Chief's recommendation. Seconded by George Toth. All ayes, motion carries.
- Jim Rullo motioned to hire Gavin Scholl as a part time patrolman based on the Chief's recommendation. Seconded by George Toth. All ayes, motion carries.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing for the public meeting.

Engineer's Report

The Engineer's report has been submitted. We are hoping the box culvert will be here by June and work will start.

Borough Manager's Report

Real Estate Tax Collected in April – \$4,881.44. Total for the 2023 year to date is \$461,877.25. Tax bills have been sent and we are starting to get some tax revenues coming in.

We received a letter from the County Council commending the Borough of Pitcairn for being named a 2024 Banner Community.

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

Supplies have been ordered for Alley signs.

We are going to install a new catch basin on McGinnis Avenue to help with some runoff that is causing flooding.

The temporary bridge is being used at Taylor Street.

Panic buttons for the office have been ordered.

The account balances have been read aloud.

Police Chief Report

Regarding the police calls and fines that were discussed earlier in the meeting, the Police Department follows the Right to Know law as it pertains to personal information.

Lisa Petrosky added the Planning Commission is rewriting the strategic plan.

Deb Marto motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Lisa Petrosky, all ayes, motion carries. 6:59 PM.

Adjournment