Borough of Pitcairn Council Business Meeting Minutes January 13, 2025 6:00 pm

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

Roll Call:	Here	Absent
Thomas Dick, Jr.		
Lisa Petrosky	_X	
Domenic Roberta		X
James Rullo	X	
Deborah Marto	X	
Bill Kornrumph	X	
George Toth		X
Mayor Margaret Stevicl	kx_	

Lisa Petrosky motioned to approve the Minutes for Council Meeting on December 9, 2025. Seconded by Deb Marto. All ayes, motion carries.

Citizen Comment

Shawn Moorefield Pittsburgh King's owner wanted to ask why after the last two years using Pitcairn's field, they were sent a letter that they will not be asked back. He explained that he was upfront with the Council when the Kings originally applied to use the Field. That there would be a couple thousand people at the games. Tom Dick, Council President explained that the grant Pitcairn received to upgrade the field and parking area were the major factors. With the amount of construction that will be going on Council just doesn't know how disruptive it will be. The bathroom issue was a factor. The building has had issues in the past. It was not designed to have the amount of people use it. Mr. Moorefield stated it felt like we had a good relationship with the town. People spend a lot of money in the town. Mrs. Moorefield stated she took a video of the cleaning of the basketball court. The Kings put down a deposit like they were asked. They have not had the police called. Deposits were put on for damage and cleanliness. Charged the kids for the first year. \$25.00 per child. Construction will be going on. (need a grant for a fence around the field).

Mayor Margaret Stevick

Mayor Stevick introduced Michelle Chapkis, Allegheny County Council and Branden Markosek, State Representative to present Pitcairn Councilman James Rullo with a proclamation of appreciation of public service from Allegheny County.

Mayor Stevick explained she was with Jim on December 5th and Jim told the Mayor he would be teaching his last DUI class. The mayor stated that Jim has spent his whole life in public service and felt he should be honored. Pat Heaps was in attendance and spoke of the work Jim did at Fire Company #2 and at Camp B.

Representative Markosek presented an American Flag that was flown at the state capital in Harrisburg.

The mayor read that the Pitcairn Police answered 109 complaints in December.

She read the fines collected out oud.

The mayor wanted to repeat the slogan if you see something say something. Report any crimes or suspicious activity that you may see.

The mayor informed us that January 27, the Holocaust will be remembered across our Commonwealth.

Personnel / General –Domenic Roberta

- Tom Dick motioned to approve attendance at the Allegheny County League of Municipalities Spring Educational Conference April 3-6, 2025. Second, by Jim Rullo. All ayes, motion carries.
- Tom Dick motion to approve attendance at the Allegheny County Boroughs Association Dinner at the Rivers Casino on February 1, 2025. Seconded by Lisa Petrosky. All ayes, motion carries.
- Tom Dick motioned to approve the attendance at the Turtle Creek Council of Governments Annual Dinner Meeting at the Edgewood Country Club on Friday February 28, 2025. Seconded by Deb Marto. All ayes, motion carries.

<u> Streets – George Toth</u>

• Tom Dick motioned to advertise Ordinance 1057 "On Street Handicap Parking Spaces. The Solicitor asked if we received a copy of the Ordinance passed by West View Borough. The Solicitor stated it has held up in court. Lisa Petrosky motioned to table the motion. Tom Dick Rescinded his motion. Seconded by Deb Marto. All ayes, motion carries.

Parks and Recreation – Lisa Petrosky

- Lisa Petrosky motioned to purchase a new range for the Park Building at a cost of \$14,500. We will use ARPA Funds and a donation from the Pitcairn Women's Club to pay for it. Second, by Jim Rullo. All ayes, motion carries.
- The date for the Spring Night Market will be April 25, 2025.

<u> Finance and Economic Development – Bill Kornrumph</u>

- Bill Kornrumph motioned to pay bills as presented. Seconded by Jim Rullo
- Bill Kornrumph motioned to reappoint DeBlasio & DeBlasio Associates as auditors for the audit year 2024, including submission of necessary reports to the DCED and compiling financial statements at a cost of \$10,500. Seconded by Deb Marto. Lisa Petrosky asked if this was the same price as last year. The manager stated it is. All ayes, motion carries.
- Bill Kornrumph motioned to pass Resolution 1-2025 increasing the fees for Lien Letters, Tax Certifications and Non-Sufficient Funds Payments. Seconded by Lisa Petrosky. All ayes, motion carries.

<u> Health and Welfare – Deb Marto</u>

- Mr. Turner has submitted his reports to Council.
- Deb Marto reminded everyone that once the snow stops you have 24 hours to clear your sidewalks.

<u>Electric – Tom Dick, Jr.</u>

<u>Public Safety – Jim Rullo</u>

- Jim Rullo motioned hiring Diane Burkhardt as a part time Crossing Guard at the Mayor's recommendation. Seconded by Lisa Petrosky. All ayes, motion carries.
- Jim thanked everybody for the surprise.

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Solicitor's Report

Nothing for the public meeting.

Engineer's Report

Don Black stated that we need to prepare for the next construction project which would be the Highland Ave sanitary project. Talking to contractors there is lots of concern about the instability of the soil. As a result of that we are considering horizontal drilling. To do that we need to have Becko engineering do some geotechnical drilling. Should be moving on this project this summer. It will take the form of a design build contract.

Mr. Black discussed the Joe Markosek Sports Complex. We will be holding a meeting on Jewell Way in the next week or two.

Borough Manager's Report

Real Estate Tax Collected in December – \$19,512.99. Total year to date is \$493,478.86

Account Balances Capital Improvement Account - \$258,291 Electric System Capital Improvement Account - \$153,427 Liquid Fuels \$56,026 Liquid Fuels CD \$39,915 Local Grant Dirty Camp Fund - \$71,845 Sewer Capital Improvement Fund - \$901,206 Public Safety Fund - \$99,011 ARPA Funds - \$28,996 Bond Repayment Fund - \$335,136 Park and Recreation Account \$9,556

The manager highlighted some budget items. He explained the Allegheny County Health department Electrification Grant that the Borough of Pitcairn was awarded.

Police Chief Report

The Chief stated that Officer Trunzo is back. The Borough offered Civil Service test We had two individuals take the exam.

The past two weeks we have had 3 car chases and 3 dog pursuits and apprehensions.

The Police Department definitely need more manpower. The fire department has had several calls as well as EMS.

The Chief announced that he may go to a national K-9 competition in May in St. Louis Missouri. Maxx's tooth replacement has been delayed because FedEx sent his implant to California by mistake.

Jim Rullo motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Deb Marto. All ayes, motion carries.