

Borough of Pitcairn Council
Business Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2025
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> </u>	<u> x </u>
Mayor Margaret Stevick	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

Domenic Roberta motioned to approve Minutes for Council Meeting on February 10, 2025. Seconded by Lisa Petrosky. All ayes, motion carries.

Presentation by the “A-TEAM”. Jon Chillinsky, A-Team Program Director provided information on what the A-Team can provide to the Borough of Pitcairn. The A-Team is an alternative response initiative run by the Allegheny County Department of Human Services. The Alternative Response Initiative aims to improve the health of communities by de-escalating crises in the community, reducing unnecessary emergency room visits, reducing time officers spend on behavioral health type calls, offering and completing connections to care for those who want it and reducing the chance of arrest and incarceration. Mr. Chillinsky explained that the Behavioral Health First Responders act as a fourth branch of the emergency response system. Two person A-Teams responded to 911 calls, providing a human service and behavioral health response to a human service and behavioral health crisis. They can be dispatched by 911 or respond at an officer’s request. Ms. Petrosky asked what the training requirements and what experience the staff currently have. Mr. Chillinsky cited the staff’s academic background and experience. Mr. Chillinsky explained that this service is provided by Allegheny County and has no costs to the Borough. Mrs. Evelyn Marto asked what Mr. Chillinsky wanted from Council. Mr. Chillinsky explained that he was at the meeting to provide information for the Borough Council. That the county did not need any action from Council.

Citizen Comment

Mayor Margaret Stevick

The Mayor provided that the Pitcairn Police responded to 135 calls in the month of April. No fines were collected from the magistrate, Allegheny County fines was \$530 and \$50 in Quality of Life fines were collected.

Personnel / General –Domenic Roberta

- Domenic Roberta motioned to purchase membership to the Turtle Creek Watershed Association Seconded by Jim Rullo. All ayes, motion carries.
- Domenic Roberta motioned to reschedule the Borough of Pitcairn’s May Council meeting from May 12 to May 19 2025. Seconded by Deb Marto. Bill Kornrumpf asked why we were rescheduling. Tom Dick explained that several people cannot make the May 12 meeting. All ayes, motion carries.

Streets – George Toth

- Tom Dick stated that the Street Dept and Engineers provided a list to review streets for paving. Dan Coffman of EADS stated he spoke with Jim Comunale and Mark Thimmons. One street that needs to be done is Center Ave from Highland to the repaired section. Wall Ave from Agatha Street to the new pavement. There is a possibility of base failure in this area. This area could be expensive because it would be complete reconstruction. The area of Third and Highland Ave. Eleventh Street at Brinton Avenue. This could be repaired with the grant we were awarded. Jim Rullo asked if the sewer project would come down Center Ave. Mr. Coffman stated that it could but we are trying to avoid that. Tom Dick asked that everyone review the list and take a look at the streets and we will review at the next meeting.
- Tom Dick motioned to approve payment application #4 to Curry and Kepple for the Taylor Avenue Bridge Project in the amount of \$20,649.00. \$3,792.00 is to be paid from the Sewer Capital Fund. Seconded by Domenic Roberta. Dan Coffman, EADS, said we are still holding \$7,000.00, plus the performance bond that acts as a guarantee of the work. All ayes, motion carries.

Parks and Recreation – Lisa Petrosky

- Lisa Petrosky motioned to approve Head Turners Car Club for a car cruise on April 12, 2025. Seconded by Jim Rullo. Ms. Petrosky explained that the Easter egg hunt time is moved to 10:00 AM. Ms. Petrosky also asked for a roll call vote since this event involved the fire company. Deb Marto asked why they advertised the event before Council approved the application. Nate Beck from Head turners explained that they will line cars up back by the fire hall. The municipal lot or the lot at the Borough Building will not be used. The fire department will prepare the food. All proceeds will be donated to the fire hall. No cars will be parked on the field or grass. Bill Kornrumph asked how many cars will be at the show. Mr. Beck responded that every show is different, club members will bring at least 20 cars. Tom dick explained that the fire company is only involved because Nate asked for the fire company to be the beneficiary of the event. Mr. Dick asked for a roll call vote. **Jim Rullo-Yes, Lisa Petrosky – Yes, Tom Dick, Jr. – Abstain, Domenic Roberta – Yes, Bill Kornrumph – Yes, Deb Marto – Yes. Motion carries.**
- Lisa Petrosky announced as reminder the Easter Egg hunt is April 12 at 10:00 AM
- Lisa Petrosky reminded that the Night Market will be April 25, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

Finance and Economic Development – Bill Kornrumph

- Bill Kornrumph motioned to pay the bills as presented. Seconded by Jim Rullo. All ayes, motion carries.
- Bill Kornrumph motioned to renew the Liquid Fuels Certificate of Deposit when it matures on April 9, 2025. Seconded by Domenic Roberta. All ayes, motion carries
- Bill Kornrumph motioned to transfer \$48,815.88 from the Taylor Avenue Bridge account to the General Fund for reimbursement of engineering and observation costs. Seconded by Deb Marto. All ayes, motion carries.
- Bill Kornrumph motioned to open a new bank account for the DCNR Grant – Improvements to the Joseph Markosek Sports Complex Upgrade with President Tom Dick, Jr., Vice President James Rullo and Borough Manager, Michael Bolen, as signers. Mr. Bolen explained that S & T Bank changed their policy and they now require the Borough minutes to reflect the opening of the bank account and who the signers are on the bank account. Seconded by Domenic Roberta. All ayes, motion carries.

Health and Welfare – Deb Marto

- Mr. Turner has submitted his reports to Council.
- Ms. Marto started a cleanup day discussion. She suggested May 3rd so the dumpsters were not in the field during the Night Market. Mr. Bolen stated that he would not be available that day to collect any money. Ms. Marto stated she would collect money. Ms. Marto motioned to hold cleanup day on Saturday May 3 from 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM. Ms. Petrosky asked how many dumpsters and where they would be located. Mr. Bolen explained that last year we only filled one and a half dumpsters, and they were located at 100 S. Center. The year before we only filled three dumpsters and one of them was at the old borough building at 6th and Highland. We would have to get permission to have the dumpsters at 6th and Highland. It was decided to have four dumpsters near the fire hall. Seconded by Lisa Petrosky. All ayes, motion carries.
- Deb Marto motioned to approve a service agreement for Electronic Waste Recycling Services with Noble Environmental. This is the company that will provide electronic recycling during clean up day. Seconded by Lisa Petrosky. All ayes, motion carries.
- Deb Marto motioned to set a rate for TV collections. The rate for a 40 inch TV and smaller will be \$10.00 and for a TV larger than 40 inches will be \$20.00. No console TV's will be collected. Seconded by Jim Rullo. All ayes, motion carries.

Electric – Tom Dick, Jr.

- Tom Dick, Jr. announced that the Borough of Pitcairn sent out 277 electric shut off notices on February 25. Mr. Dick motioned to lift the winter moratorium and allow shut offs to begin. Seconded by Jim Rullo. All ayes, motion carries.

Public Safety – Jim Rullo

- Jim Rullo motioned to hire Matthew Colbert as a part-time Police Officer based on the Chiefs recommendation. Seconded by Deb Marto. All ayes, motion carries.
- Jim Rullo motioned to accept the resignation of Police Officer Joechris Ross, effective March 8, 2025. Seconded by Domenic Roberta. All ayes, motion carries.
- Jim Rullo motioned to hire Christopher Baker as a substitute crossing guard pending him obtaining the necessary clearances. Seconded by Domenic Roberta. All ayes, motion carries.

Solicitor's Report

No public report.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Coffman stated that everything was discussed during the paving discussion.

Borough Manager's Report

Real Estate Tax Collected in February– \$6,720.30. Total for 2024 tax year is \$502,915

Mr. Bolen stated the account balances can be read

Account Balances

Capital Improvement Account - \$340,052, \$80,365 is dedicated to Jewell Way

Electric System Capital Improvement Account - \$154,023

Liquid Fuels \$56,243
Liquid Fuels CD \$37,915
Local Grant Dirty Camp Fund - \$71,981
Sewer Capital Improvement Fund - \$901,206
Public Safety Fund - \$94,588404016
ARPA Funds - \$29,623
Bond Repayment Fund - \$336,439
Park and Recreation Account \$11,210

Mr. Bolen informed Council that we are getting prices and will be purchasing a new sign for the Park Building.

Jim Comunale has officially retired as of March 7, 2025 and will begin working part time two days a week and on an as needed basis.

The Park Building stove has been delayed, and an explanation was not provided.

Auditors will be here on March 19 to conduct our financial audit.

There is a Zoning Board Hearing on March 19 at 5:30 PM for 608-610 Broadway.

The Turtle Creek Connector Trail will have an update meeting on March 19 in Braddock.

Our Statement of Financial condition and our pension reports have been filed with the DCED and the Auditor General's Office.

The grant for the police car has been finalized and we should have the money in 30 days.

Police Chief Report

No public report.

Deb Marto motioned for Adjournment, Seconded by Lisa Petrosky. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.