

**Borough of Pitcairn Council
Workshop / Business Meeting
Minutes
January 27, 2020
7:00 pm**

**Meeting called to order – President Dona Galia
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

Roll Call:

John Bova
Kevin Dick
Cammeo Farally
Debra Freeman
Dona Galia
Lisa Petrosky
Jim Rullo
Mayor Margaret Stevick

All present.

Mrs. Galia announced Council held an Executive Session at 6:00 pm to discuss personnel matters.

Mr. Bova motioned to approve Minutes from January 6, 2020 Borough Council Reorganization Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Rullo; motion carried unanimously.

To start the new year, Mrs. Galia reviewed public meeting rules of conduct: comments at Workshop meetings, the 4th Monday of each month can cover any topic. 2nd Monday is the Business meeting when comments are reserved for agenda items. Mrs. Galia encouraged everyone to give attention to the speaker, avoid side conversations, be respectful, comments brief and directed to Council. Sometimes Council will need to gather additional information before responding. She encouraged the public to participate during Meetings and contact the Manager and Council members anytime between Meetings with questions and concerns.

Citizen Comment

Bev Cechman complained of three empty lots on 12th Street containing construction materials dumped there by the owner that are unsightly, offer shelter for rats. She asked Council to take action. After asking for more details Mr. Bova responded that the owner would be contacted by the Code Enforcement Officer.

Nicole Ziccarelli asked to speak briefly and introduced herself as a candidate for the Pennsylvania Senate.

Sammi Overly described a yard sale she was reserving the Park Building for in May, asking if she could use the grass fields to accommodate more. Mrs. Galia asked the Manager to look into the request.

Mayor Betsy Stevick

Mayor Stevick paid tribute remembering the passing of Roxane Rocco, describing her history as a crossing guard. She worked for thirty-three years and was very dedicated.

Mayor Stevick asked for applications for substitute crossing guards; applicable clearances would be necessary. Pitcairn Police worked 131 complaints in the month of January, received \$687 in State fines, \$622 from the Magistrate, \$307 Quality of Life ticket and \$732 from the County.

Personnel – Dona Galia

Mrs. Galia motioned to approve attendance at Allegheny League of Municipalities Spring Conference at Seven Springs, April 2 – 5, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Dick; motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Galia motioned to approve an official You Tube channel linked to the Borough website. She explained Council has been looking into sharing the public meetings. Comments will be disabled. Seconded by Mr. Bova; motion carried unanimously.

Streets – Kevin Dick

The Public Works Department will be participating in confined space training with North Versailles.

Parks and Recreation – Debra Freeman

Mrs. Freeman announced the 2020 Parks and Recreation Community Events: Easter April 4th, Harvest Festival will be October 31st, Old Fashioned Christmas, December 5th. Volunteers can sign up in the Borough Office. Chief Farally will be scheduling an event with the Police Department this summer.

Mrs. Freeman motioned to allow the Department of Agriculture to use the Park Building custodial Office as a temporary space for four team members attempting to mitigate the spotted lantern fly. They will be donating \$400 a month for utilities and supplies. Seconded by Mr. Rullo; motion carried unanimously.

Finance and Economic Development – Lisa Petrosky

Mrs. Petrosky motioned to pay bills as presented. Seconded by Mr. Rullo; motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Petrosky motioned to approve payment application #11 from Yarborough Development for \$41,623.65 from the Capital Projects Fund. Seconded by Mr. Bova. Mr. Dick asked if this was the last payment. Mrs. Petrosky spoke with Engineer Don Black who recommended payment. Mr. Dick asked for a roll call vote. Motion carried with Mr. Dick and Mr. Bova opposed. Mr. Dick explained the roof was scratched during installation; Engineer felt it wasn't worth fighting over. He said they are not going to fix it, painting the scratches would only peel.

Health and Welfare – Jim Rullo

Mr. Rullo announced Waste Management At Your Door recycling program collected 11,072 pounds of electronic devices, televisions and hazardous household waste in 2019. He reminded the public to make an appointment for special item pick up, cannot let it sit out or place in the regular trash.

Electric – Cammeo Farally

Nothing tonight.

Public Safety – John Bova

Mr. Bova motioned to adopt Resolution 7-2020, handicapped parking space at 750 Tenth Street. Seconded by Mr. Rullo; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bova motioned to adopt Resolution 8-2020, handicapped parking space at 728 Seventh Street. Seconded by Mrs. Petrosky; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bova motioned to adopt Resolution 9-2020, Police Department Policy and Procedures regarding emergency response and protective equipment. Seconded by Mr. Rullo; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bova described a recent Gun Buy Back event sponsored by a church in Homewood. They used donations to buy back 148 guns. He contacted them as to how it was organized. He is talking to Chief and he will have more information for next meeting for council and residents to weigh in.

Mr. Bova motioned to approve purchase of police vehicle 2014 Ford Taurus from Mosside Auto for \$15,000. Seconded by Mrs. Galia who asked if there were questions. Mr. Dick: is one of the cars bad. Mr. Bova pointed out it was in the budget and asked Chief Farally to comment. Chief Farally: most of the cars have over 100,000 miles. You will be getting a \$60,000 car for \$15,000. Brand new cars are very expensive, he recommends used cars, adding the Borough buys one every two years. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Bova motioned to advertise and sell the oldest police vehicle, a 2011 Ford Crown Victoria on Municibid. Seconded by Mr. Rullo; motion carried unanimously.

Borough Manager's Report

Ms. Dietz read the bank fund balances.

Police Chief Report:

Chief Farally said he was honored to go to Harrisburg and be interviewed along with two other Police Chiefs on PCN television and two other chiefs discussing current trends and new technology. It will be aired on February 9.

Mrs. Galia announced she is interested in starting an ordinance committee and she is looking for volunteers from residents and Council members to review outdated ordinances and make recommendations.

Mr. Dick motioned to Adjourn at 7:40 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Petrosky; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Dietz