

**Borough of Pitcairn Council  
Combined Meeting Minutes  
August 10, 2020  
7:00 pm**

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

**Roll Call:**

John Bova  
Kevin Dick  
Debra Freeman  
Dona Galia  
Lisa Petrosky  
Jim Rullo  
Michael Tobias  
Mayor Margaret Stevick  
**All Present.**

**Mr. Bova motioned to approve Minutes from July 13, 2020 Borough Council Combined Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Rullo; motion carried unanimously.**

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

**Citizen Comment on Agenda Items**

Resident Kim Kline read from a list of the following questions: does the Quality of Life citation pertain to everyone. Mrs. Galia: yes. Ms. Kline asked the best way to visit the police department for non-emergency items. Chief Farally: if an officer is inside, outer door is open, there is a door bell. If not, call the posted dispatch phone number. Ms. Kline asked why doesn't the Borough maintain the steps on the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Street; she has been picking up litter and weed whacking. Mr. Bova said he will look into that. She asked for stop sign at Highland and Sixth. Chief Farally: that would require a traffic study. Ms. Kline: a fire truck won't fit up Jewell Way. Tom Dick responded a fire truck does fit. Ms. Kline said she has contacted multiple Code Officers about Jewell Way houses. She claimed one was owned by a Council member. All Council members responded they do not own any of the homes on Jewell Way. Ms. Kline asked when there are two solid yellow lines, how can cars be parked. Should the lines be removed? Ms. Kline reported the Broadway hotel has not paid taxes since 2016; they are hiding behind an LLC. Looking at her phone, Ms. Kline: someone is asking if you will make 3<sup>rd</sup> to Shaw to Kenney One Way due to speeding cars and children playing. Mrs. Galia asked Ms. Kline to encourage those she is communicating with to contact the Borough departments immediately with concerns when they occur as opposed to waiting until a monthly meeting which delays response time.

Resident Anita Kysor thanked the police and fire company for responding so quickly to a recent fire. Due to the pandemic her massage and electrolysis business has suffered, making it difficult to continue to rent space in a Monroeville office building. She asked if she could work out of her home on Agatha Street. Mrs. Galia asked Solicitor Mike Witherel to respond. Mr. Witherel: because other residents have recently asked the same thing, Council is asking the Planning Commission to meet and make recommendations to Council regarding the current Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Witherel cautioned that Zoning should be looked at for the long term, taking into account other residents may or may not want home businesses near them.

Resident Richard Tartaglione thanked the police force for being visible throughout town, and Fire Chief Tom Dick for his company's seven-minute response to a recent house fire.

**Mr. Bova motioned to approve request for playing fields use from Grace Baptist Church of Monroeville to distribute food on September 12 from 3 to 5. Seconded by Mrs. Freeman; motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Bova motioned to appoint resident Bennett Galia to the Planning Commission to fill the balance of Dan Castagnero's term, who was appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board. Seconded by Mrs. Petrosky; motion carried unanimously.**

**Mayor Betsy Stevick**

Mayor Stevick reported Pitcairn Police worked 172 complaints in July, collected \$300 in Borough fines, \$501 from the Magistrate, \$285 from the County and \$50 Quality of Life fines.

**Personnel – Dona Galia**

Mrs. Galia motioned to adopt Resolution 34-2020, an employment agreement with the Borough Manager. Motion seconded by Mr. Bova. Mr. Witherel explained he will draw up the agreement to include the details Council discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

**Streets – Kevin Dick**

Mr. Dick: the Public Works department is getting a lot of projects done, a little behind on weeds but they have a reduced crew.

Mrs. Galia relayed to Mr. Dick there was a request for a mirror at Third and Brinton, coming up Third Street, the 600 block it is difficult to see. Can this be approved; Council agreed.

**Parks and Recreation – Debra Freeman**

The Borough is obtaining quotes to replace the AC system for the Park Building in addition to the cost of \$2,500 for the gas line installation to convert the building to natural gas. Mrs. Freeman motioned to award the project to the lowest responsible bidder after the quotes are reviewed so that Jim Comunale can coordinate the project. Mrs. Petrosky asked Ms. Dietz how the Borough would cover the cost. Ms. Dietz: this year's budget contains a line item for a \$10,000 grant match which will not be used this year, the Park and Recreation Special Events Fund with nearly \$7,000 could be used with Council permission, additional would come from the General Fund Park and Recreation budget for building and other repairs. Mrs. Freeman pointed out the repair must be done in order to rent out the Park Building. **Seconded by Mr. Dick; motion carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Freeman motioned to approve request for six month extension for Park Building office space from the Department of Agriculture to continue the Spotted Lantern fly Mitigation Project. **Seconded by Mr. Dick; motion carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Freeman announced ServiceMaster has waived the August cost for custodial services at the Borough Building in appreciation for the use of Sugar Camp Parking lot while their company's parking lot on Wall Avenue was paved.

**Finance and Economic Development – Lisa Petrosky**

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

**Health and Welfare – Michael Tobias**

Mr. Tobias motioned to advertise an ordinance regulating dumpsters and storage containers for adoption at the September 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting. **Seconded by Mr. Bova; motion carried unanimously.**

**Electric – John Bova**

Nothing this evening.

**Public Safety – Jim Rullo**

Mr. Rullo motioned to participate in the magistrate's adjudication alternative program. The Borough will accept referrals from magistrate office for community service for summary offences. **Seconded by Mr. Bova; motion carried unanimously.**

**Solicitor's Report**

Nothing additional.

**Engineer's Report**

In addition to his monthly report, Engineer Don Black added the grant funded demolition project bids will be opened on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Center Avenue Slide project is nearing a starting point.

**Borough Manager's Report**

Ms. Dietz read aloud the various bank fund balances and the Real Estate Tax Collector's report.

**Police Chief Report**

Chief Farally commended Officers Linebarger and Fox for their swift action in assisting a resident in medical distress.

Mrs. Galia thanked the Fire Company for their quick response to two recent fires in hot weather conditions.

**Mr. Dick motioned to Adjourn at 7:33 pm. Seconded by Mr. Rullo; motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Dietz