

Borough of Pitcairn Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 12, 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.

Solicitor Matthew Kalina sat in for Michael Witherel.

Mrs. Galia announced that Council held an Executive Session tonight at 6:00 to discuss a legal matter.

Mr. Rullo motioned to approve Minutes from September 14, 2020 Council Regular Meeting and September 28, 2020 Council Workshop Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Tobias; motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comment on Agenda Items

There were none.

Mayor Betsy Stevick

Mayor Stevick reported there will be three polling places, Halloween will be held 6pm to 8pm on the 31st.

Personnel – Dona Galia

Mrs. Galia motioned to advertise an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for Personal Service Shops as a Conditional Use in the R-1 and R-2 Zones. Seconded by Mr. Bova; motion carried unanimously.

Streets – Kevin Dick

Mr. Dick motioned to approve three change orders associated with the Center Avenue Landslide Remediation grant project. Mr. Black: bids came in well, but a lot of money was allocated to paving and guardrail because the bidders are geo tech contractors and not pavers. Engineer Doug Beitko and Mr. Black suggest deducting paving and guardrail to extend the wall further. Mr. Dick asked when it would start. Mr. Black did not have an exact date, but soon, this work can be done in cold weather. Mrs. Petrosky asked if the paving and guardrail would be bid separately. Mr. Black: no, Pitcairn would contract the paving separately and Mr. Comunale do the guardrail. **Seconded by Mrs. Petrosky; motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Dick motioned to adopt Resolution 43-2020, awarding the CITF funded Brinton Avenue Reconstruction Project to the lowest, responsible bidder, A. Folino Construction, Inc. Seconded by Mr. Rullo; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dick asked Mr. Black the status of the new Public Works/Utility department garage. Mr. Black reported submitting an ala carte list to Mr. Comunale for building, site and foundation design. Mr. Comunale was in communication with an architect; he had asked Council to consider this motion to keep the project moving. **Mr. Dick motioned to approve EADS' ala carte list as needed for site, foundation design for the new garage at 299 Second Street. Seconded by Mr. Bova; motion carried unanimously.**

Parks and Recreation – Debra Freeman

Mrs. Freeman thanked Mrs. Petrosky for contacting 412 Food Rescue and all the volunteers who helped. The Halloween parade will be on October 24th. Community groups and volunteers will set up tables outside

the Fire Hall for candy distribution. Santa Claus is lined up for 6:00 pm on December 5th; not sure what will be permitted due to Covid19. Mrs. Petrosky suggested something like the Easter Bunny as was done earlier this year. Mrs. Freeman added perhaps several Santas driving throughout town. Discussion took place.

Finance and Economic Development – Lisa Petrosky

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

Mrs. Petrosky reported Pitcairn has received the 2020 Pension State Aid in the amount of \$68,933.66. This combined with the Borough's portion of the adopted MMOs was sent to the pension funds.

Pitcairn has received the 2020 Act 205 Fire Relief allotment from the State in the amount of \$12,088.81. A check has been turned over to the Treasurer of the Pitcairn Fireman's Relief Association.

Mrs. Petrosky thanked everyone for their participation Saturday when 250 boxes of food were distributed. Additional boxes were delivered to the Hi-rise and Pitcairn food pantry.

Health and Welfare – Michael Tobias

Mr. Tobias motioned to adopt Resolution 42-2020 entering into a repayment agreement with Charles and Judith Bruna for the reconstruction of the collapsed retaining wall at 318 Wall Avenue, Pearce's Funeral Home, and the damaged portion of the Alley above. Seconded by Mr. Bova; motion carried unanimously. Mr. Tobias explained why the Borough would repair private property: the Code Enforcement Officer and Foreman met with Mr. Bruna who indicated he could not pay the full amount up front for the repair so this arrangement recoups the cost over time while restoring the closed alley which affects other residents.

Mr. Tobias motioned to approve payment to Eveready Contracting for the emergency demolition of 521 Fifth Street. Seconded by Mrs. Freeman. Mr. Dick thought the site was lower on one side; it might slide. He asked Mr. Black if he had checked it. Mr. Black responded he had, and will return when it is raining. After discussion, Mr. Black recommended releasing the full payment. The contractor has other projects in the borough and will return to the site if needed. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Electric – John Bova Nothing tonight.

Public Safety – Jim Rullo Nothing tonight.

Solicitor's Report Nothing in addition to Executive Session and Agenda items.

Engineer's Report Nothing in addition to report and Agenda items.

Borough Manager's Report

Ms. Dietz read aloud the various fund balances and real estate tax Collector report.

Police Chief Report Nothing tonight.

Mr. Dick motioned to Adjourn at 7:20 pm. Mr. Tobias provided the second; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Dietz