

**Borough of Pitcairn Council**  
**Workshop Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**October 26, 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

Mrs. Freeman and Mr. Rullo were absent.

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

**Citizen Comment**

Anita Kysor asked the status of the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment. Mrs. Galia explained it will be considered for a vote by Council on November 9th. The amendment had to be advertised first.

Deb Marto asked if we are paying for the Savvy Citizen app. Mrs. Galia responded, no. Ms. Marto asked if the community calendar could be restored to the borough website. Mrs. Galia: yes. Ms. Marto asked that the Agenda be posted on the doors so residents can view it while waiting for the building to be unlocked. Mrs. Galia: yes and it will also be sent to website at least 24 hours in advance. Evelyn Marto suggested lowering the \$50 for a newsletter business advertisement and maybe more businesses would participate. Discussion took place. Mrs. Petrosky offered to look into spreading the word to the business owners.

Linda Booher complained of speeding on North Avenue. She recalled the Engineer put a stop sign at North and Ravine but they are speeding to the stop sign. Can we get affordable removable speed bumps? Mr. Bova shared in her frustration, observing speeding throughout the borough, not just in North Pitcairn. Council has discussed the problem with the Engineer, Chief Farally and Foreman Jim Comunale. Mr. Comunale who is present tonight was asked for input. He said the humps have to be approved by PennDOT, must be longer than a bump, 12 feet and costly. Discussion continued.

**Mayor Betsy Stevick**

Mayor Stevick reported Pitcairn Police worked 184 calls in September, collected \$200 in municipal fines, \$606.97 from the Magistrate, \$1,534 from the County and \$150 in Quality of Life fines. Mayor Stevick announced Trick or Treat will be from 6 pm to 8 pm, the same as Monroeville.

**Personnel – Dona Galia**

**Mrs. Galia motioned to approve attendance at the Allegheny County Boroughs Association annual membership meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets are \$35 per person. Donations will be accepted for Presents from Police. Seconded by Mrs. Petrosky; motion carried unanimously.**

**Streets – Kevin Dick**

Mr. Dick welcomed Public Works/Utility Foreman, Mr. Comunale who was present to provide updates on infrastructure and electric system projects. Mr. Comunale: the geotechnical contractor in the process of removing earth prior to drilling for the Center Avenue wall, found an old lagging wall. After more excavating, it appears it will not cause a problem but may have to be removed. Mr. Comunale

reported that when the wall portion of the project is done, the resulting cut in the road will have to be filled with stone by the Borough. About 400 feet of one downhill lane and 100 feet of both lanes on the bend will be stones, not possible to pave until asphalt plants reopen in April. He voiced concern for the condition of the surface for winter driving, that it may need weekly maintenance by Public Works, more stone, leveling and the Borough doesn't own a roller. Mr. Dick: can we use millings. Mr. Comunale no, they don't compact. They will be using modified stone, which if compacted well in the beginning, may or may not do well in the winter. Public Works will not be able to plow it, only salt it. Mrs. Petrosky: should we close it. Discussion took place. Mrs. Galia suggested deciding as it comes. Mr. Comunale: I have caution signs ready. He continued: the Borough's responsibility will be 500 feet of stone, in Spring the cost of paving which will include removing the stone, creating the base layer, wearing surface and new guard rail. Guard rail will cost at least \$10,000. Other borough costs are onsite geotechnical engineering inspectors each day of the wall portion of the project, approximately three weeks for \$1,000 a day.

Regarding the gas company's project, Mr. Comunale reported Wood Street is only being paved four feet from the new sidewalk curb, Wall and Eleanor only in spots. Mr. Dick: there will be issues wherever they cut. Mr. Comunale conveyed the same to the gas company. They will do the base repair but only what they damaged. Deb Marto asked if the gas company was responsible for the deep dip at Broadway and Brinton. Mr. Comunale said the PennDOT contractor intends to fix the dip and the storm drain at Center and Broadway. Mrs. Galia pointed out Pitcairn has applied for a paving grant for Wood Street; waiting to hear if it is eligible. Mr. Dick suggested a meeting with the gas company and Borough Engineer about Wood Street.

Mr. Comunale continued: there will be a pre-bid meeting for the Hillside reconstruction project. The utility poles will have to be removed no matter what the design fix is. It is a big job; the Borough will have to move five poles, primary and secondary wires, house drops, transformers. Mr. Comunale is starting on that, has much of the needed supplies. Council thanked Mr. Comunale.

#### **Parks and Recreation – Debra Freeman**

#### **Finance and Economic Development – Lisa Petrosky**

**Mrs. Petrosky motioned to advertise Budget Meetings on November 9<sup>th</sup> and November 23<sup>rd</sup> both starting at 6:00 pm, to be immediately followed by Council Meetings. Seconded by Mr. Bova; motion carried unanimously.** Mrs. Petrosky thanked everyone who helped with the Halloween event; the children enjoyed it.

#### **Health and Welfare – Michael Tobias**

Mr. Tobias reported that Waste Management's household hazardous waste program collected 3,080 pounds of televisions in the third quarter of this year.

**Mr. Tobias motioned to adopt Resolution 44-2020, an agreement between the Borough and Eveready Contracting, compensating Eveready Contracting \$1,500 for the removal of K Street demo structures from the GEDF grant funded 2019 demolition project. Seconded by Mr. Dick; motion carried unanimously.**

#### **Electric – Jack Bova**

Nothing tonight.

#### **Public Safety – Jim Rullo**

**Mr. Dick motioned to Adjourn at 7:26 pm. Seconded by Mr. Tobias; motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Annette Dietz