

Borough of Pitcairn
Council Meeting
Minutes
October 14, 2019
7:00 pm

Meeting called to order – President Michael Tobias
Stand for Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Absent
Doug Crothers
Kevin Dick
Cammeo Farally _x_
Dona Galia
Lorraine Myers
Jim Rullo
Mike Tobias
Mayor Stevick

Mr. Rullo motioned to approve Minutes from September 9th and September 23, 2019 Borough Council Meetings. Seconded by Mrs. Galia; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Tobias announced Council held an Executive Session this evening at 6:00 pm to discuss a personnel issue.

Opening of sealed bids for the sale of 428 Highland Avenue, Pitcairn. Solicitor Matt Kalina, sitting in tonight for Michael Witherel, explained this is the second advertised auction for the property. Mr. Kalina opened and read the following sealed bids: Michael Juliano, the Lawnfather, LLC \$2,201.99. Jeffrey Owen, Pitcare \$6,000. Mr. Kalina recommended accepting the highest bid.

Mr. Dick motioned to accept the highest bid, \$6,000 from Mr. Owen of Pitcare for 428 Highland Avenue. Seconded by Mr. Rullo; motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comment on Agenda Items

There were none.

Mayor Betsy Stevick

Mayor Stevick announced Halloween will match Monroeville's: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Halloween night.

Personnel – Dona Galia

Mrs. Galia had nothing for her committee this evening. She was asked to do Mrs. Farally's portion of the Agenda.

Streets – Mike Tobias

Mrs. Myers motioned to authorize the Borough Engineer to apply to the PA Small Water and Sewer Program for a grant for Storm Sewer Improvements on 3rd Street. Seconded by Mr. Rullo; motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Galia motioned to authorize the Borough Engineer to apply to the H2O Flood Control Program for a grant to cover the remaining sponsor adjustment costs associated with the Flood Control Project. Seconded by Mrs. Myers; motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Galia motioned to approve CDBG grant application for portion of 2nd Street reconstruction. Pitcairn is guaranteed \$20,000. Seconded by Mr. Dick; motion carried unanimously.

Parks and Recreation – Cammeo Farally

Mrs. Galia shared the Park Building improvements CDBG grant application was deemed ineligible by HUD because it is a rental facility used by non-residents. **Mrs. Galia motioned to authorize application to a**

different grant program when possible to meet application deadlines. Seconded by Mr. Dick; motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Galia gave details of the Harvest Festival and parade. She thanked everyone who attended and helped make the new Borough Building Dedication a great success.

Finance and Economic Development – Jim Rullo

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

Mr. Rullo motioned to approve payment application #10 to Yarborough Development for the new municipal building project in the amount of \$63,558.40. Seconded by Mr. Dick; motion carried unanimously.

Health and Welfare – Kevin Dick

Mr. Dick announced on October 4th, Council electronically voted to approve a Land Bank acquisition application for 590 4th Street.

Mr. Dick announced sealed bids for trash and household hazardous waste collection were opened on October 3rd. Council has not discussed it yet so no decision will be made this evening. Mayor Stevick asked how many companies submitted bids. Mr. Dick: two.

Electric – Lorraine Myers

Nothing this evening.

Public Safety – Doug Crothers

Mr. Crothers motioned to accept resignation of part time Police Officer Benjamin Azzarello. Seconded by Mr. Dick; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report

No items for public report.

Engineer's Report

Don Black highlighted the grant motions tonight, 15% match for the recently announced PA H2O, very competitive. Center Avenue slide, Beitko is revising their proposal. Council could authorize it and test drillings could begin. Sixth Street Sanitary project bids will be opened and that project could take place this year. Wood Street reconstruction grant project: COG is ready to issue notice to proceed, paving hopefully before next year. MS4 waiver was received by the DEP. Mr. Black was asked to give a summary of the Center Avenue slide repair: soil nails on outside slope, until they reach competent rock. Inside lane will remain open. Repaving will come in another contract; stabilization first, after drilling. Mayor Stevick: how long will it take? About 3 months once drilling begins.

Borough Manager's Report

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

Police Chief Report:

Crime watch meeting cancelled.

Mr. Dick motioned to adjourn at 7:21 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Myers; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Dietz