

**Borough of Pitcairn
Council Meeting
Minutes
June 10, 2019
7:00 pm**

Meeting called to order – President Michael Tobias
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:
Doug Crothers
Cammeo Farally
Dona Galia
Lorraine Myers
Jim Rullo
Mike Tobias
Mayor Stevick
All present.

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

Mr. Rullo motioned to approve Minutes from May 13 and May 28, 2019 Borough Council Meetings. Seconded by Mrs. Myers; motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comment

There were none.

Mayor Betsy Stevick

Pitcairn Police worked 233 complaints in May. Mayor Stevick showed a picture of a train engine that Eric Seibel duplicated to customize a wooden train front mounted on a quad to participate in the parade. Council is thinking of mounting it on the wall in new borough building. **Mayor Stevick asked for a motion to go to the Mayors Conference in State College July 18 to 21. Mr. Crothers made the motion. Seconded by Mrs. Galia; motion carried unanimously.** Mayor Stevick displayed the various commendations from elected officials for Pitcairn's anniversary.

Personnel – Dona Galia

Mrs. Galia observed how amazing the 125th Anniversary parade, history night and Saturday's celebration was with everyone working together. The final financial report will be shared with Council and the public when all expenditures and donations are in. Mrs. Galia proceeded to thank individually by name each organizer, volunteer, community organization, Fire Company #1, fireworks company, Borough employees and officials, churches, musical bands, residents and donors, adding how honored she is to be from Pitcairn. There was applause. Mr. Tobias thanked Mr. and Mrs. Galia for their time and commitment to the celebration. Discussion took place about hanging the train in the new building.

Streets – Mike Tobias

Mr. Tobias asked Council to weigh in on possibly holding only one Council Meeting in July and August. **Mr. Dick motioned to advertise one Council meeting in July on the 8th, and one in August on the 12th. Seconded by Mr. Crothers; motion carried unanimously.**

Parks and Recreation – Cammeo Farally

Mrs. Farally thanked CARES of Western Pennsylvania for planting flowers at Sugar Camp. They will be planting more this week in other areas of the Borough. Mrs. Farally thanked Park and Rec volunteers for hosting the bounce house during the Anniversary celebration, her sister for face painting and Nick Turner and Lisa Petrosky for supervising the bounce house.

Finance and Economic Development – Jim Rullo

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

Mr. Rullo motioned to approve payment application #7 from Yarborough in the amount of \$247,915.33 to be paid from the Capital Projects Fund, for the new Borough Building project. Seconded by Mrs. Myers; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rullo motioned to purchase a generator for new Borough Building from AP Electric and Generators for \$14,697. Three quotes were obtained as required. Payment to be made from the Public Safety Fund as the generator is needed to guarantee constant power for the police and other departments. Seconded by Mrs. Myers; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rullo motioned to approve Change Order #2 for minor items in new Borough Building project. Seconded by Mr. Dick; motion carried unanimously.

Health and Welfare – Kevin Dick

Mr. Dick reported Council received a request from Trafford Borough for street sweeping services. After speaking to Jim Comunale and Ms. Dietz, Mr. Dick said Mr. Comunale can show them how to use it. He would like to see it used more often in Pitcairn, as well. Mr. Dick asked the Solicitor if there should be a motion. Mr. Witherel: yes, trading heavy equipment is common but how often do they want to use it. Mr. Dick thought it would be just a few weeks, not regularly, can revisit it if it becomes a problem. Mr. Tobias agreed we have a great relationship; our borough will still be a priority. **Mr. Dick motioned to allow Trafford Borough to use the street sweeping machine on a limited basis. Mrs. Myers provided the second; motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Dick thanked everyone who worked on the Anniversary.

Code Enforcement Report – John Prucnal

Mr. Prucnal explained he and Ms. Dietz met with a representative of the Tri COG Land Bank of which Pitcairn is a member. The Land Bank helps return abandoned buildings to use and taxes. In the past, Pitcairn's submissions were not chosen, required too much rehabilitation. Ms. Dietz asked the Land Bank for input, they have suggested 736 Seventh Street as a promising candidate. Discussion took place about owner history. **Mr. Dick motioned to submit 736 Seventh Street to the Land Bank for consideration. Seconded by Mrs. Galia; motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Prucnal sees a lot of complaints about high grass on Facebook. He read the rainfall stats for this year and that owners must mow often to comply with the 8" limit. He explained the multi-step process of trying to gain compliance: Quality Of Life ticket or warning is issued, the property owner has 15 days to abate, after that, fines continue, taken to the magistrate, time to schedule hearing, sometimes they cut the grass right before the hearing, it is dismissed, or Magistrate gives them another week to comply. Mr. Prucnal asked the Solicitor, if the borough cuts the property can we invoice the owner for the cost of personnel and equipment. Mr. Witherel: liens are cheaper and quicker than invoicing and suing, etc. It was decided that Mr. Prucnal and Ms. Dietz would forward such costs to the Solicitor. Mr. Prucnal: we are citing the owner as well as the tenant which does cause a reaction.

Electric – Lorraine Myers

Mrs. Myers thanked Scott Electric who generously donated several truckloads of pole line hardware to the Borough as they transform their business.

Mrs. Myers motioned to adopt a delinquent utility account repayment policy. She explained there are a lot electric fee accounts in arrears. The new policy requires that such a consumer pay the current month's bill, as well as pay down the delinquent balance in 90 days or power will be shut

off. The office staff steers residents to available help. Discussion took place. Seconded by Mr. Rullo; motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Myers motioned to adopt a graduating fee scale for meter reconnection: first time free, then \$25, \$50 fourth or more is \$100 each time. Seconded by Mrs. Galia; motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Myers thanked Mrs. Galia and her husband, the Mayor, many others for organizing the celebration, recalling when she heard the church bells ringing and there was a rainbow in the sky, she felt all those who went before were smiling down.

Public Safety – Doug Crothers

Nothing tonight.

Solicitor’s Report

Nothing more.

Engineer’s Report

Don Black highlighted items in his report: installation of grant funded drainage for Annie’s Place is complete, waiting for fencing to complete the project. The Hillside Avenue slide reconstruction grant application will be resubmitted by July 31. Center Avenue was awarded \$525,000 grant, last estimate was \$2.3M. EADS met with specialty contractors and have come up with a plan to stabilize with soil nails, will develop a bid project to use the grant. The new municipal building work continues, access road will be closed to pave the parking lot. Mr. Dick asked Mr. Black what is next step for Center. Mr. Black: the design build once completed, will be spec-ed out attempting to stay within budget, then bid out. No significant work this Summer; probably a Fall project. Mrs. Galia observed Saturday at Annie’s Place where the new fence is going to be, there is a space between parking lot and sidewalk that is not cemented. Mr. Black: it will be addressed either by contractor or public works.

Police Chief Report:

Chief Farally thanked everyone involved with the celebration including the Mayor and Tom Dick for their hard work on the parade.

Evelyn Marto asked if Pitcairn will be reimbursed by Trafford for the use of the street sweeper. Mr. Tobias: we use their equipment, they’ve helped us. Mr. Dick added, we broke theirs and fixed it, and they would do the same for us.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Dietz