

**Borough of Pitcairn
Borough Council Meeting
Minutes
November 12, 2018
7:00 pm**

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

Roll Call:

Doug Crothers
Kevin Dick
Cammeo Farally
Dona Galia
Lorraine Myers
Jim Rullo
Mike Tobias
Mayor Stevick
All present.

Mr. Tobias thanked the veterans in attendance for their service. He announced Council held a public Budget Meeting at 6:00 pm prior to tonight's Meeting.

Mr. Rullo motioned to approve Borough Council Meeting Minutes for October 8, 2018 and October 22, 2018. Seconded by Mrs. Myers; motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comment

John Rocco expressed concern regarding six burglaries in North Pitcairn. He said three had not been reported to the police. Chief Farally responded that he cannot comment on an active investigation. They did make one arrest and are reviewing video footage. Mr. Tobias encouraged residents to report every incident to Police.

Beverly Shearer asked why the cupboard in the Park Building belonging to the Women's' Auxiliary #2 was opened and items moved. She didn't know what items were in there. Mr. Tobias promised to look into the matter.

Patty Tartaglione and four other members of the Park and Recreation Board tendered letters of resignation citing differences of opinion with recent policies. They felt the Park and Rec Board should be authorized as it was in the past, to approve or disapprove park rental applications in addition to the Borough office staff. They complained that the day before the recent Fire Company #2 sponsored Bingo event, they were contacted that the 200 tickets they sold would exceed the occupancy limit for the Park Building, though the event application was approved. Mr. Tobias apologized for the misunderstanding. Mrs. Galia agreed that whoever is checking the applications should be more careful to avoid any repeat of this. Mrs. Farally asked that someone establish the occupancy limit, for dances, with tables. Mr. Tobias agreed. Mayor Stevick said Code Enforcement Officer, John Prucnal was investigating that calculation.

Mr. Crothers motioned to accept the resignations of Park and Recreation members Jessica Platt, Patty Tartaglione, Peggy Yagatich, Barbara Christian and Diana Burkhardt. Seconded by Mrs. Farally; motion carried unanimously.

George and Diana Burkhardt complained of unclean aspects of the Park Building and having difficulty getting into the building the day before the Bingo event. Mr. Tobias promised to look into it. Mrs. Farally asked that any problems or complaints be reported to her as Park and Recreation Committee or the Borough Manager.

Responding to the proposed amendment to the Borough's Animal Ordinance, Jennifer Pernick listed some of her pets, snakes, reptiles, that she is a licensed dealer and has a rattery inspected by the State. She has applied

for a license from the State to breed and sell out of State. She said the Ordinance would impact her business income as a single mom with kids. Lengthy discussion took place. Mayor Stevick described complaints she'd received of residents walking in public with large snakes frightening other residents, and that some households had too many pets to properly care for. Mr. Tobias felt the ordinance should not penalize residents who are properly caring for their pets and keeping people are safe. Mr. Rullo and Solicitor Matt Kalina observed that Ms. Pernick should not be conducting business from a residential address. Mr. Kalina pointed out the Borough can constitutionally limit animal ownership for the health and safety of a community. Limits can be broad or specific.

Mr. Dick motioned to table the proposed animal Ordinance until Council more thoroughly reviews it. Seconded by Mrs. Myers; motion carried unanimously.

A resident addressed Council that she had obtained 44 signatures from neighbors saying her chickens are no problem for them. Her yard is smaller than the proposed Ordinance requires. Discussion took place. Mrs. Galia: we need to look at people who are not taking care of their pets or cleaning up after them and it is affecting their neighbors. Mr. Dick: we don't want people to get rid of their pets; we need to better enforce our existing ordinance.

Mayor Betsy Stevick

Pitcairn Police worked 197 complaints, collected \$160 in Borough fines, \$386 from the Magistrate, \$46 from the County. Free flu shots will be available this Friday at the Park Building. Mayor Stevick gave an update on the Borough 125th anniversary celebration and the need for donations that will be kept in a separate, non-profit fund.

Personnel – Dona Galia

Mrs. Galia motioned to approve Borough Officials' attendance and donation of a door prize, at Allegheny County Boroughs Association General Membership Meeting and Holiday Gathering on December 6, 2018. Cost: \$25 per person, voting delegate and alternate, no cost. Seconded by Mrs. Myers; motion carried unanimously.

Streets – Mike Tobias

Mr. Rullo motioned to adopt Resolution designating November 1st as Phil's Pharmacy Day in the Borough of Pitcairn. Mr. Tobias explained they attended a celebration for Phil's 50 years in business, presenting him with a plaque. Seconded by Mrs. Galia; motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Galia motioned to offer a probationary seasonal Public Works position to Mr. Jonathan Ayres, compensation \$14 an hour. Seconded by Mrs. Myers. Roll call vote resulted in motion carrying unanimously with Mr. Dick abstaining. (Mr. Ayres accepted a full time position with another entity.)

Mrs. Myers motioned to send Letter of Commitment to TCVCOG for Borough match of \$26,297.50 for Wall Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project. The CDBG grant award is \$20,000. Seconded by Mr. Dick, motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Farally motioned to adopt Concurring Resolution submitting a CDBG grant application for Sixth Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements project. Project estimate: \$34,190. Seconded by Mr. Crothers; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Tobias mentioned that he will not be able to assist during next year's Pitt Make A Difference on Martin Luther King Day. He will apply on the Borough's behalf if someone could oversee it. Mr. Tobias: we have

until the end of the month to think of an indoor project. He thanked members of Pitcairn Renaissance and Fire Company #1 for helping with this year's Pitt day.

Parks and Recreation – Cammeo Farally

Mrs. Farally motioned to authorize TCVCOG payment application #2 and #3 to A. Folino Construction for CITF grant funded Sugar Camp Park Improvements, totaling \$62,433.27. Seconded by Mr. Dick; motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Farally announced Old Fashioned Christmas will be November 25th. Santa will arrive by fire engine, there will be a wagon hay ride courtesy of Forest Hills who is loaning their wagon. Fire Station 229 will conduct rides, there will be hot dogs, hot chocolate, DJ Erin Heaps Tobias. Mrs. Farally will put out applications in the Borough office for the Park and Rec board. Mr. Tobias asked about the event on November 24th. Mrs. Farally: marking the anniversary of the tragic accident, there will be a lantern release, ribbon cutting at 6:00 pm. George Burkhardt felt any ribbon cutting should wait till the new section is done and dedicate it then. Mrs. Farally: Lisa Petrosky and Amber are organizing the event. Mrs. Galia suggested doing the lanterns but postpone the ribbon cutting. Mrs. Farally: the fence needs done, the drainage completed. Mr. Burkhardt said the grandmother asked girl scouts to participate by decorating rocks. A box should be constructed for cement they can press the rocks into. He needs to coordinate with Jim Comunale. Mr. Burkhardt continued: the man who paid for the bench wants a plaque with his name on it. Mrs. Farally promised to speak with everyone involved.

Finance and Economic Development – Jim Rullo

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

Mr. Rullo motioned to adopt Resolution authorizing Wilkesburg Penn Joint Water Authority as billing agent, to increase 2019 customer sewage treatment fees by 7% to match ALCOSAN's increase. Seconded by Mr. Dick. Motion carried unanimously.

Health and Welfare – Doug Crothers

Mr. Crothers motioned to adopt Ordinance 1028 adopting the following Codes:

2015 International Fire Code

2015 International Wildland - Urban Interface Code

2015 International Building Code

2015 International Energy Conservation Code

2015 International Existing Building Code

2015 International Fuel Gas Code

2015 International Plumbing Code

2015 International Mechanical Code

2015 International Residential Code

Seconded by Mr. Dick; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Crothers motioned to submit three properties to the Land Bank for consideration: 736 7th Street, 637 Third and 601 Third Street. Seconded by Mr. Rullo; motion carried unanimously.

Electric – Kevin Dick

Mr. Dick motioned to adopt Resolution approving the proposed bylaws, strategic plan and dues structure of the Pennsylvania Municipal Electric Association. Seconded by Mr. Crothers. After discussion, motion included appointing Mr. Dick as PMEA voting delegate and Mr. Crothers as PMEA voting alternate. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dick motioned to trade in old transformers valued at \$1,500 to the supplier, for ones better suited to our system. Seconded by Mr. Crothers; motion carried unanimously.

Public Safety – Lorraine Myers

Mrs. Myers motioned to adopt Resolution entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with TCVCOG for police department active shooter training. Seconded by Mr. Rullo; motion carried unanimously.

Engineer's Report

Engineer Don Black referred to his submitted report. Yarborough Development was approved for the new municipal building project; he brought contracts for Mr. Tobias to sign. Virginia Crothers asked if the interior layout will be on display. Mr. Black: that is up to Council. Solicitor Matt Kalina recommended Council take it under consideration; there may be security concerns. Mr. Black: we will conduct a preconstruction meeting this week if the documents are signed.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to add.

Police Chief Report

Chief Scott Farally: the Borough has discussed for years the idea of one fire company. Earlier this year a committee was appointed and met to come to a resolution by the end of this year: Chief, Mrs. Galia, Mr. Tobias, Mrs. Myers, mediations and meetings were held. Chief Farally continued: He is recommending that Council motion that as of January 1, 2019 Pitcairn should recognize Station 229 as primary fire suppression service within the Borough of Pitcairn. Motion to include giving Fire Company #2 enough time to inventory their equipment and vacate the Borough-owned building by December 31, 2018. Motion made by Mr. Crothers. Seconded by Mrs. Galia. Roll call vote: Mrs. Galia yes, Mr. Dick abstained, Mrs. Myers yes, Mr. Crothers yes, Mr. Rullo no, Mr. Tobias yes, Mrs. Farally abstained. Motion carried.

Mr. Dick motioned to add two to three surveillance cameras in North Pitcairn purchased from the Public Safety Fee Fund. Seconded by Mrs. Myers; motioned carried unanimously.

Brief discussion took place regarding the particulars for the yearly Christmas tree decorated by the Borough. Jack Bova volunteered to donate the tree again this year. After asking the Burkhardts if the tree last year needed it, Mrs. Galia asked the Manager to purchase additional ornaments and lights.

Mr. Dick motioned to Adjourn at 8:00pm. Seconded by Mr. Crothers; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Dietz