

**Borough of Pitcairn Council**  
**Workshop Meeting Minutes**  
**February 25, 2019**  
**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 announced Engineer Don Black is in attendance this evening. Council held an Executive Session at 6:00 pm to discuss personnel items.

**Citizen Comment**

Lisa Petrosky said there are certain Do Not Enter signs she felt should be marked One Way on the other side. Mr. Tobias said he would let Jim Comunale know and asked Chief Farally to also look into the matter. Betty Lang asked the status of Center Avenue repair. Don Black: the Borough is waiting word on a grant. The funding board rescheduled their meeting for March after cancelling several times. Ms. Lang: is there a temporary repair plan? Mr. Black: no we are waiting for funding. Kim Lang asked if the electric power plant needs repairs. Mr. Tobias: since last summer repairs have been made. Mr. Dick: the transformer oil tests were successful, reviewed by electrical engineers. Ms. Lang asked the status of the flood control project. Mr. Dick spoke to Jim Hoover today. There are two outstanding easements, one being the Railroad's. Mr. Hoover is coming to the next meeting. Lisa Petrosky asked if an easement expires. Mr. Black: it depends on the language. A common occurrence if there is turnover of property owners you would approach the new owner. Ms. Lang said Fire Company #2 members were talking with the Borough about a merger but that members of Fire Company #1 responded there would not be a merger. Tom Dick expressed frustration that for a month and a half they have requested the Fire Relief Association books. A meeting was arranged, then they learned Fire Company #2 members would not meet in Fire Company #1's building. He added that Fire Company #2 has moved a truck to Monroeville rather than park it at Fire Company #1 yet they talk about a merger. Mr. Tobias: discussion has been going on for years regarding the two fire companies. Council voted as of December 31 to recognize volunteer fire company #1. There will be no merger. Council members offered to meet with Fire Company #1 to go over their bylaws and help with the process of members from Fire Company #2 wanting to join #1.

Charles Jackson and Kevin Hoffner of the Pitcairn Mohawks asked Council to approve their request for field usage. They asked the fields be cut before their field clinic/sign up day on May 11th. Specific home game dates on Saturdays will be submitted when known. **Mr. Jackson requested permission to paint and do upgrades to the concession stand. Mr. Dick suggested they share their plans with Foreman Jim Comunale. Council agreed.** Mr. Jackson: where can their equipment be stored when the new municipal building is completed. Mr. Tobias offered room in the Borough-owned building at Fifth and Highland. He felt the organizations have a couple months before having to vacate. Mr. Dick: probably in June. Mr. Jackson asked if parking will be a problem with the new building and are they going to pave the lot. Council didn't think there would be a problem. Mr. Jackson asked that the scoreboard and PA system be repaired. Mr. Dick responded Council will alert Mr. Comunale.

**Mayor Betsy Stevick**

Mayor Stevick reminded the public to display a house number to help the postal carrier and for public safety.

**Personnel – Dona Galia**

Mrs. Galia thanked the road crew for their hard work last Wednesday during the snowstorm clearing the roads so well and the electric workers for quickly restoring power during the windstorm.

**Streets – Mike Tobias**

**Mrs. Myers motioned to hire Mr. Mark Thimons as full time Public Works Laborer. Mr. Dick asked who conducted the interviews. Ms. Dietz and Jim Comunale interviewed applicants. Seconded by Mrs. Galia; motion carried unanimously.**

**Mrs. Galia motioned to hire Mr. Eric McCarrison as seasonal worker later this summer, at the hourly rate of \$9. Seconded by Mrs. Myers; motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Rullo motioned to participate in the troop banners program by providing link on website, newsletter, Savvy Citizen. Seconded by Mr. Dick; motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Tobias described the banners program honoring members of the armed services. The family buys the banners and brackets through a link on the website, Borough Utility department will install them. Mr. Tobias suggested starting on Broadway near the monument, displaying them during summer. As participation increases, banners would be installed on Wall, Center, potentially in front of the person's house. Richard Kemerer questioned if the banners donated by the Women's Club would continue to be displayed and recalled problems with trucks damaging them if installed too low. John Prucnal suggested alternating banners.

**Parks and Recreation – Cammeo Farally**

**Mrs. Farally motioned to approve requests for playing fields by Pitcairn Mohawks Football, Diamond Kings Baseball and Women's Softball leagues. She read specific dates for each group. Mr. Rullo pointed out some dates overlapped. Ms. Dietz responded Mohawks would use the lower fields when Women's League needs the ball fields as they did last year. Motion seconded by Mrs. Galia; motion carried unanimously.**

**Mrs. Farally motioned to approve down payment of \$2,000 to Starfire Corporation for anniversary celebration fireworks, from Park and Recreation Special Events Fund. Seconded by Mrs. Myers; motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Galia pointed out the Fund will be reimbursed with incoming donations and sponsorship money.**

Mrs. Farally recalled that in November 2018, Fire Company 230 sponsored a drag queen bingo, to raise money for Annie's Place playground improvements. She asked when the money would be turned in. Brian Spudy responded he did not know; 230 sponsored the event. Mrs. Farally was told George Burkhardt has the money.

**Mrs. Galia motioned to approve \$500 to Allegheny County as down payment for performance stage rental for the anniversary celebration. Seconded by Mrs. Myers; motion carried unanimously.**

**Finance and Economic Development – Jim Rullo**

**Mr. Rullo motioned to authorize Public Works/Utility Foreman Jim Comunale and crew to install**

**the new municipal building security, CCTV and meeting room PA systems. Seconded by Mr. Dick; motion carried unanimously.**

**Health and Welfare – Kevin Dick**

Mr. Dick announced the Janie Summers Memorial Community Clean Up as April 27<sup>th</sup>. Locations for dumpsters will be the Borough Building on Sixth, Sugar Camp Park and Fire Company #1.

**Mr. Dick motioned to approve sale of 2011 Ford Crown Victoria to Edward Bartholomew on Municibid, for \$2,000. Seconded by Mrs. Myers; motion carried unanimously.**

**Electric- Lorraine Myers**

Mrs. Myers thanked Jim Comunale and crew for coming out last night in the windstorm to keep everyone's electric on.

**Public Safety – Doug Crothers**

**Mr. Crothers motioned to approve hiring of part time Police Officer Steffan Lawson. Seconded by Mr. Dick; motion carried unanimously.**

**Police Chief Report**

Nothing tonight.

**Mr. Dick motioned to Adjourn at 7:32 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Myers; motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Dietz