

Borough of Pitcairn Council
Workshop Meeting
Minutes
October 22, 2018
7:00 pm

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

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

Council held an Executive Session at 6:00 pm to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Citizen Comment

Lisa Petrosky asked permission on behalf of Mrs. Farally who is absent, to hold a memorial event on November 24th officially opening the Annie’s Place Playground. She asked if there is a plan to restrict older children. Mr. Tobias: a fence will be installed and signs are ordered.

Mayor Betsy Stevick

Mayor Stevick reported that Pitcairn Police collected \$150 in Mayor’s fines, \$1,157.11 Magistrate, \$48.32 County, \$50.00 Quality of Life ticket fines. She reminded everyone of the upcoming Fall Festival and Trick or Treating and gave details.

Personnel – Dona Galia

Mrs. Galia motioned to award the new municipal building project to lowest responsible bidder, Yarborough Development, for \$1,744,744. Seconded by Mrs. Myers. Roll call vote was unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Galia announced that the Borough office will be closed on Election Day, Tuesday the 6th.

The Borough will begin posting Meeting Minutes on the website for those unable to attend the meetings.

Streets – Mike Tobias

Mr. Rullo motioned to advertise updated Act 167 Storm Water Management Ordinance to meet Allegheny County 2018 requirement, following County review and approval. Seconded by Mr. Crothers; motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Myers motioned to approve attendance of Mrs. Galia and Mr. Dick to the Allegheny County Boroughs Association Annual Election of Officers on November 8, 2018 in Pittsburgh. Seconded by Mr. Crothers; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Tobias expressed thanks to the thirty two University of Pittsburgh students who helped clean up the town Saturday and volunteered at the Pitcairn Renaissance garden.

Parks and Recreation – Cammeo Farally

Finance and Economic Development – Jim Rullo

Mr. Rullo motioned to advertise budget meetings at 6:00 pm on November 12 and November 26. Seconded by Mrs. Galia; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dick motioned to hold one Meeting in December on the 10th. Seconded by Mrs. Galia; motion carried unanimously.

Health and Welfare – Doug Crothers

Mr. Crothers asked Mayor Stevick to explain proposed changes to the current animal ordinance. Mayor Stevick: appoints either the Pitcairn Police or Monroeville animal control to enforce and dispose of the animal if necessary. The old ordinance permitted certain exotic animals including constrictor snakes which she felt should not be carried around in public. There will be fines. Dogs must be on a leash, imposes a limit of four animals per household. **Mr. Crothers motioned to advertise the proposed amendment. Seconded by Mr. Rullo; motion carried unanimously.**

Electric – Kevin Dick

Mr. Dick thanked the students from Pitt and Mr. Tobias for coming out Saturday.

Public Safety – Lorraine Myers

Mrs. Myers motioned to authorize purchase of used police SUV whenever one becomes available costing \$10,000 or less, with Chief of Police approval. The current Chief of Police SUV would then go to Code Enforcement, the oldest vehicle to Municibid. Seconded by Mr. Dick, who added: we should have a smaller truck for Mr. Comunale to do turn-ons and shut-offs instead of using the larger bucket truck. He learned at the conference in Penn State there is money available for municipalities to buy electric cars and they will pay you to install stations. He passed the information to Don Black and Mike Lewis. **Motion carried unanimously to purchase a used police vehicle.**

Deb Marto thanked the Mayor, Mr. Tobias, other residents for representing Pitcairn at Monroeville's Meeting regarding the requested liquor license by the Sunoco Station owners. Mr. Dick thanked Monroeville Council for supporting Pitcairn by rejecting the request. Mrs. Myers asked Ms. Dietz to send a letter of thanks to Monroeville Council from Pitcairn Council and residents. Discussion took place regarding the next step if they appeal it and actions Council and residents can take, attending Commonwealth Court, contacting the LCB with the adverse effects, the close proximity of playgrounds, day care centers. Ms. Marto suggested a petition, measuring the location of the playground. Mayor Stevick questioned whether there was enough room for the required amount of space for seating.

Mr. Tobias invited Code Enforcement Officer John Prucnal to speak. Mr. Prucnal submitted a report of his department's activity. One landlord has sold all of his properties, they are busy doing inspections with the BCO, issuing Quality of Life tickets. He described the challenge of the large amount of debris behind the former Barry's Bar, the owner lives NJ, sent him registered letters fining him. The owner of 404 Wall was in court suing his tenants for breaking the windows. Mrs. Myers asked if there are people living in the building. Mr. Prucnal: yes, we have cited him for trash, broken railing, boarded up windows, no house numbers. Mayor Stevick pointed out some of the tenants owned the pit bulls that were removed. Mrs. Galia thanked Mr. Prucnal for the detailed report.

Mrs. Galia motioned to Adjourn at 7:25 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Myers; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Dietz