

Borough of Pitcairn Council
Business Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2022
7:00 pm

Meeting called to order – President Jim Rullo
Stand for Pledge of Allegiance

| Roll Call: | Here | Absent |
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| Thomas Dick, Jr. | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> |
| Lisa Petrosky | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> |
| Domenic Roberta | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> |
| James Rullo | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> |
| Richard Tartaglione | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> |
| George Toth | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> |
| Mayor Margaret Stevick | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> |

Jim Rullo motioned to approve the Minutes from the March 14, 2022 Borough Council Combined Meeting. Seconded by George Toth, All Ayes; Motion carried unanimously.

Council held an Executive Session on March 23 at 6:00 PM to discuss personnel matters.

Council held an Executive Session this evening at 6:45 PM to discuss personnel matters.

Jim Rullo motioned to amend tonight’s agenda to appoint a new Zoning Officer for the Borough of Pitcarin. Seconded by Lisa Petrosky; Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comment.

Deb Marto thanked Council and particularly Lisa Petrosky for doing the Vigil for her daughter-in-law. Ms. Marto asked if anything could be done with the blinking school lights on Agatha to help slow traffic. Mayor Betsy Stevick stated they do not work. She suggested giving them to Gateway. Ms. Marto asked if the Borough could look into new lights that would be on a timer.

Mrs. Smeltzer, of Kenney Avenue asked if something could be done at 342/340 Kenney Avenue with property maintenance. Property is vacant and in very poor condition, the chimney has fallen and caused damage to her property. Ms. Smeltzer also asked if there was an ordinance against parking on the sidewalks. Discussion took place. Nick Turner, Code Enforcement stated the family that owns the structure lives in Colorado and wants nothing to do with it. It will be added to the demolition list. Parking on sidewalk, bring it to the attention of Chief Farally.

Peg Yagatitch –Complained about the power going off. Caused her TV receiver to blow out. Ms. Yagatitch asked about the property off Walcairn Avenue. Asked if the property is owned by the Borough. Residents are allowing their dogs to defecate on the property. She asked if anything would be done to Pitcairn Avenue. Discussion followed. Ms. Yagatitch asked if a camera could be placed on Wall Avenue, she had furniture taken off of her porch. Discussion took place.

Alex (last name inaudible) from Sixth Street complained about kids damaging personal property throwing rocks and general disrespect for people and their property. Stated that he has video of this and will turn it over to the police.

Jeff Owen from PitCare, concerned with the kids, wants to be part of the solution of the youth in Pitcairn. PitCare has library hours after school two days a week and a gym program 7 to 9 every night. Feels like the kids in the program are disciplined. Does not know who the kids are that are causing problems, if they know they can restrict access to the program and try to get them to improve their behavior. Discussion took place.

Mayor Betsy Stevick

Parking fines \$200
Magistrate fines \$683
County fines \$8.06
Quality of Life fines \$260

Personnel / General

- Jim Rullo motioned to accept the resignation of Megan Law from the Pitcairn Borough Council. Seconded by Domenic Roberta; All Ayes, Motion carried unanimously
- Jim Rullo motioned to appoint Michael Bolen as Borough Manager at a salary of \$72,500 per year effective April 12, 2022. Seconded by Domenic Roberta; All Ayes; Motion carried unanimously.
- Jim Rullo motioned to appoint Michael Bolen as the Borough of Pitcairn's Flood Plain Administrator. Seconded by Lisa Petrosky, All Ayes; Motion carried unanimously.
- Jim Rullo motioned to appoint Michael Bolen as the Borough of Pitcairn's Right to Know Officer.
- Jim Rullo motioned to direct Michael Bolen to advertise for the position of Municipal Accountant. Seconded by Domenic Roberta, All Ayes; Motion carried unanimously.
- Jim Rullo motioned to appoint Nick Turner Pitcairn Code Enforcement Officer as Zoning Officer Seconded by George Toth, All Ayes. Motion carried unanimously This was the amendment to the Agenda.

Streets – George Toth

- PennDot is still replacing several handicap ramps on Broadway this spring as part of their 2022 paving project. Not sure how much longer it will be going on.

Parks and Recreation – Domenic Roberta

- Discussion and possible motion to authorize Engineer to submit a Parks project grant application. Discussion would include specific ideas. Don Black, discussed in the past of paving the parking lot of the baseball field and incorporate a walking trail to beautify the area and add benches and trees. Grant cannot exceed \$250,000.00, Borough would have a 15% Cash match. Do phase 1 and phase 2. Some talk about doing work around sugar camp. Mr. Roberta stated he would like to entice a family atmosphere, center it all around the Borough Building and the Fire Department. Don Black suggested to form a committee and put together a master plan of some ideas. Once the grant is awarded then get more specific with the project. Dom Roberta, Tom Dick and Nick Turner would like to be on the committee. Domenic Roberta motioned for EADS to start the grant process for Parks and Recreation. Seconded by Lisa Petrosky, All Ayes; Motion carried unanimously.
- The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday April 16 at 11:00 AM.
- April 29 Night Market 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Finance and Economic Development – Lisa Petrosky

- Lisa Petrosky Motioned to pay bills as presented. Seconded by Domenic Roberta, All Ayes; Motion carried unanimously
- Planning Commission Update. Meeting Tomorrow April 12, 2022.

Health and Welfare –Richard Tartaglione

- Mr. Turner has submitted his monthly reports to Council.
- Richard Tartaglione motioned to approve the quote of \$2,275.00 plus the cost of shipping from Hydraulex to rebuild the hydraulic motor for our street sweeper. Our public works crew has removed the motor and will ship it out to be rebuilt. Lisa Petrosky asked how old the street sweeper is. Mike Bolen explained he wasn't sure of the year, it was purchased used a couple years ago. The machine has several moving parts and it gets used quite heavily. This will be paid from our Sewer Revenue Fund. Seconded by George Toth, All Ayes; Motion carried unanimously.
Richard Tartaglione motioned to adopt the following documents of the Act 152 Demolition Grant to be submitted to Allegheny County. The structures to be included are **905 Jewell Way, 914 Jewell Way, 916 Jewell Way, 940 Jewell Way and 1049 Pitcairn Ave.** The documents include the **General Certification, A Concurring Resolution, and Slum and Blight Resolution.** Lisa Petrosky asked if the Fire Department could use the homes as a live fire exercise. Nick Turner explained that if they did that the Borough or Fire Department would have to remove all asbestos first, costing more than the demolishing of the property. Seconded by George Toth; All Ayes; Motion carried unanimously.
- Clean up day is set for April 23, 2022. There will be one dumpster at 582 Sixth and 2 behind the ballfields. As well as our dump trucks for tires and a dumpster for scrap metal.

Electric – Tom Dick, Jr.

- We are in the process of switching meters so there will be a three to five second delay. New meters are smart meters, Jim will be able to monitor the loads on the transformers. Troubleshoot problems, turn on and off.
- Tom Dick, Jr. motioned to approve the service quote from SD Myers for analytical services and oil testing at the substation in the amount of \$2,997.00 Seconded by Richard Tartaglione, All Ayes; Motion carried unanimously.

Public Safety – Jim Rullo

- Jim Rullo motioned to advertise local ordinance for weight and size restrictions on McGinnis Avenue and K Street. Seconded by Tom Dick, Jr, All Ayes; Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing at this time

Engineer's Report

Covered everything earlier

Borough Manager's Report

Fund Balances were read

Year to date compared to budget report has been submitted to Council.

The Auditors finished their site work with no issues and we will be closed April 15 for the Easter Holiday

Police Chief Report

Police Chief was not present

Adjournment

Lisa Petrosky motioned to adjourn, Seconded by Tom Dick Jr., All Ayes; Motion carried unanimously.