Borough of Pitcairn Council Workshop Meeting Minutes November 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 absent Mike Tobias Mayor Stevick absent

Mr. Tobias announced that Borough Council held an advertised 2020 Budget Meeting at 6:00 pm this evening.

## **Citizen Comment**

There were none.

# **Mayor Betsy Stevick**

## Personnel – Dona Galia

Mrs. Galia announced Borough Offices will be closed for the holidays November 28 and 29. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Mrs. Galia encouraged everyone to give to a Pitcairn nonprofit on Giving Tuesday.

# <u>Streets – Mike Tobias</u>

Council discussed the time and specifics for Reorganization Meeting on January 6th. A start time of 6:30 pm was decided upon.

#### Parks and Recreation – Cammeo Farally

Mrs. Farally invited everyone to Old Fashioned Christmas on December 1<sup>st</sup>, giving details. Council members drew names for the King and Queen who would ride in the parade with Santa.

# Finance and Economic Development - Jim Rullo

After discussion, Council decided to further investigate and compare certain permit fees for possible adjustments in the new year, as well as a rental registry ordinance and vacant property registry ordinance. Motions to raise the millage and electric fees this evening were agreed upon in order to balance the 2020 budget.

Mrs. Myers motioned to adopt Resolution 54-2019 increasing the electric charge ½ cent per kilowatt used starting January 1, 2020, to advertise an Ordinance raising the real estate tax ½ mill on January 1, 2020, and to advertise an Ordinance fixing 2020 wages and salaries and the proposed 2020 budget for adoption on December 9, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Crothers; motion carried unanimously.

### Health and Welfare - Kevin Dick

Mr. Dick motioned to approve purchase of remanufactured motor for the street sweeper for \$7,250. Seconded by Mr. Crothers; question on the motion. Mrs. Galia asked if the sweeper was used enough to justify the cost. Mr. Dick: Jim Comunale feels he can replace the motor over the winter to use it more frequently, or if Council considers selling it in the future. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dick motioned to advertise an amendment to the Quality of Life Ordinance 1023 permitting fees to be changed by Resolution with the intent to adopt on December 9, 2019. Seconded by Mrs. Galia; motion carried unanimously.

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After discussion of the recommendation of the Code Enforcement Officer, Mr. Dick motioned to authorize Solicitor to prepare a vacant property registry Ordinance. Seconded by Mrs. Myers; motion carried unanimously.

Council members and public discussed the recommendation of the Code Officer to adopt a rental registration license Ordinance. Mr. Dick motioned to authorize the Solicitor to prepare the Ordinance. Seconded by Mrs. Myers; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dick motioned to adopt Resolution 55-2019 hiring Al Hussey as Fire Marshal to be paid \$25 an hour on an as-needed basis. Seconded by Mrs. Galia. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Dick motioned to end Savvy Citizen contract. This was discussed during the Budget Meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Myers; motion carried unanimously.

# <u>Electric – Lorraine Myers</u>

Mrs. Myers announced Council has received a list of Winter/Spring projects from the Utility/Public Works Foreman. The crew will be busy.

## **Public Safety – Doug Crothers**

Mr. Crothers motioned to adopt Resolution 56-2019 approving a request for handicapped parking space at 109 Hillside Avenue. Seconded by Mrs. Galia; motion carried unanimously.

## **Police Chief Report**

Chief Farally thanked Council and the Mayor for supporting the police department in the area of technology. Channel 11 will be doing a program about body cameras highlighting Pitcairn. Chief Farally has applied for a grant for opticoms as requested by the Fire Chief.

Mrs. Farally thanked the Public Works department for setting up the bleachers and area for the bonfire and festivities.

Mr. Crothers announced the Police CBA Negotiating Committee will be meeting again in December.

Mr. Dick motioned to Adjourn at 7:45 pm; seconded by Mrs. Galia. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Dietz