

**Borough of Pitcairn Council
Workshop Meeting
Minutes
June 24, 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 absent
Jim Rullo
Mike Tobias
Mayor Stevick

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

Citizen Comment

Resident Beverly Shearer asked for gravel for the alley and that it be blacktopped someday. She complained that the steps on the hillside have been deteriorating for many years. She said the old Baker house has rats and raccoons. Mr. Tobias asked Ms. Dietz to have Mr. Comunale meet her on site to discuss the gravel. Mr. Tobias offered to pass on the report of rats.

George Burkhardt complained he received a certified letter regarding Fire Company 2 fundraising activity on Borough property, listing other community organizations that also use the property. Mr. Tobias: where is the money going that you are raising? Mr. Burkhardt said they still have bill to pay as a fire company even though they aren't recognized as a Pitcairn fire company. Some of it goes to their social club because there are people there who help with this and that. He felt it was harassment if no other group received a letter. Virginia Crothers: many people are asking why #2 still does fundraising. Mr. Burkhardt: we are still an organization with a tax number and charter named Pitcairn Fire Company #2 even though we aren't recognized by the borough. Mr. Dick: we were told you don't combine fire company donations with club. Mr. Burkhardt: we split the money but it isn't combined into one. Mrs. Galia asked his plan for the equipment they are insuring. Mr. Burkhardt: we are going to merge with another company in the valley. We have heard we will receive grants, we need to complete the paperwork. He continued: our Solicitor sent you a letter we wanted to merge and you voted against it. Mr. Dick: you said you would not merge. Mr. Burkhardt: that's true. We will have the Halloween parade in October like we do every year. Mr. Tobias: you would have to ask permission of Council. Mr. Burkhardt: if you need a letter, can Station 230 have the parade at Halloween. Mrs. Crothers suggested if they merge with another community, shouldn't they fundraise there. Mr. Tobias: that would make sense; there is still plenty of time to decide about the parade. No other citizen comments.

Mayor Betsy Stevick

Pitcairn Police responded to 233 calls in May, collected \$125 in borough fines, \$532 from magistrate and \$300 for Quality of Life tickets.
Mr. Tobias presented a plaque from PSAB to Mayor Stevick for over twenty-five years of service. There was applause.

Personnel – Dona Galia

Mrs. Galia explained as a follow up to Q19 we are making sure all the bills have been paid, donations and t shirt sales received before presenting the final report. The committee has to date paid back \$2,200 to the Special Events Fund and hopes to have more.

Streets – Mike Tobias

After discussion, Mr. Dick motioned to approve the Paving Project punch list as received from the Engineer. List to be forwarded to the paving company. Seconded by Mrs. Farally; motion carried unanimously.

It was reported that employees are visiting a new/used office furniture warehouse to get prices for the new municipal building for final approval by Council. Mr. Prucnal confirmed the quality is good and prices reasonable. Chief Farally agreed and the company is working with he and Ms. Dietz to contain costs.

Parks and Recreation – Cammeo Farally

Mrs. Farally motioned to approve request from Mohawks to host fundraising softball tournament on August 10. Seconded by Mrs. Galia; motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Farally mentioned the Park Building needs some work, the women's bathroom stall doors, floor tiles in the men's room, concrete work. She asked Ms. Dietz to investigate grants. Discussion took place if public works or contractor could do the work.

Mrs. Farally asked Mr. Burkhardt where the money is from the Drag Queen Bingo event held last year advertised as a fundraiser for Annie's Place. Mr. Burkhardt: the old Park and Rec members and family members want to see bills for what the money will be used for. Mrs. Farally listed yearly expenses such as mulch, equipment repairs and updates. Mr. Tobias said there is a separate account for Annie's Place and Ms. Dietz confirmed any funds earmarked for Annie's Place will only be used for that. Mr. Dick who donated toward it asked where the money is. Mrs. Galia and Mr. Tobias pointed out all the advertising promised the money would go toward Annie's Place yet now they are withholding it. Mr. Burkhardt: we question if the money will be used for the playground. Ms. Dietz: the Borough can produce invoices for every purchase for the playground, there will also be matching funds required of the borough for the grant funded improvements when the final phase is completed this year. Mrs. Farally asked where the money raised from T shirt sales for the playground is. Mr. Burkhardt: the people who bought them were reimbursed and the unsold t shirts are being held.

Finance and Economic Development – Jim Rullo

Mr. Rullo motioned to adopt Resolution updating the Solicitation license fee from \$5 a day to \$10 a day. Brief discussion took place. Seconded by Mrs. Galia; motion carried unanimously.

Health and Welfare – Kevin Dick

Nothing tonight.

Electric- Lorraine Myers

Nothing tonight.

Public Safety – Doug Crothers

Mr. Crothers asked Mr. Burkhardt if there is anything left in the Eighth Street building. Mr. Burkhardt listed four items, adding he would get with Mr. Comunale on a weekend. Mr. Crothers: you must do this during working hours as opposed to paying overtime. Mr. Burkhardt said Mr. Comunale told him he would do that on his own time since they permitted the Borough to dispose of old telephone poles on their property. Mr. Crothers encouraged him to remove his items as soon as possible.

Mr. Crothers motioned to approve request from resident Judy Shipley for a permanent No Parking space at corner of Broadway and Brinton to improve safety and visibility. Seconded by Mrs. Galia. Mr. Tobias asked for clarification. Mr. Crothers: the corner of Brinton in front of Broadway Tile, is difficult to see when a vehicle is parked there. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Crothers motioned to accept the resignation of part time Police Officer, Stephen Goth. Seconded by Mr. Dick; motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief Report

Nothing tonight.

Mr. Dick motioned to adjourn at 7:32. Seconded by Mr. Crothers; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Dietz