

Borough of Pitcairn Council
Workshop Meeting
Minutes
February 24, 2020
7:00 pm

Meeting called to order – President Dona Galia
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

John Bova

Kevin Dick

Cammeo Farally

Debra Freeman

Dona Galia

Lisa Petrosky

Jim Rullo

Mayor Margaret Stevick

All present with the exception of Mr. Rullo who was absent.

Engineer Don Black of EADS was also in attendance.

Mrs. Galia announced that Council held an Executive Session at 6:00 pm to discuss personnel matters.

Mr. Bova motioned to approve Minutes from February 10, 2020 Borough Council Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Dick; motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comment

Deb Marto voiced concerns to Engineer Don Black about the condition of Center Avenue. Mr. Black: Council has a contract with Garvin Boward Beitko and they are working on a design right now. It will then be bid out. He acknowledged EADS is monitoring it and it is moving, that is why it is still reduced to one lane.

Evelyn Marto asked when the grant awarded demolitions would take place. She also asked what Al Hussey's schedule and duties will be. Mrs. Galia replied Mr. Hussey will schedule inspections two days a week with Nick Turner doing ordinance enforcement, Plans Examiners will continue doing commercial inspections. Mr. Black responding the question about demolitions: the borough received \$50,000 for demolitions of 601 and 637 Third Street, 604 Second Street, 721/723 Kay Street, and 609 Fifth Street. The grant is administered through the TCVCOG, we expect it in Spring. The grant will not cover it all, asbestos abatement can be expensive, we will spec alternates so you can choose to limit the project to what the grant covers or add a local match. Mr. Dick pointed out the borough budgeted \$25,000 for this year.

Mayor Betsy Stevick

Mayor Stevick reported the police worked 147 calls in January, collecting \$200 in parking fees, \$407 from magistrate, \$684 from the County, \$75 Quality of Life tickets.

Personnel – Dona Galia

Mrs. Galia announced the following changes in Council Committee Appointments. Mr. Bova: Electric, Mrs. Farally: Health and Welfare and Mr. Rullo: Public Safety.

Mrs. Galia motioned to appoint Borough Manager as Flood Plain Administrator. Seconded by Mr. Dick; motion carried unanimously.

Charles Sisler asked if the DEP had bid out the flood control project. He said he was told that the DEP will put it out for bid this year and the Borough would have no cost. Mr. Black: the flood project is a DEP sponsored project which they designed and will fund. It has not been put out to bid yet. There is a local share for everything that is not part of the flood prevention, all the things that will have to be moved for the channel to be installed. The DEP is waiting on the finalized easements.

Mrs. Galia motioned to appoint Borough Manager as Zoning Officer. Seconded by Mr. Bova; motion carried unanimously.

Streets – Kevin Dick

Mr. Dick announced Public Works has reconstructed the collapsed storm water channel walls behind Taylor and Wall, and the storm water pipe at Robinson. Jim Comunale will be troubleshooting the collapsed Wall Avenue East sanitary sewer in order to obtain quotes as soon as possible. The main storm water drain from Center Avenue carrying all the storm water from Fifth and Center has separated halfway down the hill. Public Works will attempt to repair this affordably.

Parks and Recreation – Debra Freeman

Everything is going well.

Finance and Economic Development – Lisa Petrosky

Mrs. Petrosky didn't have anything this evening. She encouraged anyone with questions for the democratic committee, there are seven members in Pitcairn.

Health and Welfare – Jim Rullo

Mr. Bova motioned to appoint Fire Marshal Alvin Hussey as Residential Occupancy Inspector to be compensated \$25 per inspection. Seconded by Mrs. Galia; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bova motioned to advertise an Ordinance entering into an agreement with other members of the TCVCOG to establish a joint board of appeals as required by the IPMC. Seconded by Mr. Dick.

Question on the motion: Virginia Crothers asked for explanation. Code Officer John Prucnal: when we cite someone under the IPMC we have to offer them a board to appeal to and this will meet that need. Motion carried unanimously.

Electric – Cammeo Farally

Mrs. Farally announced in a joint operation with Verizon, the electric department employees changed 16 services to the townhouses on Eleanor and Agatha and two poles at Crookston Alley adding a transformer to better accommodate the load. They have shipped 10 transformers that needed reconditioned and six new ones were purchased. Jim Comunale will be overseeing the mandatory upgrade of the meter reading software and system.

Public Safety – John Bova

Nothing further.

Borough Engineer Report

Mr. Black gave the following updates: Garvin Boward Beitko is designing repairs for Hillside and Center Avenues. The Taylor St. Bridge is inspected by PennDOT due to its size. Several years ago the borough was directed to do repairs; we did not dispute the findings but appealed to them if we restricted the load can it wait till the flood project is done during which it will be replaced. The bridge has deteriorated further, Mr. Black recommends we still try to make the case to wait for the flood project. He and Jim Comunale went under the bridge and have been monitoring it. Public Works may be able to do some repairs but Mr. Black recommends that he and members of Council meet with PennDOT. Mr. Dick asked for an estimate to repair it. Mr. Black: the latest PennDOT letter requests \$30,000 in repairs. Mr. Dick: will the concrete barriers still be there? Mr. Black responded yes and Mr. Dick felt that was very inconvenient for the residents living there. Council authorized the Engineer to arrange a meeting with PennDOT to discuss options for repairing and opening the bridge.

Mrs. Galia thanked John Prucnal for his community service as a past member of Council and the Borough Code Enforcement Officer.

Mr. Bova motioned to Adjourn at 7:27 pm. Seconded by Mr. Dick; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Dietz