

**Pitcairn Borough Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 10, 2020  
7:00 pm**

**Meeting called to order – President Dona Galia**

**Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**Roll Call:**

John Bova

Kevin Dick

Cammeo Farally absent

Debra Freeman

Dona Galia

Lisa Petrosky

Jim Rullo

Mayor Margaret Stevick

All present with the exception of Council Member Cammeo Farally and Borough Engineer, Don Black.

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

Mayor Stevick swore in part time Police Officer Anthony Peduzzi. Council and public welcomed him to Pitcairn.

**Mr. Bova motioned to approve Minutes from January 27, 2020 Borough Council Combined Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Rullo; motion carried unanimously.**

**Citizen Comment on Agenda Items**

Lorraine Hamstra from the Pitcare Community Library invited Council and the public to an event at the library with Chief Farally.

**Mayor Betsy Stevick**

Mayor Stevick expressed thanks for Officer Michael Morency who resigned from the force Friday night after 18 years of serving Pitcairn. She is sorry to see him go. Mrs. Galia wished him well at his new position.

**Personnel – Dona Galia**

Mrs. Galia announced for the second year Pitcairn Borough was awarded Banner Community designation by the Allegheny League of Municipalities. The award is based on the Borough's commitment to intergovernmental cooperation, sound fiscal management, professional development and engagement of community stakeholders.

**Mr. Dick motioned to accept Code Enforcement Officer John Prucnal's letter of resignation effective March 1st. Seconded by Mrs. Petrosky.** Question on the motion: Mr. Bova asked Mr. Prucnal who was present, why he was leaving. Mr. Prucnal: I have enjoyed working here for about one and ½ years but I would like to spend more time with my grandkids. **Motion carried unanimously.** Mrs. Galia thanked Mr. Prucnal who also served the community for many years on Council.

Ms. Dietz explained the next motion is necessary for Pitcairn's participation in elections held by MRM, a Trust through which the Borough purchases property and liability insurance. **After discussion, Mrs. Galia motioned to adopt Resolution 10-2020 appointing Mr. Dick as voting Delegate and herself as Alternate of the MRM Property and Liability Trust.** They may vote at the annual Meeting at the ALOM Conference on Thursday April 2, 5 pm or by proxy. **Seconded by Mr. Bova; motion carried unanimously.**

**Streets – Kevin Dick**

Peoples Gas will be replacing the gas line on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in the next couple weeks. Mr. Dick was told they would be doing several streets in lower Pitcairn.

**Mr. Dick motioned to adopt Resolution 11-2020 entering into an agreement with Garvin, Boward, Beitko for geotechnical design services for Hillside Avenue Landslide in the amount of \$49,550 from Capital Projects Fund. Seconded by Mr. Rullo; motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Dick motioned to authorize the Engineer to draw up specs for formal bidding of sewer line collapse at Wall Avenue East. Mr. Dick: if this is an emergency can it forgo bidding? Solicitor Michael Witherel responded: if your Engineer deems this an emergency that cannot wait for advertisement and bidding, you may hire a contractor. Mr. Dick motioned to do so if Engineer declares it emergency. Seconded by Mr. Bova; motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Dick motioned to advertise for Public Works Laborer. The Borough is not currently hiring, but he felt it would be wise to receive applications in the event the Borough does have to hire in the near future. Mr. Bova provided the Second. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Dick congratulated Mr. Prucnal on his retirement.

**Parks and Recreation – Debra Freeman**

Mrs. Freeman thanked the Borough employees for hanging up the outside decorations. She has heard many positive comments about the new building. She explained most seasonal décor will be reused each year.

**Mrs. Freeman motioned to accept donation from Pitcairn Women’s Club of two adult changing tables for Sugar Camp bathrooms. There are no changing tables and these can be used for infants, too, which contributes to making the park more accessible. Seconded by Mr. Bova; motion carried unanimously.**

**Finance and Economic Development – Lisa Petrosky**

**Mrs. Petrosky motioned to pay bills as presented. Seconded by Mr. Rullo; motion carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Petrosky thanked the Pitt students who volunteered for MLK Day and were a great asset. About 35 students volunteered by painting, organizing at the PitCare Community Library, the Food Pantry and the 428 Highland Building. The Borough can apply to have them back in March.

**Health and Welfare – Jim Rullo**

**Mr. Rullo motioned to approve participation in the Great American Clean Up on Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>, two locations, the Firehall on Center and 6<sup>th</sup> Street at the old borough building. Seconded by Mr. Bova; motion carried unanimously.** Mrs. Galia explained the roll offs at Sugar Camp were not filled so Council discussed last year going down to two locations and order only four roll offs as opposed to 6. Mayor Stevick expressed hope that the volunteer firemen will knock on doors and encourage residents to keep their porches clear as a matter of public safety.

Mr. Rullo announced the Tri-COG Land Bank has purchased 590 4<sup>th</sup> Street. They are still attempting to purchase 736 7<sup>th</sup> Street which is in the Sheriff Sale process.

**Mr. Rullo motioned to approve the Tri-COG Land Bank's attempt to acquire 808 Brinton Avenue. Seconded by Mr. Bova; motion carried unanimously.**

**Electric – Cammeo Farally**

**Public Safety – John Bova**

**Mr. Bova motioned to adopt 2020 Emergency Operations Plan for submittal to Allegheny County. Seconded by Mr. Rullo. Chief Farally explained the Borough's EOP must be submitted every 2 years, and the Ms. Dietz and he will attend the required County hazard mitigation plan workshop this month. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Bova motioned to accept the resignation of Police Officer Michael Morency effective February 7, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Dick; motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Bova: Officer Morency was with us for eighteen years, was the SRO at the middle school and we wish him the best.

**Mr. Bova explained a motion from last meeting may be changed. The oldest police vehicle will be traded in to Mossie Auto Sales towards the cost of outfitting the used vehicle just purchased as opposed to selling it on Municibid. Mr. Bova motioned to accept Mossie's offer of a trade. Seconded by Mr. Rullo; motion carried unanimously.**

**Solicitor's Report**

Michael Witherel did not add any additional items.

Engineer unable to attend. Will attend next month's meeting.

**Borough Manager's Report**

Borough Manager Annette Dietz read aloud the bank fund balances and real estate tax collector monthly activity.

**Police Chief Report**

Chief Farally thanked Mr. Prucnal for working with his department. He also expressed thanks to Officer Morency for his years of service and welcomed the new Officer.

**Mr. Dick motioned to Adjourn at 7:22 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Petrosky; motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Dietz