

**Borough of Pitcairn Council
Budget Meeting and
Workshop/Business Combined Meeting
Minutes
October 11, 2021
5:00 pm**

Meeting called to order – President Dona Galia

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:	Here	Absent
John Bova	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Kevin Dick	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Debra Freeman	<u> </u>	<u> x </u>
Dona Galia	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Lisa Petrosky	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Jim Rullo	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Michael Tobias	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Mayor Margaret Stevick	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

Preliminary budget presented by Manager to Council and Mayor.

Mrs. Petrosky motioned to approve Minutes from Borough Council’s Combined Meeting on September 13, 2021 and Borough Council’s Special Meeting on September 20, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Rullo; motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Stevick issued commendations to Chief Farally, Officer Stefan Lawson, Officer Joseph Susella of Monroeville, Fire Chief Tom Dick and the volunteers of Fire Company #1 who acted during the recent shooting, securing multiple perimeters, issuing first aid to the victim and capturing the suspect. Chief Farally thanked his Officers, the Fire Company and the other local and County agencies that responded. There was applause and Council thanked them.

Citizen Comment

There were none.

Mayor Betsy Stevick

Pitcairn Police worked 204 complaints in September, collected \$125 in Mayor’s fines, \$234.27 from the Magistrate, \$17.52 from the County and \$25.00 Quality of Life fines. She announced the Halloween Parade and Harvest Festival on October 23. Trick or Treating will take place from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, October 31, 2021.

Personnel – Dona Galia

Mrs. Galia motioned to approve attendance of ACBA annual election of officers November 4th, by Borough Council Delegates Mike Tobias and Jim Rullo. Seconded by Mr. Bova; motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Galia commented that #4 Monroeville and Garden City social halls are closing and she suggests Council think about upgrading and marketing the Park Building.

Streets – Kevin Dick

Mr. Dick motioned to adopt Ordinance 1045, AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE OF ENGINE BRAKE RETARDERS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF PITCAIRN. Seconded by Mr. Bova; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dick led a discussion regarding weight limits of Borough streets for the purpose of posting and enforcement. Mr. Dick recalled this has been discussed in the past. Some are already posted but large trucks are using the secondary roads. Engineer Don Black explained the process: an engineering study for establishing a weight limit that involves a core drilling, the geometry of the road and other factors. He would need a list of the roads. Mr. Dick suggested Mc Ginnis, Brinton has a limit. Mr. Bova asked if Council could have a list of the roads that already have limits. Nick Turner responded there is an

Ordinance that lists some. Mr. Black suggested exploring if those engineering studies are up to date. **Mr. Dick motioned to approve a weight limit study on the final list of roads. Seconded by Mr. Bova.** Question on the motion: Tom Dick: don't we have a limit on the temporary bridges. Mr. Black, yes, they vary per bridge. Tom Dick asked if they were all posted. Mr. Bova, no they aren't. Mr. Black: the manufacturers have a limit, it would be different than the road. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Dick reported residents had contacted him for a Kids At Play sign in the alley between 8th and 9th, 600 block. Council approved.

Parks and Recreation – Debra Freeman

Mrs. Galia reported that Council had discussed installing a left playing field fence and gate. The Fence Shop quote is \$11,000. Ameripride quote is \$12,880. Mrs. Petrosky asked if it will be a complete outfield fence. Mr. Dick: it will be 10' high, connect to the substation fence, a gate brings the cost to just under \$12,000. Mr. Comunale is also installing a net. **Mr. Dick motioned for the Fence Shop to install the fence. 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 announced the next Budget Meeting will be November 8th at 5:00 pm in Council Chambers. Mrs. Galia reminded everyone it is a public meeting.

Health and Welfare – Michael Tobias

Nothing this evening. Code Officer, Nick Turner also had nothing to add.

Electric – Jack Bova

Nothing this evening.

Public Safety – Jim Rullo

Mr. Rullo motioned to purchase three additional police vehicles. The ones we have now have well over 100,000 miles each. Seconded by Mr. Dick; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rullo motioned to sell two old police vehicles on Municibid. Seconded by Mrs. Petrosky; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rullo motioned to schedule another civil service test to establish a list for future full time hires, especially with the agreement with Wilmerding. Seconded by Mr. Bova; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing for public meeting.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Black expressed frustration that the paving of Center and Hillside Avenues has not started. The contractor is past his due date, he is going to try for the end of October. We will discuss other options in Executive Session.

Borough Manager's Report

Ms. Dietz read aloud the bank fund balances and summarized the Tax Collector's Report for September.

Police Chief Report

Nothing more.

Adjournment

Mrs. Galia motioned to Adjourn at 6:35 pm to Executive Session for a legal matter, not to return for further business. Seconded by Mr. Tobias; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Dietz