

**Borough of Pitcairn Council
Business Meeting Agenda
March 14, 2022
6:00 pm**

**Meeting called to order – President Jim Rullo
Pledge of Allegiance recited**

Roll Call:

Thomas Dick, Jr.
Megan Law
Lisa Petrosky
Domenic Roberta
James Rullo
Richard Tartaglione
George Toth
Mayor Margaret Stevick
All Present

Mr. Rullo motioned to approve Minutes from the February 14, 2022 Borough Council Combined Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Toth; Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rullo announced the following Executive Sessions:

Council held an Executive Session on February 23 at 5:30 pm to discuss a personnel matter.
Council held an Executive Session on February 28, 2022 at 5:30 pm to discuss a personnel matter.
Council held an Executive Session on March 8, 2022 at 6:30 pm to discuss a personnel matter.
Council held an Executive Session this evening at 5:00 pm to discuss a legal matter.

Citizen Comment.

Mr. Thomas Dick, Sr. cited complaints about kids playing on Agatha Street He stated the playground is locked and the kids play in the parking lot. They throw rocks and damage vehicles. Mr. Dick requested a street camera be placed on Agatha. Asked if the Pitcairn Police could get access to Propel School Cameras. Jim Comunale stated he could put a camera there but it will cost the Borough. Mr. Comunale stated that if you see the kids on camera will you be able to identify them, would you know who they are? Chief Farally stated he will try to step up patrols.

Mrs. Petrosky asked Mr. Comunale to provide a summary of what was going on with Summers Field. Mr. Comunale stated that a lateral sewer line that serves three houses on Highland became clogged. The Borough along with Urban construction dug about 30-40 feet without being able to find the pipe connection. The sewer line is very deep because at one point Summers Field was a hillside. A contractor was brought in and dug up to 70 feet deep with out being able to reach it. It was decided with the advice of the engineer to put in a new line and run the sewer line for the three homes over the hill and into the main line via a manhole cover. Mr. Comunale stated that EADS, Borough Engineers are applying for a grant that will hopefully pay for a permanent fix. Discussion took place on how to repair Summers Field.

Mr. Kevin Dick thanked the Borough for all of its work and hoped that his yard and driveway can be repaired.

Jim Comunale provided that Duquesne Light has installed two new Intelliruptor switches' and when the new lines are repaired, power outages should be reduced to a minimum. Mr. Comunale stated that his opinion is to not do the two intellirupters in our system. He stated that Duquesne Light is one of the most reliable electric companies.

Mayor Betsy Stevick

Read her fines, the police responded to 144 calls
\$150 in fines

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\$432 Magistrate fines
\$275 Quality of Life Fines were collected

Personnel / General –Megan Law

Mrs. Law made a motion to accept Annette Dietz’s letter of resignation as Borough Manager effective February 28, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Roberta. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Law made a motion to appoint Michael Bolen as interim Borough Manager and Borough Secretary with a 17% stipend. Seconded by Mr. Toth; Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Law made a motion to change the time of the Borough of Pitcairn Meetings to 7:00 PM on the second Monday of the month. Seconded by Mrs. Petrosky; Motion carried unanimously.

Streets – George Toth

Mr. Toth announced the 2012 Ford pick-up truck sold on Municibid for \$13,600 and a salt spreader sold for \$865.

Mr. Toth announced PennDot will be replacing several handicap ramps on Broadway this Spring as part of their 2021 paving project.

Mr. Toth announced that this Spring WPJWA will be replacing various residential lead lines within the borough at no cost to the homeowners.

Mr. Toth also wanted to thank the street crew for all of their work through the last snow storm.

Parks and Recreation – Domenic Roberta

Mr. Roberta made a motion to grant permission for field and concession stand use to the following applicants: Dirty Dawgs Softball Team Every Friday beginning May 1 through August 31, 2022.

Mr. Dick, Jr. stated that as long as they know they cannot use during the Fireman’s Fair. Mr. Bolen stated that the application stipulates the approval is subject to schedule conflicts. Mr. Dick, Jr. stated that the team usually takes that week off. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Petrosky; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Roberta reminded everyone that the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April, 16 at 11:00 AM.

Mr. Roberta made a motion to approve the continued use of the Park Building by the Department of Agriculture at \$400 per month. Contract April 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022. Mrs. Law asked if this granted them use of the entire park building. Mr. Bolen explained that they only use the small office to the left of the entrance and it is only during normal business hours. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Petrosky; Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Roberta stated that April 29 is Pitcairn’s second Night Market, times are 6 pm to 9 pm. He urged all to attend

Discussion was held about Summers Field repairs and possible grant applications that EADS could apply for. Mr. Kevin Dick stated that previous Council discussed using American Recovery funds to make

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possible upgrades and repairs to Summers Field and Sugar Camp Park. Mr. Bolen stated he would research past Council Meeting Minutes.

Finance and Economic Development – Lisa Petrosky

Mrs. Petrosky made a motion to pay bills as presented. Seconded by Mr. Roberta; Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Petrosky asked that all watch for the opening this Spring of Dosa Cupcakes on Broadway, possibly March 21.

Health and Welfare –Richard Tartaglione

Nick Turner, Code Enforcement Officer, submitted his monthly reports to Council. Mr. Turner stated that Peoples Gas has completed their work and should start repairing streets and sidewalks.

Clean up day is set for April 23, 2022. There will be one dumpster at 582 Sixth and 2 behind the ballfields. As well as our dump trucks for tires and a dumpster for scrap metal.

Mr. Tartaglione made a motion to use Sewer Capital funds to pay for the Highland Ave Sewer Emergency. Seconded by Mr. Roberta; Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Tartaglione made a motion to approve Code Enforcement Officer, Nick Turner, to attend the PA Construction Code Academy Mechanical Code Essentials Class on March 22 & 23. The class is virtual. He would take it at the Borough Building. Seconded by Mr. Toth; Motion carried unanimously

Mr. Tartaglione made a motion to adopt Resolution 8-2022 request a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant of \$ 697,830.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Borough of Pitcairn – Sanitary Sewer Repairs . Deadline for the application is 3-15-22. Grant to be submitted by EADS. Seconded by Mr. Toth; Motion carried unanimously.

Don Black stated that the manhole was not up to grade. The sewer Pipe is not in good condition, there are a couple streets that tie in to couple streets tie in to the system.

Electric – Tom Dick, Jr.

Mr. Dick stated that electric was pretty much covered in the citizen comments.

An electric outage occurred on 12th Street. Jim Comunale wasn't contacted through the normal channels. It was out for several hours. Chief has sent a memo to dispatch so everything is corrected.

The 1992 Ford F700 bucket truck sold Municibid for \$8,850.00.

Public Safety – Jim Rullo

Mr. Rullo stated Pitcairn has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$42,000 to purchase a new police vehicle. Which was picked up on February 28. Documents have been submitted and we should have the funds in about 6 weeks.

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Mr. Rullo motioned to grant Fire Company #1 \$25,000 from the Public Safety Fee Fund to assist with a down payment for the new fire truck. Motion seconded by Mr. Roberta, Roll call vote resulted in motion carrying with Mr. Tom Dick, Jr. abstaining.

Mr. Rullo motioned to accept the resignation of Officer Falleroni. Seconded by Mr. Roberta; Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing at this time

Engineer's Report

Everything was covered earlier

Borough Manager's Report

Mr. Bolen read aloud the bank fund balances.

Mr. Bolen announced the Accounting Office is working with DeBlasio and DeBlasio to conduct the yearly audit of all borough financial activities and funds.

Mr. Bolen stated that he appreciates the confidence this Council has placed in him with naming him Interim Borough Manager. Mr. Bolen also recognized the extra work that his co worker Carri Kozier has done since we have been in transition and wants to be sure the Borough shows its appreciation.

Mrs. Law added that Mr. Bolen and Mrs. Kozier have risen to the occasion in this transition and hope to get them some help.

Mr. Tom Dick, Sr. voiced his appreciation to Council for approving the down payment assistance.

Police Chief Report

Look forward to working with Mr. Bolen.

Mr. Rullo motioned to Adjourn at 7:10 pm. Seconded by Mr. Roberta; Motion carried

Adjournment