

**Borough of Pitcairn Council  
Combined Business Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 2022  
6:00 pm**

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

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Here	Absent
Thomas Dick, Jr.	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Lisa Petrosky	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Domenic Roberta	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
James Rullo	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Richard Tartaglione	<u>  x  </u>	Via Telephone
Debora Freeman	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
George Toth	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Mayor Margaret Stevick	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>

Jim Rullo motioned to approve Minutes from the August 8, 2022 Borough Council Combined Meeting. Seconded by George Toth. All Ayes, Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Rullo announced that Council held an Executive Session on September 12, 2022 at 5:00 PM to discuss legal matters.

**Citizen Comment.**

Deb Marto asked if a new school zone sign would be erected at Wall Avenue and Agatha Streets. Don Black, Engineer was asked if a traffic study needed done. He explained if the Borough owns the streets, then a study does not need done. Council directed the manager to have Public Works look into and install signs.

John Rocco North Avenue expressed his deepest sympathy to Chief Farally for the loss of his brother. Asked what could be done about the 200 block of Center Avenue. Stated that he was on Council in the past and it is easy to become apathetic. Stated that you can smell marijuana and hear loud music when you drive up Center Avenue.

Kevin Dick spoke how he doesn't see anything being done about the high weeds and the grass at certain properties. Stated that it looks terrible.

Kim Kline spoke about the issues at the 200 block of Center Avenue. She stated she knows the police are doing everything they can but wants to know what Council is doing. Asked Council to march down the street with her. That she will not be intimidated by anyone. Discussion followed.

Pat Baxter stated that he to has seen high grass and trash strewn about town. Stated that he has a racoon problem. He has trapped 9 racoons in 9 days. Mr. Baxter asked if it is possible to get a mirror at Wall Avenue and Ravine Street so it is easier to see traffic on Wall Avenue.

**Mayor Betsy Stevick**

Mayor Stevick requested a motion to approve hiring of Darlene Mason as a substitute School Crossing Guard. The motion was made by Thomas Dick, Jr. Seconded by Lisa Petrosky. All Ayes, Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Stevick announced trick or treat will be held on Halloween night October 31 from 6 PM to 8 PM.

Mayor Stevick wanted all to know there is a new school bus stop at Wall and Broadway and to please be careful in that area.

Reading of the Mayors Fines

### **Personnel / General – Domenic Roberta**

- Mr. Roberta motioned to approve the purchase of a Screen/smart board for Zoom meetings and an Owl meeting camera. To be paid with ARPA funds. Seconded by Lisa Petrosky. All Ayes, Motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Roberta motioned to approve Witherel & Associates hourly rate from \$185 per hour to \$195 per hour effective January 1, 2023. There is no increase in the monthly retainer. Seconded by Debra Freeman. All Ayes, Motion Carried unanimously.

### **Streets – George Toth**

- The Borough was able to get street paint and was able to get parking lines and crosswalks painted.

### **Parks and Recreation – Debora Freeman**

- Purchase new swings for Summers Field. There was discussion in previous meetings, no motion is needed.
- Ms. Freeman motioned to reorganize the Pitcairn Borough Park and Recreation Committee. Seconded by George Toth. All ayes. Motion Carried Unanimously
- OCT 29 is the Halloween Parade beginning at the Assembly of God Church on Wall Avenue.
- Santa will be at the Pitcairn Park Building on December 17.

### **Finance and Economic Development – Lisa Petrosky**

- Mrs. Petrosky motioned to pay bills as presented. Seconded by Tom Dick. All ayes. Motion Carried Unanimously
- Please attend and support Pitcairn Night Market, Friday, September 23rd, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Broadway will be closed from Center Avenue to Highland Avenue.
- Mrs. Petrosky motioned to advertise 2022 Budget Meetings: suggested dates Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> to be followed by regular Council Meetings, final Budget Meeting Monday, November 21st at 6:00 pm. Budget to be advertised for adoption on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Seconded by George Toth. All Ayes. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- Mrs. Petrosky motioned to adopt the 2023 MMO's as calculated by the actuary: \$56,746 for the Police Pension and \$75,050 for the Non-Uniform Pension. Seconded by George Toth. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.
- Planning Commission Meeting was August 9, the Commission approved the Crothers subdivision. The Strategic Plan is being updated.
- Mrs. Petrosky asked if we can run Street Sweeper through Merchant Alley.

### **Health and Welfare –Richard Tartaglione**

- Mr. Tartaglione attended the meeting via telephone because he was feeling under the weather. Mr. Rullo reported that Mr. Turner has submitted his monthly reports to Council.
- There was a Pickle Ball event at the Water Tower Parking Lot.

### **Electric – Tom Dick, Jr.**

- Mr. Dick Motioned to raise the customer charge from \$10 per month to \$13 per month effective with the bill that will be due on January 5, 2023. This is the monthly basic service charge that includes cost of meter reading, customer billing, service equipment and other expenses. These expenses are incurred even in months customers do not use electricity. Seconded Deb Freeman. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Safety Committee – Jim Rullo**

- Mr. Rullo motioned to accept the resignation of full time Police Officer Kristofer Dick, effective September 6, 2022. Seconded by Lisa Petrosky. All Ayes. Motion carried Unanimously
- Mr. Rullo motioned to accept the resignation of part time Police Officer Dan Decaria, effective September 6, 2022. Seconded by Tom Dick, Jr. All Ayes. Motion carried unanimously
- Mr. Rullo stated that Kids are in school, be careful driving.
- Mr. Rullo motioned to Advertise for full time police officers. Seconded by George Toth. All Ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Solicitor's Report**

Nothing to report

### **Engineer's Report**

Funding agencies are slow to respond.  
No current construction projects.

### **Borough Manager's Report**

Account Balances were read aloud

I personally would like to wish Officer Kristopher Dick good luck in Monroeville. Was hoping he would stay here.

Year to date compared to budget report has been submitted to Council.

### **Police Chief Report**

Would like to wish Officer Dick good luck as well. He did a great job with Pitcairn and in Wilmerding.

### **Asked for a motion for Adjournment**

**Ms. Petrosky motioned to adjourn. Seconded by George Toth. All Ayes. Motion carried unanimously.**