

**Borough of Pitcairn Council
Reorganization Meeting
Minutes
January 6, 2020**

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Honorable Jeffrey L. Herbst performed the swearing in of newly elected and reelected Borough Council Members John 'Jack' Bova, Debra Freeman, Lisa Petrosky and James 'Jim' Rullo.

Meeting Call to Order: Mayor Margaret 'Betsy' Stevick

Roll Call:

Jack Bova

Kevin Dick

Cammeo Farally

Debra Freeman

Dona Galia

Lisa Petrosky

Jim Rullo

Mayor Margaret 'Betsy' Stevick

All present as well as Engineer Don Black, Manager Annette Dietz and Chief of Police Scott Farally.

Mr. Bova nominated Mrs. Galia for Council President. Seconded by Mr. Dick; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dick nominated Mr. Bova for Council Vice President. Seconded by Mrs. Farally; motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Stevick turned the gavel over to Council President, Dona Galia.

Appointment of Council Committees by Council President. Personnel: Dona Galia, Streets: Kevin Dick, Parks and Recreation: Debra Freeman, Health and Welfare: Jim Rullo, Electric: Cammeo Farally, Public Safety: Jack Bova, Finance and Economic Development: Lisa Petrosky.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

There were none.

Mr. Bova motioned to appoint Mr. Dick as President Pro Tem to preside over Meetings in the absence of both the Council President and Vice President. Seconded by Mrs. Farally; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bova motioned to appoint resident Fred Mendicino as Vacancy Board Chair. Seconded by Mr. Dick; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bova motioned to reappoint Annette Dietz as Borough Manager. Seconded by Mrs. Farally; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rullo motioned to reappoint Witherel and Associates as Borough Solicitor. Seconded by Mrs. Farally; motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Petrosky motioned to reappoint Don Black of EADS Group, Inc. as Borough Engineer. Seconded by Mr. Rullo; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bova motioned to reappoint Borough Manager as Open Records Officer and Pension Plan Chief Administrative Officer. Seconded by Mr. Rullo; motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Farally motioned to reappoint S & T Bank as Depository and approve Manager, Council President, and Vice President to be signatories on all bank accounts. Seconded by Mr. Rullo; motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Farally motioned to reappoint DeBlasio & DeBlasio Associates to perform the 2019 DCED audit, present a financial report to Council and file the necessary documents as expeditiously as possible. Seconded by Mr. Rullo; motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Farally motioned to adopt Resolution 1-2020, authorizing the Manager to pay routine invoices for ratification by Council at the next regularly scheduled meeting to conform to due dates and discounts. Seconded by Mr. Bova; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bova motioned to designate the Pittsburgh Post Gazette as official newspaper for advertisement of monthly meetings and official Borough business. Seconded by Mrs. Farally; motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Farally motioned to advertise Borough Council Regular and Workshop Meeting dates in 2020 as the second and fourth Mondays, 7:00 pm. Seconded by Mr. Rullo. Question on the motion: Mrs. Galia asked Engineer Don Black if the second Monday was still good; he responded yes. Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Galia announced that next Monday's meeting will be cancelled and January 27th will be a combined meeting.

Mr. Bova motioned to adopt Resolution 2-2020, appointing voting Delegate Jim Rullo and Alternate Lisa Petrosky to the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments. Seconded by Mrs. Farally; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bova motioned to adopt Resolution 3-2020, appointing official Delegate Jim Rullo and Alternate Cammeo Farally to the Allegheny County Boroughs Association. Seconded by Mrs. Petrosky; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bova motioned to adopt Resolution 4-2020, appointing Delegate Dona Galia and Alternate Kevin Dick to the Pennsylvania State Boroughs Association. Seconded by Mr. Rullo; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bova motioned to adopt Resolution 5-2020, appointing a voting Delegate Debra Freeman and two Alternates Cammeo Farally and Annette Dietz to the ACSTCC (Tax Collection Commission for EIT collections). Seconded by Mr. Rullo; motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Farally motioned to adopt Resolution 6-2020, appointing a voting Delegate Dona Galia and Alternate Debra Freeman to the Tri COG Land Bank. Seconded by Mr. Rullo; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dick motioned to disband the Park and Recreation Board. Seconded by Mr. Bova. Question on the motion: Mr. Bova asked Mrs. Farally to explain. Mrs. Farally: it was difficult to get enough attendees at

the monthly meetings. We felt it would be easier to reach out to the community for volunteers for each event. Mrs. Galia added: there have been people who voiced ability to participate on event by event basis and the hope is this will lead to more volunteers. Mr. Bova suggested Council could return to having a standing board if this method doesn't work. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Dick motioned to approve Minutes from December 9, 2019 Council Meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Farally; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bova motioned to authorize the Engineer to create specs and bid out the grant awarded demolitions. Mr. Dick explained Pitcairn received \$50,000 toward the project. He provided the second. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bova motioned to authorize PennDOT to include the paving of the two brick crosswalks off Broadway as part of their 2020 SR130 paving project specs. Seconded by Mr. Rullo. Question on the motion: Mrs. Galia asked Ms. Dietz to confirm there would be no charge to the Borough. Ms. Dietz: the only cost to Pitcairn would be Public Works must remove the bricks. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Farally motioned to approve attendance at Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments Annual Dinner on Friday, February 7, 2020. Seconded by Mrs. Petrosky; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bova motioned to approve attendance at the Allegheny County Boroughs Association Annual Banquet on Saturday, February 1, 2020 and a ¼ page advertisement in the yearbook. Seconded by Mrs. Farally; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rullo motioned to approve hiring of part time police officer Robert Castro. Seconded by Mrs. Farally; motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Galia asked Chief Farally to comment. Chief Farally: Mr. Castro is experienced, currently works at East McKeesport, looking forward to more experience in community beat patrol. Mayor Stevick swore him in. There was applause.

Mrs. Galia announced that Mon Valley Initiative honored Pitcairn resident, Patti Kemerer at their annual dinner. Mrs. Kemerer has been a lifelong resident, volunteers in multiple ways, edits the Pitcairn quarterly newsletter.

Mrs. Galia welcomed the new Council members. Mr. Dick wished the new members good luck, thanked outgoing Council members, Doug Crothers, Michael Tobias and Lorraine Myers for all of their hard work.

Mr. Dick motioned to Adjourn to refreshments. Seconded by Mrs. Petrosky; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Dietz