

**Borough of Pitcairn Council**  
**Budget and Business Meeting Minutes**  
**November 22, 2021**  
**6:00 pm**

**Meeting called to order – President Dona Galia**  
**Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Here	Absent
Kevin Dick	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Dona Galia	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Megan Law	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Lisa Petrosky	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Jim Rullo	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Richard Tartaglione	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Michael Tobias	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Mayor Margaret Stevick	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>

**Citizen Comment**

There were none.

**Mayor Betsy Stevick**

Nothing this evening.

**Personnel – Dona Galia**

**Streets – Kevin Dick**

The Public Works/Utility Department accepted the Borough’s offer without any additional changes. The final copy will be ready for signatures later this month. **Mr. Dick motioned to approve the three year Collective Bargaining Agreement between Teamsters Local Union 205 and the Borough of Pitcairn Public Works Employees. Seconded by Mr. Tartaglione; motion carried unanimously.**

**Parks and Recreation**

Mr. Tartaglione reported working with Mrs. Petrosky to request donations for the Old Fashioned Christmas. Mrs. Petrosky added the event will start with a bonfire, Santa will arrive at 6 pm, food, candy bags for the children.

**Finance and Economic Development – Lisa Petrosky**

Manager Annette Dietz went through the budget with Council, highlighting any changes requested by Council during the prior Budget Workshop Meeting. The balanced budget does not contain a millage increase. It contains Wilmerding Policing as calculated by Chief Farally. Discussion took place regarding the increased costs of goods and services. The budget is tight and assumes that all Liquid Fuels allotment will be used as opposed to prior years when the Borough could set some aside. It also counts on the sale of the old backhoe and bucket truck. Ms. Dietz pointed out future expenses not covered in this budget such as the scouring of creek walls, large paving projects or the flood control project. The decorative street lights need replaced; she suggests replacing every other one. The estimate is \$300,000. This may be grant eligible. ARPA funds can be used for clean water projects, sewer and storm water, parks. Mr. Dick suggested using it to upgrade swings at Summers Field and Sugar Camp. Mrs. Galia recalled the borough received grant funds for a bocce court to be placed at Friendship Park when the DPW can build it. Ms. Dietz continued: the electric budget contains costs for contracting out services or replacing retiring employees. A yearly payment for a new metering system is in the budget. Smart meters can be read, turned on and off at the desk, can regulate the amount of power to a structure and pinpoint outages. Loan payments were included well as the Bond repayment. Ms. Dietz pointed out to new Council members that proceeds from the Bond borrowing have been spent on millions of dollars of infrastructure and building projects. They should think about how to fund the proposed flood project. She ended the budget discussion by going over the capital funds.

**Mrs. Galia motioned to approve ARPA Premium Pay for full and part time employees as discussed at prior meeting, via roll call vote. Seconded by Mr. Rullo. Roll call vote resulted in motion carrying with Mr. Dick abstaining.**

Mr. Dick brought up the salary for appointed employees. Ms. Dietz responded she had inserted 5% as discussed by Council in the prior Meeting. Chief Farally added he would request \$81,500. Council agreed. Ms. Dietz confirmed she will put that in.

**Mrs. Petrosky motioned to advertise the proposed 2022 General Fund Budget for adoption on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Mr. Dick; motion carried unanimously.**

**Mrs. Petrosky motioned to advertise Ordinance fixing the 2022 salaries and rates of compensation for the appointive officers, and monthly and hourly employees included in the proposed budget for adoption on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Mr. Rullo; motion carried unanimously.**

**Mrs. Petrosky motioned to advertise Ordinance fixing and levying the real estate tax rate for the year 2022 at 9.25 mills. Seconded by Mr. Dick; motion carried unanimously.**

**Health and Welfare – Michael Tobias**

Nothing this evening.

**Electric**

Nothing this evening.

**Public Safety – Jim Rullo**

Nothing additional; Happy Thanksgiving.

**Mr. Dick motioned to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Seconded by Mr. Tobias; motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Annette Dietz