

Borough of Pitcairn Council  
Combined Meeting Minutes  
August 12, 2019  
7:00 pm

Meeting called to order – President Michael Tobias  
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call:**

Doug Crothers  
Kevin Dick  
Cammeo Farally  
Dona Galia           absent  
Lorraine Myers  
Jim Rullo  
Mike Tobias  
Mayor Stevick

Mr. Tobias announced Council held an Executive Session tonight at 6:00 pm to discuss personnel and legal matters. Solicitor Matthew Kalina is sitting in tonight for Michael Witherel.

**Presentation by Jeff Owens of PitCare: Mr. Owens distributed details, inviting public, Mayor and Council to Grand Opening of PitCare's community library September 14<sup>th</sup>. PitCare. He requested permission to close the street for about two hours. Chief Farally said there were no issues. Mr. Tobias thanked him for PitCare's work. Mr. Dick motioned to recognize the event and give permission to close the block as requested. Seconded by Mr. Crothers; motion carried unanimously.**

Presentation by George Hussar of Photographic Reproductions for military banner program. Mr. Hussar brought examples of banners they produce for Lawrenceville and Springdale; high quality materials met City of Pittsburgh requirements. Mr. Hussar can retouch old photos, hardware can be included to fit decorative light poles, or use your own. Mr. Hussar said they normally work with VFWs as a fundraiser, Public Works does installation. Mr. Tobias suggested hanging them on Memorial Day, take down Veterans' Day. The cost is \$150, includes hardware. The family sponsors the banner for the community. Mr. Tobias asked the next step. Mr. Hussar will call Ms. Dietz and can meet with any other organization wanting to take it on as a fundraiser. Mr. Dick asked Nick Turner if he was interested; he responded yes. Tom Dick remarked he liked the banners in Lawrenceville, suggested Pitcairn businesses sponsor a list of honorees. Mr. Tobias cautioned that method may overlook someone. Mrs. Dick suggested businesses could offset costs for those who can't afford one. Mr. Hussar: if you commit to the program, we would meet with 2 or 3 people to iron out details. Lawrenceville community worked together with a good result. **Mr. Tobias asked Ms. Dietz to organize a meeting with members of Council and Mr. Hussar.**

**Citizen Comment**

Deb Marto thanked Pitcairn fire fighters for helping her when a water main flooded her property and stranded her car. Noting the agenda item, she suggested putting smoking receptacles 20 feet away from the new building entrance.

Evelyn Marto said the public steps from 6<sup>th</sup> street need to be swept and repaired, hand rail is loose in places, suggested the Borough put a trench along the steps for water to follow. Mr. Tobias said he will have them cleaned.

Gary Agate brought information regarding his fundraising walk to Florida in support of PitCare's initiatives, with a goal of raising \$100,000. Mr. Tobias and other Council members commended him.

Tom Dick brought up recent flooding, presented relevant equipment list, approx. \$8,000 to Mr. Crothers: oversized pumps to remove water in shorter time, protective water rescue vests, flotation devices, helmets other than fire helmets. He explained fire suppression gear is not appropriate for mud and water. Mr. Dick: Wilmerding, Turtle Creek and Pitcairn are planning to cooperate for swift water rescue so he will be asking for that gear once they are certified to do so. Mr. Dick also asked for \$1,000 for the Fire Police: helmets, vests, flashlights, illuminated flags for directing traffic. He said their Jubilee Fair was very successful.

Pastor Bob Morgan of Pitcairn Assembly of God thanked Council for their service to the community, inviting them and the public to the church's 100th anniversary on October 6th. He has tickets to the dinner at the Park building for those interested. The Mayor announced Church is having their carnival this Saturday.

### **Mayor Betsy Stevick**

Pitcairn Police worked 262 complaints in July. Collected \$225 in Borough fines, \$714.81 from Magistrate, \$18.77 County, \$200 Quality of Life tickets.

In response to request from Mayor Stevick, **Mr. Dick motioned to hire Dennis Price as a School Crossing Guard. Mayor Stevick said he has obtained all necessary clearances. Seconded by Mrs. Myers; motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Stevick announced with the start of school the Police Department is going to inspect for car seats and impose \$25 fines.

### **Personnel – Dona Galia**

Mr. Tobias invited the public to the dedication of new Borough Building, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am. Representatives of the Gilliland Foundation, Council, Mayor and local elected officials will be there.

**Mrs. Myers motioned to approve sign quote for new borough building signage. Seconded by Mrs. Farally; motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Rullo motioned to approve purchase and location of new flag pole at the new borough building. Council decided it should be placed in front of the building. Seconded by Mrs. Farally; motion carried unanimously.**

**Mrs. Farally motioned to approve Service Master's yearly proposal for cleaning new borough building. Seconded by Mrs. Myers; motion carried unanimously.**

### **Streets – Mike Tobias**

**Mr. Dick motioned to accept highest bidders and approve sale of properties at 582 Sixth Street to Genesis Corporation and 645 Eighth Street, Gary Han, contingent upon execution of sales agreement. Seconded by Mr. Crothers; motion carried unanimously.**

**Mrs. Myers motioned to adopt Resolution establishing no smoking within 20 feet of any entrance at the new Borough Building. Seconded by Mr. Dick. Mr. Rullo suggested the entire Borough property prohibit smoking as do other businesses and UPMC. Tom Dick: would that include vaping, chewing, all tobacco products. Solicitor Kalina: you could approve the 20-foot perimeter now and make a more comprehensive smoke free plan, order signage at a later date. Motion carried unanimously approving the 20-foot perimeter. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Dick motioned to accept rock salt bid as submitted to the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance, and enter into purchasing agreement with Cargill, Inc. Seconded by Mrs. Myers; motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Rullo motioned to participate in Pitt's Make A Difference Day, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Mr. Crothers provided the second; motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Tobias asked Council to think of projects for about 40 students for four hours. In the past they built picnic tables, litter clean up and landscaping. Mrs. Farally: there are tables at Sugar Camp Park that are looking very worn. Mr. Tobias: the tables would need to be brought to the student drop off point on Broadway.

**Mr. Rullo motioned to approve cost and attendance to the Newly Elected Officials Course, beginning November 16th. Pitcairn Borough is eligible for scholarship assistance. Seconded by Mr. Dick; motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Tobias announced Council is in receipt of the priority letter regarding the engineering inspection of the Taylor Avenue Bridge.

**Parks and Recreation – Cammeo Farally**

Mrs. Farally announced Movie Night this weekend, food truck, possibly beer truck, bring a chair or blanket. Park and Rec has a large outdoor blow up screen, movie is Animal House, ages 21 and up.

**Mrs. Farally motioned to approve CDBG grant cycle 44, Annie’s Place Improvements, payment application to Satira Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$32,115. The Borough’s responsibility will be approximately \$12,155. Seconded by Mrs. Myers; motion carried unanimously.**

**Finance and Economic Development – Jim Rullo**

**Mr. Rullo motioned to pay bills as presented. Seconded by Mr. Dick; motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Rullo reported the 2018 delinquent real estate taxes were submitted to Jordan Tax Services for collection and that Council is in receipt of the year-to-date compared to budget report.

**Mr. Rullo motioned to approve payment application #9 to Yarborough Development, Inc. for \$85,833.32 from the Capital Improvements Fund for the new borough building. Seconded by Mr. Dick; motion carried unanimously.**

**Health and Welfare – Kevin Dick**

**Mr. Dick motioned to award the demolition of 1159 North Avenue to Urban Construction for \$11,000. Seconded by Mr. Crothers. Roll call vote resulted in motion carrying unanimously.**

**Mr. Dick motioned to authorize Engineer to prepare bid package and advertise for trash collection services including DEP approved household hazardous waste collection. The current contract expires December 31, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Crothers; motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Dick motioned to approve CDBG grant cycle 44, Wall Avenue Sanitary Sewer Project, payment application #1 and change order #1 to Jet Jack, Inc. in the amount of \$37,492. Borough’s responsibility will be \$21,140 to be paid from Sewer Revenue Capital Improvement Fund. Seconded by Mrs. Myers; motion carried unanimously.**

**Electric – Lorraine Myers**

**Mrs. Myers motioned to approve attendance of Mr. Dick and Electrical Engineer Mike Lewis to the PME annual conference at Penn State. Seconded by Mr. Crothers; motion carried unanimously.**

**Public Safety – Doug Crothers**

**Mr. Crothers motioned to adopt temporary detention policy for Police Department. Seconded by Mr. Rullo. Chief Farally: the new borough building has two holding containment rooms, with doors and electronic surveillance, to be used only while processing the prisoners, not overnight. Officers will adhere to the new policy. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Crothers motioned to pay invoices from the Public Safety Fee Fund as submitted for Pitcairn Volunteer Fire Company property and liability insurance per their request. Invoices to be paid on a continuing basis from the Public Safety Fund. Seconded by Mrs. Myers; motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Crothers motioned to approve purchase of equipment list as submitted by Fire Chief Tom Dick, reading each item and the cost, totaling \$8,317 to be paid from the Public Safety Fund. Seconded by Mrs. Myers. Mr. Rullo asked Tom Dick if they only need two pumps. Mr. Dick: Jim Comunale is repairing two more for them when time permits. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Crothers explained Police Officer Patrick Loalbo was serving as interim Sergeant. He motioned to return Officer Loalbo to Patrolman effectively immediately. Seconded by Mr. Dick who explained the Solicitor told Council the Officer should have been tested to retain the position, or be returned to Patrolman. Mr. Loalbo willingly chose not to take the test. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **Solicitor's Report**

Nothing for public report.

#### **Engineer's Report**

Don Black highlighted his report. The Wall Avenue sewer project and Annie's Place project are completed. He is working on Sixth Street Sanitary improvements and Wood Street pavement reconstruction grant projects.

#### **Police Chief Report:**

Chief Farally submitted the yearly NIMS compliance report.

Mr. Dick described derogatory posts on Facebook regarding a participant in the Borough anniversary parade as an embarrassment to Pitcairn. He recalled personal incidents and felt people say things on Facebook they would not say face to face. It doesn't help the Borough and makes it look bad. He wanted the public to know the Borough is not affiliated with the site, the Solicitor told him there really isn't anything to be done just because it says 'Pitcairn.'

An attendee asked Council their intention with 428 Highland Avenue, that he is interested in the property. Mr. Tobias offered to speak with him after the Meeting.

**Mr. Dick motioned to Adjourn at 7:57 pm. Seconded by Mr. Crothers; motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Annette Dietz