

**Borough of Pitcairn Council
Business Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2024
6:00 pm**

**Meeting called to order – President Thomas Dick, Jr.
Stand for Pledge of Allegiance**

Roll Call:	Here	Absent
Thomas Dick, Jr.	<u> x </u>	_____
Lisa Petrosky	<u> x </u>	_____
Domenic Roberta	<u> x </u>	_____
James Rullo	<u> x </u>	_____
Deborah Marto	<u> x </u>	_____
Bill Kornrumpf	<u> x </u>	_____
George Toth	<u> x </u>	_____
Mayor Margaret Stevick	<u> x </u>	_____

Jim Rullo motioned to approve the Minutes for Council regular Business Meeting on January 8, 2024. Seconded by George Toth. All ayes, motion carries.

Citizen Comment

Shawn Moorefeild, Ashely Moorefeild from the Pittsburgh Kings Football Club were in attendance to discuss their application to use the playing field for 2024. They would like to use the field from Spring April 6 to end of November. For the Spring they plan to use it for 7 on 7 beginning at 9 AM. They would need the field for about five hours. It would be for Saturday only. Contact football would start with Kingdom Day on June 1. Contact practice would be Tuesday through to Saturday. They could move games to Sunday if necessary. There would be five home games. They did not host any playoffs. There are 10 games in a regular season, Council asked how many kids from Pitcairn. Mr. Moorefeild wasn't sure of the exact number. He said they had every kid from Pitcairn they could get. Mr. Moorefeild asked if they could get a multiyear approval so they can plan long term. A discussion of a security deposit took place.

Mayor Margaret Stevick

The mayor read her fines report. The police responded to 199 calls in January. She reminded residents to get their dog licenses and to please register with the County.

Personnel / General –Domenic Roberta

- Domenic Roberta announced the Public Works Employee Contract expires in December 2024. The Teamsters have asked if we would like to start negotiations early. George Toth and Jim Rullo volunteered to be on the committee.

Streets – George Toth

- Discussion of Taylor Street Bridge Bid Tabulation. Curry and Kipple was the low bid at \$884,453. The manager notified the council that the Department of Environmental Resources started the process of preparing a Utility Agreement between the Commonwealth of PA and the Borough. Essentially what this does is release the capital funds the state has set aside for this project to the Borough to pay for the project. We would have to open a separate bank account and keep track of all expenses for the project. We also have the \$279,000 grant that we can use for our costs or sponsor adjustments.

- Discussion of installing a temporary bridge at Taylor Street. The original bridge has been inspected by PENNDOT. The deterioration of the bridge is accelerating. We need to have a temporary bridge in place, so residents have access. It will also keep costs down so the contractor can build the bridge without having to stop or delay construction. George Toth motioned to install the temporary bridge at Taylor Avenue and Wall Avenue. Seconded by Deb Marto, all ayes, motion carries.
- George Toth motioned to approve the purchase of a 14-foot utility trailer from Smouse Trailer and Snow Equipment for \$5,075.00 Cost to the Borough is \$1,000.00. This will replace the trailer stolen from Sugar Camp. Seconded by Jim Rullo. Bill Asked about locking sugar camp. Mr. Bolen explained the trailer will not be at sugar camp, but at the public works garage. All ayes, motion carries.

Parks and Recreation – Lisa Petrosky

- Motion to approve the use of the football field by the Pittsburgh Kings Youth Football Team from April to November. Motion tabled.
- Lisa Petrosky motioned to waive the fee to rent the Park Building for the Gateway Hockey Team's Season Banquet. They are looking at April 12, 27 and May 5 as possible dates. Seconded by Deb Marto. All ayes, motion carries
- We would like to reform the Park and Recreation Committee. We are looking for volunteers and an evening to discuss it. Anyone interested please contact Lisa Petrosky.

Finance and Economic Development – Bill Kornrumpf

- Bill Kornrumpf motioned to pay bills as presented. Seconded by Jim Rullo. All Ayes, motion carries.
- Motion to adopt a 2-year wage freeze on Borough employees, except for what we are currently contracted to increase. No second, motion fails.
- Motion to donate the council's salary back to the Borough and give it to the crossing guards. No second, motion fails.
- Motion to direct the Borough Manager to investigate a Certificate of Deposit of Liquid Fuel Funds for the future purchase of equipment. Mr. Bolen explained that we are authorized to use a percentage of our Liquid Fuels money for major equipment. We would like to set aside our allotment. We can possibly set aside \$36,000 for major equipment. Seconded by George Toth. All ayes, motion carries.

Health and Welfare – Deb Marto

- Mr. Turner has submitted his reports to Council. Nick is our Emergency Management Coordinator, he attended a class and received a 100% on his test.
- Discussion of garbage ordinance. Thank you to all residents for going through the change. Garbage needs to be in a garbage bag and placed in a trash can. We will look into future purchases of cans. Discussion took place. If you put TV's or electronics out, you will receive a Quality-of-Life Ticket. There will be a drop off at the Monroeville Public Works Building.
- Deb Marto motioned to approve Lutterman payment application for the demolition of K Street, 650 12th Street and 423 Eleanor properties in the amount of \$46,566.00 based on the Engineers recommendation. Seconded by Jim Rullo. Dan Coffman of EADS recommends holding some money back. The contractor still had some work to do on site. All ayes, motion carries.
- Motion to approve Change Order #1 from Katofsky Construction in the amount of \$1,136.07. This was for lift rental that was needed. Seconded by Jim Rullo. All ayes, motion carries.
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- Motion to approve Katofsky Construction payment application for the demolition of 121 Wall Ave in the amount of \$20,880.00. Seconded by George Toth. All ayes, motion carries
- Motion to approve Katofsky Construction payment application for the demolition of Jewell Way properties in the amount of \$29,100.00 based on the Engineers recommendation. Seconded by Domenic Roberta. Dan Coffman provided that this isn't even half of the total. Five houses total. Three are down and one is cleaned up. All ayes, motion carries

Electric – Tom Dick, Jr.

- Tom Dick, Jr. motioned to accept the resignation of Troy Nelson, effective January 22, 2024. Seconded by Jim Rullo. Bill Kornrump asked if we had anyone in mind. Deb Marto asked if we advertised. The manager answered no to both questions. All ayes, motion carries.

Public Safety – Jim Rullo

- Discussion of uninspected cars on the street. Can they be tagged and towed. Bill Kornrump stated that there are at least 72 vehicles that he found. He will pass the list along to the Police Department.

Solicitor's Report

Matt Kalina congratulated Nick on his 100% test score.

Engineer's Report

Everything has been covered.

Borough Manager's Report

PennDOT MS-965 Report has been submitted – State Liquid Fuels Report
Pension Data has been gathered and submitted to our Actuary.
All necessary DCED and Auditor General Reports due in January were submitted.

The account balances were read aloud.

Real Estate Tax Collected in January – \$7,501.97. Total year to date is \$429,593.31

Police Chief Report

Tara Caruso. Filling in for Chief. Juvenile audit report was done in accordance with federal regulations.

Bill Kornrump asked about a fight that occurred on Brinton Avenue. The solicitor advised not to discuss an open investigation in a public meeting.

Adjournment

**George Toth motioned to adjourne. Seconded by Deb Marto. All ayes, motion carries.
Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.**