

Borough of Pitcairn Council
Workshop/Business Combined Meeting Minutes
July 8, 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>	<u> </u>
Lisa Petrosky	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Domenic Roberta	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
James Rullo	<u> x </u>	<u> </u> via telephone
Deborah Marto	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Bill Kornrumpf	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
George Toth	<u> </u>	<u> x </u>
Mayor Margaret Stevick	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

A moment of silence was held for resident Jim Lambardo.

Tom Dick, Jr. announced an Executive Session was held at 5:30 PM to discuss personnel issues.

Lisa Petrosky motioned to approve the Minutes for the Council Meeting on June 10, 2024. Seconded by Deb Marto. All ayes, motion carries.

Domenic Roberta motioned to amend the agenda to include a request for a handicap parking space. Seconded by Lisa Petrosky. All ayes, motion carries.

Citizen Comment

Diane Pizzuto asked if we had a need for a part time code enforcement officer. She does not think there is a need. Other neighboring municipalities do not have full time and part time officer. President Dick responded that there are a lot of trash issues that council is hoping the part time officer can help address. discussion took place. Ms. Pizzuto also asked if the curb in front of the Italian Club. We are reviewing the ordinance to see who is responsible for repairing curbs in the borough.

Diane Berksteser asked about the weeds growing on the playground at 14th street. The manager stated he would send the public works crew to weed whack the area. She also asked if something could be done about the alley behind her son’s house on Tenth Street. She said there is a gap between the driveway and the alley. Tom Dick, Jr. stated we would have the Public Works Supervisor take a look at it.

Mayor Margaret Stevick

The Mayor read aloud the fines and report.

The Mayor asked for a motion to put a handicap sign at 314 School Street. Lisa Petrosky motioned to approve the spot. Seconded by Deb Marto. All ayes, motion carries.

Personnel / General –Domenic Roberta

We are currently in negotiations with the Teamsters for the upcoming Public Works contract renewal.

- **Domenic Roberta motioned to pass Resolution 14-2024 reappointing William Trogler to the Civil Service Commission for a six-year term. Seconded by Deb Marto. All ayes, motion carries.**
- **Domenic Roberta motioned to pass Resolution 15-2024 reappointing Patrick Heaps to the Civil Service Commission for a six-year term. Seconded by Lisa Petrosky. All ayes, motion carries.**

Streets – George Toth

- **Tom Dick Jr. motioned to approve Resolution 17-2024 awarding the 2024 paving project to low bidder El Grande Industries, Inc. Seconded by Deb Marto. Bill Kornrump asked if this was everything on the list. The manager explained that it is everything but Taylor Ave, which will be done after the bridge and sewer project is complete. Mr. Kornrump asked if Brinton is being paved because it has been discussed. It was explained that Brinton Ave paving and reconstruction is part of the LSA grant requested. We should have an answer in the fall. All ayes, motion carries.**

Parks and Recreation – Lisa Petrosky

- **Lisa Petrosky motioned to pass Resolution No. 13-2024 designating July as Parks and Recreation Month. Seconded by Deb Marto. All ayes, motion carries**
- Deb Marto asked when the Sugar Camp equipment will be coming in. The manger responded that we do not have a date as of yet.

Finance and Economic Development – Bill Kornrump

- Bill Kornrump motioned to the pay bills as presented. Seconded by Lisa Petrosky. All ayes, motion carries.

Health and Welfare – Deb Marto

- Mr. Turner has submitted his reports to Council. Mr. Turner issued five tickets for trash. Four for high grass and one for animal management and trash. Mr. Turner won a \$1,500 judgment in court, congratulations.
- **Deb Marto motioned to pass Resolution 16-2024 hiring Harry Fails as a part-time Code Enforcement Officer at a rate of \$15 per hour. Seconded by Domenic Roberta.** Bill Kornrump stated he wanted assurances that the trash in town will be picked up. He said behind the former beer distributor trash is piling up with TV's and windshields. He asked Mr. Turner if he had driven by there. Offered to drive by tonight after the meeting. **All ayes, motion carries.**

Electric – Tom Dick, Jr.

Nothing for the meeting.

Public Safety – Jim Rullo

- Tom Dick Jr. motioned to amend the agenda as follows, motion to terminate probationary employee Zachary Stumpf. Seconded by Deb Marto. This was to amend the agenda. All ayes, motion carries.
- Tom Dick, Jr. motioned to terminate the probation for Part time Police Officer Zachary Stumpf. Seconded by Deb Marto. All ayes, motion carries.
- Tom Dick, Jr. motioned to hire Joshua Zotter as a part time Police Officer based on the chief's recommendation. Seconded by Domenic Roberta. All ayes, motion carries.
- Tom Dick motioned to update the Police Department's vehicle pursuit policy to include spike strips. Seconded by Deb Marto. Lisa Petrosky asked if there was training involved. The chief responded that all the officers have been trained. All ayes, motion carries.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Engineer’s Report

Bids are being prepared and put out for removing the tanks at 121 Wall Ave..

Anxious to get started on the paving program.

Lisa Petrosky asked when the Highland Sanitary project will begin. Mr. Black explained that it is in the design stage and they were waiting to get the Taylor Street Bridge project start. We have two more years to get the project started.

Borough Manager’s Report

Real Estate Tax Collected in June \$250,491, \$359,071 to date in 2024 taxes.

The year-to-date financial reports were submitted to Council.

- Capital Improvement Account - \$386,672**
- Electric System Capital Improvement Account - \$102,038**
- Liquid Fuels \$79,825**
- Local Grant Dirty Camp Fund - \$70,779**
- Sewer Capital Improvement Fund - \$910,535**
- Public Safety Fund - \$80,128**
- ARPA Funds - \$89,227**
- Bond Repayment Fund - \$330,818**
- Park and Recreation Account \$13,074**

Police Chief Report

Commend the fire department during the storm that came through. The fire company helped clean up and work with the citizens.

Working with the Emergency Management Coordinator to test the tornado alarm.

Deb Marto stated that the siren was not heard by North Pitcairn or on the hill. There used to be one at School and Wall Avenues. Need to check the decibel levels.

The Chief added that during the storm that no one would hear it with noise of the storm.

For the first quarter of the year, Maxx was deployed 28 times and has 11 arrests. We have 299 hours of training.

Bill Kornrump asked about a resident and if she still lives in town.

Deb Marto announced that on July 27, 2024 Protect PT will hold a meeting at the fire hall.

The Pittsburgh Food Bank will be here July 17 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Domenic Roberta motioned to Adjourn. Seconded by Lisa Petrosky. All ayes, motion carries.