

**Borough of Pitcairn Council
Business Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2024
6:00 pm**

**Meeting called to order – President Jim Rullo
Stand for Pledge of Allegiance**

Roll Call:	Here	Absent
Thomas Dick, Jr.	_____	__x__
Lisa Petrosky	_x__	_____
Domenic Roberta	_x__	_____ Mr. Roberta arrived at 6:10 PM
James Rullo	_x__	_____
Deborah Marto	_x__	_____
Bill Kornrumph	x__	_____
George Toth	_____	_x__
Mayor Margaret Stevick	_x__	_____

Lisa Petrosky motioned to approve the Minutes from the August 12, 2024, Borough Council Combined Meeting. Seconded by Bill Kornrumph. All ayes, motion carries.

Citizen Comment.

There were no citizen comments.

Mayor Betsy Stevick

The mayor announced the police responded to 304 calls for the month of August. The Borough collected \$200.00 in parking fines, \$150.00 in magistrate fines, \$323.00 in County fines and collected \$75.00 in Quality-of-Life fines.

The mayor explained Noble Environmental’s process for collecting electronics. They will have a collection at Monroeville Public Works on October 12, 2024. The Halloween parade is October 26 at noon. The parade begins at the Assembly of God church on Wall Avenue.

Personnel / General – Domenic Roberta

- **Domenic Roberta motioned to pass Resolution 19-2024 Slums and Blight Resolution for Act 152 Grant Application for the demolition of 214 Highland and 400 Second Street.** Seconded by Deb Marto. Bill Kornrumph asked if there was a plan for after tearing the buildings. He explained that he rode past 214 Highland and said it is a structurally sound building. He asked if the Borough has tried to find a buyer. Mr. Bolen stated that the Borough has contacted several churches and developers have looked at it but no one seems to be interested in the building. Motion of the floor was Three ayes and one nay. Motion carries.
- Domenic Roberta motioned to pass the Act 152 Concurring Resolution 20-2024. Seconded by Deb Marto. Three ayes and one nay. Motion carries.

Streets – George Toth

- Deb Marto motioned to allow the Pitcairn Historical Society to close Highland Avenue from Chestnut Alley to Sixth Street for the Schoolhouse Kickoff Event fundraiser on September 21 from 11 AM to 6 PM. Seconded by Lisa Petrosky. All Ayes, motion carries.

Parks and Recreation – Lisa Petrosky

Lisa Petrosky gave a Night Market Reminder. Market is Friday September 27 at 6:00 PM. We will have some new food trucks, Hibachi Lou and a Gyro truck. Pitcairn’s own Denny Price will have his BBQ stand at the market.

Finance and Economic Development – Bill Kornrumpf

- Bill Kornrumpf motioned to pay bills as presented. Seconded by Lisa Petrosky. Bill Kornrumpf explained that because of the payments for Tenant Registration refunds he will abstain from voting. Three ayes, one abstention. Motion carries.
- Bill Kornrumpf motioned to advertise the 2025 Budget Meetings: Times of the meetings were openly discussed and 5:30 PM was decided to be the best time. Meetings will be Monday, October 14th, Monday, November 11th at 5:30 PM to be followed by regular Council Meetings, final Budget Meeting Monday, November 18th at 6:00 pm. Budget to be advertised for adoption on December 9th at 6:00 pm. All ayes, motion carries.
- **Bill Kornrumpf motioned to adopt Resolution 14-2024 approving the 2024 MMO’s(Minimum Municipal Obligation) as calculated by the actuary: \$78,284 for the Police Pension and \$51,868 for the Non-Uniform Pension.** Seconded by Deb Marto. All ayes, motion carries.

Health and Welfare –Deb Marto

- Deb Marto announced that Mr. Turner has submitted his monthly reports to the Council. HE issued 21 violations for high grass and six for trash or rubbish accumulation.
- **Deb Marto motioned to accept the bid of Neumeyer Environmental Services in the amount of \$39,700 for the removal of the tanks at 121 Wall Avenue.** This is to be paid with the remaining grant funds from the demo grant received through Senator Brewsters Office. Seconded by Lisa Petrosky. All ayes, motion carries.
- Information on in-house garbage collection was presented by the Borough Manager.. Discussion followed. The Borough Manager explained that he sat down with the manager from Swissvale and went over some costs. All in it would cost approximately \$383,651 in expenses and the borough roughly takes in \$275,000 in revenue for trash collection. The Borough would need to raise rates significantly to make it feasible.

Electric – Tom Dick, Jr.

Public Safety Committee – Jim Rullo

- Jim Rullo motioned to accept the resignation of Police Officer Ethan Fagnelli. Seconded by Domenic Rullo. All ayes, motion carries.
- Jim Rullo motioned to accept the resignation of Part Time Police Officer Gavin School. Seconded by Domenic Roberta. All ayes, motion carries.

- Council had an open discussion of purchasing a new police car. It was explained that one of the older cars needed \$7,700 in repairs. The car is a 2016 and is not worth putting that much money into an old vehicle. The Borough Manager was asked to obtain prices and models. Discussion occurred.
- Jim Rullo stated, “Kids are in school, be careful driving”.

Solicitor’s Report

Nothing for the public

Engineer’s Report

Mr. Black stated that Taylor Avenue Bridge project is continuing. The contractor will close Wall Avenue on September 16 through the 20th to place the culverts. 121 Wall Ave was already discussed. Hopefully the paving project will start soon.

Borough Manager’s Report

The Manager read the account balances out loud.

Capital Improvement Account - \$390,571
Electric System Capital Improvement Account - \$102,506
Liquid Fuels \$75,583
Local Grant Dirty Camp Fund - \$71,103
Sewer Capital Improvement Fund - \$905,024
Public Safety Fund - \$88,769
ARPA Funds - \$64,795
Bond Repayment Fund - \$332,337
Park and Recreation Account \$8,827
Park and recreation Special Events Fund \$5,894

The year to date compared to budget report has been submitted to Council.

The Tax Collector collected \$47,069.84 in August. Total Year to date is \$452,377.76

The manager wanted to remind Council that we are entering the third year of our transmission agreement with Duquesne Light. The third year calls for the full monthly charge of over \$11,000 per month in transmission enhancements.

Police Chief Report

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