

**Borough of Pitcairn Council
Business Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2025
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> </u>	<u> x </u>
James Rullo	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Deborah Marto	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Bill Kornrumpf	<u> </u>	<u> x </u>
George Toth	<u> </u>	<u> x </u>
Mayor Margaret Stevick	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

Tom Dick, Jr. announced that an Executive Session was held this evening at 5:30 PM to discuss legal matters.

Jim Rullo motioned to approve Minutes for Council Meeting on March 10, 2025. Seconded by Lisa Petrosky. All ayes, motion carries

Citizen Comment

Colleen Smeltzer from Kenney Avenue stated that a neighbor tenant has garbage on the street, Nick Turner has been up several times, the kids kicked out garage door panels, they throw trash from the top porch rail. She is frustrated and Pitcairn is going to hell, the town is going to look like Braddock. Nick Turner has cited them several times. The landlord refuses to evict. Ms. Smeltzer asked about the 3 strikes and your out. Matt Kalina stated we will discuss this with the Police Chief and Nick after the meeting and see what the best approach will be.

Stacey (No last name given) also from Kenney Avenue explained that a person from the same house Ms. Smeltzer mentioned has been harassing her and her family for several months. He comes up on her porch, and puts his fingers in her surveillance cameras on the house. On April 4 a skinny gentleman walking on the street will ask what they are looking at. Becomes confrontational to her husband. Tries to provoke her husband in to fighting. The Police Chief asked why she hasn't called the police and filed a report. She stated she has spoke with Officer Caruso several times. The Chief told her he would speak to her after the meeting in private.

Peg Yagatitch, ask if we could ask the church owner on 6th and Highland to move the planters back from the street. It is difficult to open the car door when you park next to one.

Mayor Margaret Stevick

The Mayor read the police calls and the fines collected for the month of March.

Personnel / General –Domenic Roberta 6:19

- Jim Rullo reminded everyone that the Borough of Pitcairn's May Council meeting will be on May 19, 2025.
- Jim Rullo opened the floor for a discussion of Flood Project and a possible motion to hire Century Engineering to complete the easement acquisition process. Mr. Bolen explained that when the flood control project originated the Borough of Pitcairn had to obtain permanent and temporary easements to access the dirty camp run on private property. Century Engineering acquired the company that

the Borough originally hired to assist in this process. Since the temporary easements were not recorded at the county and several properties have changed hands, the PA Department of General Services attorney wants new temporary easements prepared and acquired. Mr. Bolen discussed this with the Borough engineer and solicitor and they both recommended hiring Century. Century has all of the previous records. Jim Rullo motioned to hire Century Engineering to complete the easement process. Seconded by Deb Marto. All ayes, motion carries.

- Council had an open discussion regarding Pittsburgh Regional Transportation (PRT) regarding sending a letter of financial support to funding agencies. It was decided not to send a letter.
- Domenic Roberta entered the meeting at 6:19 PM. Mr. Roberta motioned to appoint Jim Rullo to the Planning Commission for a five year term. Four ayes, Jim Rullo abstained. Motion carries.
- Domenic Roberta motioned to pass resolution 2-2025 Full-Time Employees Responding to Fire Calls discussion and motion to approve. Seconded by Lisa Petrosky. Four Ayes, Tom dick, Jr. abstained. Motion carries.

Streets – George Toth – Tom Dick

- George Toth was absent, Tom Dick reviewed the streets to be paved. Council asked Don Black to review the list and make his recommendation.
- Tom Dick motioned to approve a handicap parking space at 365 Third Street. Seconded by Lisa Petrosky. Deb Marto asked how many permits were on the street. Police Chief answered, there were none. All ayes, motion carries.
- Tom Dick motioned to approve the final payment to El Grande Industries for paving based on the engineer's recommendation. Seconded by Jim Rullo. All ayes, motion carries.
- A paving estimate for a section of Merchants Alley was discussed. It was determined to be too high and to be added to the 2025 paving program.

Parks and Recreation – Lisa Petrosky

- Lisa Petrosky motioned to approve Pitcairn Assembly of God's application for the field on June 28, 2025 for a Spiritual awakening and prayer for the community. Mr. Bolen explained that Pastor Bob could not be here tonight but asked if Council would waive the fees. Seconded by Deb Marto. All ayes, motion carries.
- Lisa Petrosky motioned to approve the Women's Softball Team "Dirty Dawgs" to use the baseball field from May to August on Thursdays and Friday evenings. Seconded by Deb Marto. It was asked if the work on the parking lot would effect the field. Don Black explained that there is no work planned for the field All ayes, motion carries.
- Lisa Petrosky stated that she is looking into having movie nights in the park. She has reached out to the Monroeville Public Library and discussed piggy backing on any license agreement that would be needed with the Library. Discussion followed and all thought it was a good idea to pursue..

Lisa Petrosky reminded everyone about the Pitcairn Night Market on April 25.

Finance and Economic Development – Bill Kornrumpf

- Bill Kornrumpf was absent. Tom Dick motioned to pay bills as presented. Seconded by Jim Rullo. All ayes, motion carries.

Health and Welfare – Deb Marto

- Mr. Turner has submitted his reports to Council.

- Deb Marto reminded everyone that Clean up day is May 3rd from 6 to 11 AM.
- Deb Marto motioned to set the price for non-display electronics at \$10.00 per item. Seconded by Domenic Roberta. All ayes, motion carries.
- Deb Marto announced there is a meeting regarding Landfill odors and what residents can do at the Pitcairn Firehall on April 24th at 6 PM. Hosted by Protect PT

Electric – Tom Dick, Jr.

- Tom Dick announced that we sent out 180 electric shut off notices on March 25 and we disconnected 54 customers.

Public Safety – Jim Rullo

- Jim Rullo motion to promote Russel Wisnewski to a Full Time Patrol Officer at the Chiefs recommendation. Effective April 13, 2025. Seconded by Domenic Roberta. All ayes, motion carries.

Solicitor's Report

Engineer's Report

Don Black stated that paving was discussed and he has his marching orders. EADS is putting together specs for sports complex. Highland sewer project, surveyor got out, they are evaluating the boring of the property. Next meeting EADS may be asking to approve the test boring. They have several grants that they are preparing on behalf of the Borough.

Borough Manager's Report

The account balances were read aloud.

Account Balances

Capital Improvement Account - \$341,109, \$80,235 is dedicated to Jewell Way

Electric System Capital Improvement Account - \$154,209

Liquid Fuels \$61,832

Liquid Fuels CD \$54,835.03

Local Grant Dirty Camp Fund - \$72,105

Sewer Capital Improvement Fund - \$902,414

Public Safety Fund - \$88,238

ARPA Funds - \$19,193

Bond Repayment Fund - \$337,019

Park and Recreation Account \$11,210

Mr. Bolen suggested that Council members have a separate email for Borough business so their personnel email is not subject to the Right to know laws.

Business cards for council were discussed.

Police Chief Report

Reports presented. K9 Maxx and Chief have been busy. Training is above national average. The Chief plans to go to Ramsey and Cleveland Stewart Elementary schools for career day.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourne was made by Deb Marto, Seconded by Jim Rullo. All ayes, motion carries. Meeting ended at 6:45 PM.