

Borough of Pitcairn Council
Workshop/Business Combined Meeting Minutes
August 11, 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> </u> via phone
James Rullo	<u> </u>	<u> x </u>
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 recently deceased Pitcairn residents Bill Bittner, Donna Mashione, Ed Parady and victims of the Clairton Coke Works explosion.

Deb Marto motioned to approve the Minutes for the Council Meeting on July 14, 2025. Seconded by Lisa Petrosky. All ayes, motion carries.

Tom Dick, Jr. announced Council held an Executive session held at 5:40 PM.

Citizen Comment

Alan Ankney complained about fire works and how close they can be to a building. Chief Farally explained that the Borough must follow the State of Pa fireworks law. Mr. Ankney asked who enforces that law. Chief stated that the Pitcairn Police would be responsible for enforcement. Mr. Ankney asked if he should call the police if someone is shooting off fireworks close to his garage. The Chief responded that he should. Mr. Ankney complained about trash not being properly sealed in cans and animals getting into the trash, Trash isn't picked up after the animals get into it. People play music real loud. Chief stated that he needs to call with a noise complaint. He asked about the tall shrubs at 602 Second and the PW guy told him there is all poison ivy in there. Mike Bolen told him that is true, our guys cut the lot and we do not ask them to go in and trim areas that have poison ivy.

Jack Papalardo water lines questioned the borough on the waterlines that go under the creek at the 1100 block of Wall Avenue. Mr. Papalardo was concerned that when the flood project goes through that the lines would be disconnected. The Engineer assured Mr. Papalardo that all utilities under the creek will have to be connected.

Don Ashton, resident of Third Street, Pitcairn had complaints regarding safety and noise in Lincoln Alley. His neighbors always put out trash right after pick up. It attracts animals. Mr. Ashton asked if we could run the street sweeper up the alley. Asked if the Borough could spray weed killer along the alley. He has had to call the police about cars parking in front of a fire hydrant at 350 Third Street. He said parking is very limited on the street and he lives next to a 3 unit apartment. Bill Kornrumpf stated he heard that one of the local boroughs is charging for parking. The other issue Mr. Ashton has is with the residents at 359 Third Street, they have very loud cars and it wakes him early in the morning. They have loud speakers in the cars and he can feel the vibrations in his chest sitting in his living room. He doesn't know how the cars pass the Safety inspection by the Commonwealth of PA. Chief Farally asked that he call the police when this occurs.

Vern Lentz. Stated the red do not enter is not at the correct angle at 4th and Center. Asked if the Borough can look at it. The Alley between 4th and 5th needs to be fixed. He also stated that the Borough should consider raising the Public Safety Fee by a dollar to start saving money for the next truck the fire company will need to purchase.

Mayor Margaret Stevick

The Mayor read her fines report and stated the police worked 288 complaints in the month of July. The Mayor also wanted to wish condolences to the Bitner family. Bill Bitner was fire chief of Pitcairn Fire Co. #2 and started the Pitcairn Ambulance Service.

Personnel / General –Domenic Roberta

Streets – George Toth

Parks and Recreation – Lisa Petrosky

- **Lisa Petrosky Motion to adopt Resolution 8-2025 formally requesting \$187,150 in grant funds from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County for 14th Street Park Improvements.** Seconded by Deb Marto. All ayes, motion carries.
- Ms. Petrosky stated that a resident suggested installing ceiling fans at the Sugar Camp pavilion to get some air flow on hot days.
- Ms. Petrosky suggested the Borough purchase a phone for the police chief.

Finance and Economic Development – Bill Kornrumph

- Bill Kornrumph motioned to 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.
- A discussion of the bids for the Highland Avenue sewer project took place. The bids came in higher than the Grant amount. Mr. Bolen stated that the Borough has \$907,000 in the sewer capital project to cover the difference. Don Black explained that the borough can pay for the difference of the project or we can take out the repairs to East Wall Avenue. Don Black explained that the sewer at East Wall Avenue has been a problem, but we could try to get another grant to do that section at a later date. Mr. Bolen stated that if we delay, it could possibly cost more. Mr. Black agreed that costs do not go down.
- **Deb Motioned to adopt Resolution 9-2025 awarding the contract to low bidder Jet Jack for the Highland Avenue Sewer Project, including East Wall Avenue. Second by Lisa Petrosky All ayes, motion carries.**
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Electric – Tom Dick, Jr.

- Sub station oil report. Our Electric Superintendent Jim Comunale has not received the report yet,

Public Safety – Jim Rullo

- Tom Dick motioned to adopt Chapter 28 Pitcairn Police Drone Policy. Second by Deb Marto. All ayes, motion carries.

Solicitor's Report

No public report.

Engineer's Report

Most of the engineer's report was covered during the bid discussion. EADS is finalizing the contracts for paving and Brinton Avenue projects. Hoping to get those out and started. Several grants are still outstanding and we have applied for a few more grants.

Borough Manager's Report

Real Estate Tax Collected in July \$64,764.91, \$444,224.38 to date in 2025 taxes. There has been \$22,720.62 in 2024 taxes and \$28,631.26 in delinquent taxes collected in 2025. Total for the year is \$495,576.26

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

Capital Improvement Account - \$335,583.75
Electric System Capital Improvement Account - \$155,453
Liquid Fuels \$43,021.26
Local Grant Dirty Camp Fund - \$70,927.53
Sewer Capital Improvement Fund - \$907,476
Public Safety Fund - \$97,866
ARPA Funds - \$140,834
Bond Repayment Fund - \$339,561
Park and Recreation Account \$11,379
Park and recreation Special Events Fund \$5,894

Police Chief Report

No report

Lisa Petrosky motioned to Adjourn. Second by Deb Marto. All ayes, motion carries.