

**Borough of Pitcairn Council
Business Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2025
6:00 pm**

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

| Roll Call: | Here | Absent |
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| Thomas Dick, Jr. | __x__ | _____ |
| Lisa Petrosky | __x__ | _____ |
| Domenic Roberta | _____ | __x__ |
| James Rullo | __x__ | _____ |
| Deborah Marto | __x__ | _____ |
| Bill Kornrumpf | _____ | _____ via phone |
| George Toth | __x__ | _____ |
| Mayor Margaret Stevick | __x__ | _____ |

An Executive Session was held this evening at 5:15 PM to discuss personnel matters.

Jim Rullo motioned to approve Minutes for Council Meeting on April 14, 2025. Second by Deb Marto All ayes, motion carries.

Chris Corbran, PA Enviromental Council, John Nicholson, WSP USA, Inc. and Kristin Saunders of Toole Design Group presented and update on the Turtle Creek Connector. They provided a power point presentation and gave an update on the route through Pitcairn. They are on a two-to-three-year timeline before it will be complete.

Citizen Comment

Jim Park asked if we could patch the potholes on Taylor Avenue. We said we would try to get them patched and the entire street will be paved after the sewer project.

Marty Hullihan from Wall Avenue stated that he was very happy with the work the Pitcairn Public Works employees did to repair the storm drain that runs under his yard. He also suggested adding gravel to the sides of Wall Avenue like the Borough did in the past. He asked about the Allegheny County free mulch program. Lisa Petrosky responded that she has inquired about the program but the County will not drop any mulch out this far. He also asked about adding a splash park at Sugar Camp to replace the sand volleyball court. He was told that we will explore grant opportunities.

George Burkhardt wanted to let all know about the Memorial Day Service at Soldiers Grove. The VFW donated hotdogs, and the Gateway Band will be here as well. The Pitcairn Lions are looking for space to store their food bank wagons. The space in the Park Building and the storage room at the concession stand was discussed. The Lions Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday May 21.

The Zion Apostle Church doing reach out to community and doing sidewalk Sunday School. They are looking for space to hold these events. The church would like to hold a bible study at Sugar Camp.

Mayor Margaret Stevick

The mayor read the fines collected and the number of complaints the police received (221 complaints).

Personnel / General –Domenic Roberta

- Tom Dick motioned to approve attendance at the Pa Municipal Electric Association Conference in September. Seconded by Lisa Petrosky. All ayes, motion carries.
- Tom Dick motioned to begin the process to raise the salary of Pitcairn Borough Council to \$75 per month. Discussion took place regarding the current pay of \$50 and how long that pay has been in place. We weren't sure when the pay was set at \$50.00 per month but it has been at least 15 years. Second by George Toth. All ayes, motion carries.

Streets – George Toth

- A discussion of Eleanor Street Bridge took place and the shape it is in. The Borough Manager stated that the engineers have inspected it and the bridge structure is rusting. The bridge will need replaced sooner rather than later. The Engineer wasn't in attendance so the discussion will be tabled until the next meeting.
- George Toth motioned to approve a handicap parking spot at 382 Third Street. Second by Lisa Petrosky. All ayes, motion carries.
- George Toth motioned to approve a handicap parking spot at 533 Fourth Street. Second by Lisa Petrosky. All ayes, motion carries.

Parks and Recreation – Lisa Petrosky

- Lisa Petrosky motioned to waive the fee for Zion Church to use Sugar Camp on Wednesdays in June. The times would be from 6:30 PM and 8:30 PM. It will be a pilot program to see how it works. July 11th is a Friday and they would like to hold a last day celebration of vacation bible school at Sugar Camp. Second, by George Toth. All ayes, motion carries.
- Lisa Petrosky stated that her, her daughter and some friends cleaned up merchants alley on clean up day. She stated that the alley was not as dirty as she thought.

Finance and Economic Development – Bill Kornrumpf

- Tom Dick motioned to pay bills as presented. Second by Jim Rullo. All ayes, motion carries

Health and Welfare – Deb Marto

- Mr. Turner has submitted his reports to Borough Council.
- Deb Marto motioned to approve Resolution 3-2025 requesting a Flood Mitigation Program (FMP) grant of **\$485,776.00** from the Commonwealth Financing Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be used for **Dirty Camp Run Relocation – Sponsor Adjustments**. Second by George Toth. Tom Dick asked if the borough manager received all of the support letters. The manager answered in the affirmative. All ayes, motion carries.
- Deb Marto provided a recap of clean-up day. We collected 23 TVs, 12 small electronic devices and 18 tires for a total of \$625. Deb offered thanks to Lisa Petrosky and her crew, Domenic Roberta and Betsy Stevic helped collect money. Jim Rullo was there helping as well. we filled 3 of the 4 dumpsters.

Electric – Tom Dick, Jr.

- Tom Dick stated that the Borough is looking into extending the contract for electric supply. We are waiting to hear from our electric consultant. If we extend the contract, we can save money in the long run, but it will increase our rate in the immediate future.

Public Safety – Jim Rullo

Nothing to report.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report in the public meeting.

Engineer's Report

The engineer was absent and his report was submitted to council.

Borough Manager's Report

Real Estate Tax Collected in April was \$2,213.99, total for 2024 taxes collected to date is \$509,249.99.

The Borough Manager read the following balances.

Account Balances

Capital Improvement Account - \$336,075, \$80,235 is dedicated to Jewell Way

Electric System Capital Improvement Account - \$154,584

Liquid Fuels \$61,961

Liquid Fuels CD \$54,835.03

Local Grant Dirty Camp Fund - \$72,243

Sewer Capital Improvement Fund - \$902,414

Public Safety Fund - \$86,851

Bond Repayment Fund - \$337,664

Park and Recreation Account \$13,005

The Borough Manager stated that Public Works is looking into buying a trailer to use with the line painter and the stencils.

We would also like to have Chris Baker clean the bathrooms and lunch room at the Public Works Building.

Police Chief Report

The Police Chief stated it would be nice to get a license plate reader at one of our intersections. Tom Dick stated that he is working with our local state representative and local senator to get a grant to pay for the reader. Deb Marto asked if we could use public safety funds to purchase one. Tom Dick replied that they only just contacted the local representatives so let's wait and see if there are grants available before we use our money.

Deb Marto motioned to adjourn. Second by Jim Rullo, all ayes, motion carries.