

**Borough of Pitcairn Council
Combined Meeting
Minutes
July 8, 2019
7:00 pm**

**Meeting called to order – President Michael Tobias
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

Roll Call:
Doug Crothers
Kevin Dick
Cammeo Farally
Dona Galia
Lorraine Myers
Jim Rullo
Mike Tobias
Mayor Stevick
All present.

Mr. Tobias announced Council held an Executive Session at 6:00 pm to discuss a personnel matter.

**Mr. Dick motioned to approve Minutes from June 10 and June 24, 2019 Borough Council Meetings.
Seconded by Mrs. Farally; motion carried unanimously.**

Solicitor Michael Witherel opened the following sealed bids for the sale of borough owned properties as legally advertised: for 645 Eighth Street, \$100 from Genesis Corp, \$5,000 Milo Sparanzo, \$30,088 Gary Han, for 580/582 Sixth Street from Genesis Corp, \$5,000. There were no bids for 428 Highland Avenue. Mr. Witherel to Council: you can take time to review, verify high bidders meet the requirements set forth in bid form, or accept them tonight. You can wait to decide at next meeting. Mr. Tobias asked Council; they decided to wait until next meeting.

Citizen Comment

Beverly Shearer asked for more stone and any leftover blacktop for their alley, that they maintain the alley themselves. She said a neighbor sees raccoons and rats near an abandoned house. John Prucnal as Code Officer said he will look into it and contact the property owners. Deb Marto asked if the Borough received money from the Drag Queen Bingo for Annie's Place. Ms. Dietz reported none had been received. Mr. Tobias asked Mr. Witherel what can be done. Mr. Witherel asked if the District Attorney had been contacted as was discussed at a prior meeting. Chief Farally responded he would contact them tomorrow. Mr. Witherel thought either the D.A. or the A.G.'s office would be appropriate to contact.

Tom Dick reported Matt Shaley of the DEP met with him. Mr. Dick: trees are planted to block odors, DEP said it is up to the County to act on complaints. Mr. Dick felt there are discrepancies in monitoring the landfill, listing the various agencies that are supposed to. Mr. Dick wondered how they extract methane gas without a permit. He asked why they don't put up gas meters for air quality as they do for the mill in Clairton. He questioned what happens if back-up generators that run the fans drawing gas out, suddenly stop. Someone told him it would be catastrophic. Mr. Dick asked elected officials and the public to get involved now before the landfill's permit is extended. He felt legal representation should be engaged by the Borough or private citizens. He showed photos of medical waste allegedly dumped at the landfill. He complained that when a borough tears down a house, they have to abate the asbestos but a private owner doesn't have to, it goes into the landfill. Mr. Dick communicates with the blasting company when they work at the landfill and they call him in advance.

Tom Dick brought up the 911 Dispatch, describing problems from using County for fire and Monroeville for police. He said they are sending the police first to what should also be a fire call. Chief Farally responded he alerted Dispatch that fire should be dispatched first. He said a call to Monroeville may delay it. Discussion took place comparing using County and Monroeville for dispatch for both entities. Tom Dick questioned why the Borough uses Monroeville for lock up. Chief Farally said the new building will have regulated holding cells. Pitcairn will still use Monroeville for lock up which is less costly and reduces liability. Tom Dick asked the Borough to use 911. Councilman Kevin Dick said he heard service is

better with Monroeville than the County. Tom Dick: who is causing the delay to dispatch fire. Chief Farally: probably both. Mrs. Galia: if I call 911 who do I get. Tom Dick: they will ask where you are from, they will call Monroeville, for fire they automatically dispatch fire, adding he thought fire should be dispatched immediately with the police. Chief Farally promised to send a letter addressing this issue. Deb Marto and Tom Dick asked what the requirements would be to hold prisoners. Chief listed several, also pointed out an Officer would be sacrificed from patrol duty to stay with the prisoner.

Mayor Betsy Stevick

Nothing tonight.

Personnel – Dona Galia

Mrs. Galia motioned to approve Resolution adopting PA Office of Open Records most recent official fee schedule with the addition of a Pitcairn Borough fee for viewing police body cam footage. Seconded by Mr. Rullo. Question on the motion: Mrs. Galia asked Chief to explain. Chief Farally: the wording for the Resolution should be for a copy, not viewing, the fee could match the State Police amount of \$125. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Galia motioned to contract accounting services once a month with Tracey Kalik, CPA, for the purpose of a more efficient yearly audit of all bank funds. The Borough is not locked into a contract. Seconded by Mr. Dick, motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Galia announced PitCare's Gary Agate will be walking 1,200 miles to Florida in September to raise funds for PitCare programs such as the community library and food pantry, after school programs, future coffee shop. The trip will be approximately sixty eight-hour days.

Streets – Mike Tobias

Mr. Dick motioned to adopt Resolution approving an application for a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant for Hillside Avenue Road Slide Remediation, in the amount of \$1,154,600. Seconded by Mr. Rullo; motion carried unanimously. The Borough is requesting any match requirement be waived.

Mr. Dick motioned to approve OFW quote of \$11,956 for pre-owned and new furniture, meeting room chairs for new building. Seconded by Mrs. Galia; motion carried unanimously.

Parks and Recreation – Cammeo Farally

Mrs. Farally announced August 16th movie night in the park for adults only, giving details. Mrs. Farally asked Engineer Don Black the status of Annies Place Improvements grant. Mr. Black: fence poles are cemented in, hoping to be completed this week. Mrs. Farally: girl scouts would like to cement in painted rocks. Mr. Black did not recommend going with the contractor; it wasn't in the specs, he recommended volunteers.

Finance and Economic Development – Jim Rullo

Mr. Rullo motioned to pay bills as presented. Seconded by Mrs. Myers; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rullo motioned to approve payment application #8 from Yarborough Development for \$266,431.13 from Capital Projects Fund. Seconded by Mr. Dick; motion carried unanimously.

Health and Welfare – Kevin Dick

Mr. Dick asked the Engineer the status of Center Avenue Slide repair. Mr. Black: EADS met with Geobuild, a contractor who specializes in soil nails, working with Garvin Bower Bietko for geo tech study to develop

specs for the project. 150 ft. of stabilization of upper part of road would stay within the \$500,000 grant. Mr. Black recommended leaving room to do it in stages if we see the road moving and pursue more funding to finish the remaining 400 ft. with the same product. Bids will be for the main portion and then 20 ft. increments. New borough building project update: tomorrow meeting at 2 pm, possibly moving in the next 2 to 3 weeks, too early for a punch list. Balancing change orders are required for ADA railings on front steps, he read the price quote, and second one for water pressure reducing valve. Final figures may result in a \$60,000 credit. Mr. Dick: the last meeting we attended, the contractor thought they would be out in July 19. Mr. Black: you may be able to move in but the outside and landscaping won't be done. Mr. Dick: the offices will close for a few days to move, and Council has discussed officially closing every day from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm for employee lunch time.

Code Enforcement Report – John Prucnal

John Prucnal promised to address the earlier complaints of rats and raccoons on 6th Street. Mr. Prucnal continued: Council adopted Act 90 years ago and it involves property owners who are delinquent in taxes, fees. The Borough can withhold occupancy and other permits from them until they pay their delinquent bills on all of their properties. The Code office has been issuing Quality of Life tickets for high grass and trash ordinance violations. He welcomed neighbors of cited properties to attend magistrate hearings.

Electric – Lorraine Myers

Mrs. Myers asked Tom Dick to describe details of Fire Company#1 upcoming Jubilee and he did.

Public Safety – Doug Crothers

Mr. Crothers motioned to approve conditional offer of employment to part time police officer Mr. Ryan Waros. Seconded by Mrs. Galia; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Crothers began discussion of new location for fire siren when Eighth Street building is sold. Chief Farally didn't think it was needed. Tom Dick said it couldn't be heard downtown, suggested North Pitcairn, adding we all have radios.

Mr. Crothers motioned to approve request for handicapped parking space to be moved from 500 2nd Street to 373 Kenney Avenue. Seconded by Mrs. Myers; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Crothers motioned to approve handicapped parking space at 449 3rd Street. Seconded by Mr. Dick; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing in addition to Executive Session and Agenda topics.

Engineer's Report

Nothing more.

Police Chief Report:

Nothing tonight.

Mr. Tobias reminded everyone of only one meeting in August on the 12th. Mr. Dick: the installation of new surveillance cameras in North Pitcairn has been delayed while Jim Comunale performs wiring in new building. New fiber will have to be run to North Pitcairn.

Mr. Dick motioned to adjourn at 7:55 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Galia; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Dietz