

**Borough of Pitcairn Council  
Workshop Meeting Minutes  
March 25, 2019  
7:00 pm**

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

**Roll Call:**

Doug Crothers  
Kevin Dick           was absent  
Cammeo Farally  
Dona Galia  
Lorraine Myers  
Jim Rullo           was absent  
Mike Tobias  
Mayor Stevick

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

**Mrs. Myers motioned to approve Minutes from March 11, 2019 Borough Council Meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Farally; motion carried unanimously.**

**Citizen Comment**

Deb Marto asked for guidance regarding raccoons: what should residents do when they see them during the day. Chief Farally responded: call the Police Department non-emergency number. They have snares and can be release the animal into the wild. If animal is rabid, it would have to be put down.

Tom Dick complained of litter blown down during the windstorm from the land fill to trees above Wall Avenue and other streets. He said they were supposed to erect a net fence. Mr. Tobias asked Ms. Dietz to contact Waste Management. Mr. Dick commented on the recent inspection of the land fill by the health department. The landfill addressed some of the problem. He thought the methane gas call line was helping. Mr. Dick did point out there are gas wells at the entrance of Pitcairn that people are smelling.

Virginia Crothers asked if the new building is wired to broadcast Meetings live on Verizon channel. Mr. Tobias said Jim Comunale has the capabilities to wire the room as needed and he would relay the questions to him. Mr. Tobias did not think it could be live. John Prucnal recalled in the past the meeting was recorded and later uploaded to the cable channel.

**Mayor Betsy Stevick**

**Mayor Stevick requested a handicapped parking space at 329 Second Street, giving details. Mr. Crothers motioned to approve the parking space. Seconded by Mrs. Farally; motion carried unanimously.** Mayor Stevick called attention to flyers provided about a fundraiser for Meals on Wheels, that there are only five Pitcairn subscribers. To generate more subscribers they are asking permission to post signs in town.

**Personnel – Dona Galia**

**Mrs. Galia motioned to participate in the OVR program with Nick Turner supervising the students. Seconded by Mrs. Myers. Mr. Tobias: this is the third year Pitcairn has participated. Motion carried unanimously.** Mrs. Galia announced the Pitcairn Police Department was featured in the March issue of PSAB Magazine. She commended Chief Farally for his hard work. Mrs. Galia displayed a newspaper article from 2002 wherein Pitcairn had overspent its budget by \$250,000. She thanked Ms. Dietz for her diligence in making sure we aren't over budget. She encouraged residents to help keep the Borough clean all year long. Two upcoming opportunities: Community Clean Up on April 27<sup>th</sup> and PitCare is hosting one on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Stevick added that residents should keep their porches clear of old furniture and debris.

**Streets – Mike Tobias**

Nothing tonight.

**Parks and Recreation – Cammeo Farally**

**Mrs. Farally motioned to approve Borough purchase of Kenney Avenue vacant lot through the Allegheny County Vacant Property Program with the intention of permitting Grounded to use the lot. Seconded by Mrs. Galia; motion carried unanimously.**

Council discussed possible purchase of a second commercial lawn mower to maintain public fields and land. Ms. Dietz: the current one is generating more repair bills due to age and constant use. A used mower is not recommended. She added: two mild winters have resulted in Liquid Fuels money that could be used for Public Works expenditures, freeing up money from that budget to buy a mower. Council decided that Mr. Comunale should obtain quotes.

Mrs. Farally announced the Park and Rec Easter Egg Hunt is moved to the 14<sup>th</sup> at noon to be followed by the Camp G lunch with the Easter Bunny. She thanked Public Works for cleaning up cardboard that had blown into the creek by the ball fields.

**Finance and Economic Development – Jim Rullo**

**Mrs. Galia motioned to sponsor the ALOM Conference for \$100. Seconded by Mrs. Myers; motion carried unanimously.**

**Health and Welfare – Kevin Dick**

**Mrs. Myers motioned to participate in the TCVCOG Vactor Program for cleaning of sewer lines. Seconded by Mrs. Galia; motion carried unanimously.**

**Mrs. Myers motioned to proceed with grant funded lining of a section of Wall Avenue Sanitary Sewer by low bidder Jet Jack. Grant is \$20,000, Borough match is \$21,140 from Sewer Agency Fund. Seconded by Mrs. Galia. Mr. Crothers asked if it will interfere with flood project. Ms. Dietz: no, it will not and the Engineer recommends it. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Myers announced Council is in receipt of ACHD inspection results of landfill in response to odor complaints. Tom Dick called attention to the letter stating electric power was out for several days and the landfill ran generators to vent off the gas.

**Electric- Lorraine Myers**

Mrs. Myers announced a meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup> with AEP and Engineer Mike Lewis to discuss an electric power purchasing agreement extension. Ms. Dietz: Pitcairn's financial stability permits it to lock in a lower price for ten years at a time. Transmission costs are independent of this negotiation and may raise from time to time to meet government regulations.

**Public Safety – Doug Crothers**

Nothing tonight.

**Police Chief Report**

Chief Farally reminded residents of parking restrictions for street cleaning on Fridays. He commended Mayor Stevick for working so hard on the anniversary celebration. The Police are looking forward to be located on Broadway and will resume beat patrols this summer.

**Mrs. Galia motioned to Adjourn at 7:24 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Myers; motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Annette Dietz