

Canonsburg Borough Council Meeting

Monday, October 13, 2014

7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bevec at 7:00 pm

MOMENT OF SILENCE called by Mr. Bevec

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

Rich Russo - Vice President - Present

Fran Coleman - Present

Joe McGarry - Present

Tim Bilsky - Present

John Severine - Present

Paul Sharkady - Present

John Bevec - President - Present

Others Present: Solicitor Patrick Derrico, HMT Engineer Harvey Treschow, Canonsburg

Borough Manager Mr. Robert Kipp, Mayor David Rhome and Thomas Lawrence.

GUESTS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Joseph San Pedro Sr., 390 Chartiers Run Road, Canonsburg Pa, addressed Council regarding an agreement from 2014 with a couple Council members regarding 28 West Pike Street, a former Ebay store. Mr. San Pedro stated the building was taken down and he has not received payment. Mr. San Pedro is requesting payment plus interest charges from the last 4 and a half years. He wanted to know why nothing was being settled. Mr. Russo discussed the latest correspondence was with his attorney, Frank McGlone, on April 29th, 2014. Mr. Derrico was responding to Mr. McGlone's April 27th, 2014 letter. Mr. Derrico stated there has not been a response from the April 29th letter. Mr. Russo stated there were two outstanding issues: credit card judgment and board of review. Mr. San Pedro stated there was never a credit card judgment. The most communication Mr. Derrico had with Mr. McGlone was passing him on the steps of the court house with Mr. McGlone saying that he and Mr. Derrico had to get together. Mr. Derrico stated the judgment is still on record as of two weeks ago. Mr. San Pedro stated there was nothing on record, the statement was not true and no liens on his property. Mr. Derrico stated the Board of Review will need to make a judgment. Mr. Bevec recommended Mr. San Pedro contact his attorney to work it out.

Agnes Lesniakowski, 201 Crawford Street, Canonsburg, Pa, addressed Council regarding Chiffone Farm and samples. Mr. Kipp stated he spoke to North Strabane and they were not aware of anything, perhaps someone conducting their own investigation of the land. Mr. Bevec suggested to contact North Strabane for more details. Mrs. Lesniakowski stated Mr. Bove had been to several meetings and asked Council to tell her why he was there. Mr. Bevec stated he saw Mr. Bove observing a CHJSA meeting and spoke to him, very briefly, after the meeting. Council was unaware if Mr. Bove had attended other meetings.

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS:

Mr. Bevec reviewed a question that arose during an Executive Session regarding a rental car and the total mileage. The rental car was for a Code car that was damaged during an accident. Enterprise Rental car made an error: actual mileage was 127 miles versus 952 miles. Mr. Bilsky was satisfied with the investigation results.

VOTING ITEMS:

1. Motion to approve Engineer's report of October 6, 2014.

Mr. Severine made a motion to to approve Engineer's report of October 6,2014. Mrs. Coleman seconded the motion. All in agreement. Motion Carries.

2. Motion to approve CHJSA report of October 6th, 2014.

Motion by Mr. Severine to approve CHJSA report of October 6th, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Russo. All in favor. Motion Carries.

3. Motion to have Keystone Collections Group begin collecting DEIT as of 6-1-14.

Motion by Mr. Bilsky to have Keystone Collections Group begin collecting DEIT as of 6-1-14. Seconded by Mr. Severine.

Roll Call:

Mr. Sharkady- Yes

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mr. Bilsky-Yes

Mr. Russo-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mr. Bevec-Yes

All in favor. Motion Carries

4. Motion to set Trick or Treat for October 31st, 2014 from 6 pm to 8pm.

Mr. Severine made the Motion to set Trick or Treat for October 31st, 2014 from 6 pm to 8pm. Mrs.

Coleman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carries.

5. Motion to enter in Intermunicipal Agreement with Chartiers Township for Flood Mitigation Joint Project.

Motion by Mrs. Coleman to enter in Intermunicipal Agreement with Chartiers Township for Flood Mitigation Joint Project. Seconded by Mr. Severine.

Roll Call:

Mr. Sharkady- Yes

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mr. Bilsky-Yes

Mr. Russo-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mr. Bevec-Yes

All in favor. Motion Carries

6. Motion to hire Mike Kauer as Mechanic in the Public Works Department.

Motion by Mr. McGarry to hire Mike Kauer as Mechanic in the Public Works Department.

Seconded by Mrs. Coleman. Discussion held on four of the applicants and qualifications. Mr.

Sharkady inquired about the candidate selection as he stated two other applicants were more

qualified, in his opinion. Mr. Sharkady questioned the mechanical background the interviewers

(Mr. Kipp, Mr. Lawrence and the Borough Secretary) had to conduct the interviews. Mr.

Lawrence stated they were basic interviews with the secretary taking notes. Mr. Lawrence reviewed each resume and went through the application process, conducted interviews and did a scorecard sheet to compare applicants and qualifications. Mr. Lawrence stated there were four strong applicants, however, only one candidate had the Class 7 license required for the position and in addition, had more hands on experience, automotive and mechanical experience in heavy truck and equipment, prior fleet mechanic experience for Allegheny County Garage, hydraulics and plow experience. Mr. Sharkady also inquired about welding experience. The selected candidate does have minor welding experience, however, major welding has been contracted out. Further discussion held on the four candidates listing each of their permits, licenses and qualifications. Mr. Russo stated that without a CDL license, vehicles cannot be inspected, which is a requirement of the job. Mr. Russo stated that the candidate selected was the most qualified. The other candidates selected did not meet the basic requirements. Mr. Lawrence reiterated that although the decision was difficult, he chose the most qualified candidate. Mr. Severine discussed preference for Veterans who meet qualifications. Mr. Russo agreed as long as applicants met qualifications.

Roll Call:

Mr. Sharkady- No

Mr. Severine- Abstain

Mr. Bilsky-No

Mr. Russo-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mr. Bevec-Yes

2 No, 1 Abstain, 4 Yes. Motion Carries.

7. Motion to provide handicapped parking space at 403 North Jefferson Avenue.

Motion by Mr. McGarry to provide handicapped parking space at 403 North Jefferson Avenue.

Seconded by Mr. Severine. All in favor. Motion Carries.

8. Motion to add two (2) police officers as per the 10-6-14 Agenda Meeting.

Motion by Mr. McGarry to add two (2) police officers as per the 10-6-14 Agenda Meeting.

Seconded by Mrs. Coleman. Discussion held regarding the retirement of the Chief and Deputy

Chief as of 12-31-14. Mr. Severine inquired about the position of Assistant Chief. Mr. Kipp

stated it has been discussed. Mr. Bevec stated the officers are off the Civil Service List. Mr.

Russo clarified the two officers are being hired as police officers, Mayor Rhome confirmed.

Roll Call:

Mr. Sharkady- No

Mr. Severine- Yes

Mr. Bilsky-No

Mr. Russo-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mr. Bevec-Yes

2 No, 5 Yes. Motion Carries.

9. Motion to approve stop sign locations as per the Traffic Planning and Design/HMT recommendations. (3 signs)

Motion by Mr. Bilsky to approve stop sign locations as per the Traffic Planning and Design/HMT recommendations. Seconded by Mr. Severine. All in favor. Motion carries.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor Rhome discussed the increasing radio,television and news print regarding foster children being detained in places due to the need to place children in homes. He stated there are 30 children in one agency living in institutions that need homes. Agencies have been calling to see if the children can be placed. Mayor Rhome stated for him or Children or Youths to be contacted if someone would consider being a foster parent.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

None

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Mr. Treschow discussed Canon Mac School District wanting to lease a property near the stadium for a parking lot. The school will be investing \$100,000 to \$110,000 for the parking lot. The storm water issue will be addressed as well. Discussion held on location of drainage system and where it would drain. Mr. Treschow discussed the materials to be used for the parking lot. Mr. Treschow asked the board if this needed to go through the regular process vs Council approval. Mr. Derrico stated plans should go through the Zoning Board. Mr. Bilsky stated this should go through the Planning Commission as well.

FINANCE REPORT:

Mrs. Coleman reported all bills and invoices were reviewed and ready for approval.

1. General Fund
2. Waste Water Plant Operations
3. Garbage Service
4. Fireman Allocation
5. I & I
6. Capital Projects.

Motion by Mrs. Coleman to approve the bills. Mr. McGarry seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Mr. Sharkady - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Bilsky - Yes

Mr. Russo -Yes

Mrs. Coleman – Yes

Mr. McGarry - Yes

John Bevec – Yes

7 Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

The 2015 budget was discussed with Mr. Russo reviewing a preliminary 2015 budget with department head “wish lists” added into the budget. With the items entered by department heads, there is a deficit of (\$237,000). Mr. Russo stated there is a deficit, however, upon review, the budget could be amended.

There is nothing that needs to be added to the budget, only taken away.

Examples of items for review that could reduce deficit are:

-patrolman vs. Assistant Chief of Police-annual savings of \$30,000-\$40,000

-New Police Car

-Full Time Code Officer and Secretary vs. part-time

-renting space in the Borough building to add revenue to the budget-empty space possible leasers

Chamber of Commerce or Sewer Authority

-raising 1 mil of taxes

Mr. Russo stated he felt it is a doable budget and can be balanced. A Budget Workshop is scheduled for October 20th at 7:00 p.m. It is Pr e-Advertised as a Workshop.

OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Severine discussed the Borough vehicles that are covered under insurance. He had a list of all the vehicles. Each vehicle was reviewed during the meeting. Mr. Kipp to make a vehicle spreadsheet with the following information: PIN numbers, years old, department assigned and condition. Renewal process discussed as well. Mr. Kipp suggested renewing during budget process.

Mr. Russo asked for the street listing of two sided parking to be placed on the November Agenda meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

1. Ordinance Number 1318-2014 (Chartier's Project)

Mr. Russo made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 1318-2014 (Chartier's Project). Mr. Bilsky seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carries.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

none

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Severine made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58. Seconded by Mr. McGarry.

Submitted by: Michelle LoBello