

Canonsburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, February 9, 2015
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

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

A. **Moment of Silence** called by Mr. Bevec

B. **Pledge of Allegiance**

C. **Roll Call**

Paul Sharkady-Present

John Severine-Present

Tim Bilsky - Present

Rich Russo - Present

Fran Coleman - Present

Joe McGarry - Present

John Bevec - Present

Others Present: Solicitor Patrick Derrico, Borough Engineer Harvey Treschow, Canonsburg Borough Manager Mr. Bob Kipp, Mayor David Rhome and Chief of Police Alex Coghill.

GUESTS

Will Baker, Senior Portfolio Manager with Citizens Bank reviewed the Police and Non Uniformed Pension Plan. Borough members did have booklets provided by Mr. Baker, booklets detailed the pension plans. Mr. Baker reviewed each page of the booklet. Police Pension Plan, as of December 31, 2014, is at 5.5 million dollars. The Non-Uniformed Pension Plan, as of December 31, 2014 is at 4.4 million. Mr. Russo inquired about pensions becoming less funded percentage wise and if Citizens Bank considers that with investing options. Mr. Baker stated that it is managed by three entities, the Borough, the bank and the actuary.

Ashley Wilmont, Washington County Conservation District discussed an update on the Dirt Gravel Low Volume Road Maintenance Program. Low volume roads are the new component to the program. There is \$500,000 in funds annually for drainage of low volume roadways. A low volume road is considered to have 500 cars or less a day and has drainage issues. A folder with the information was passed to Borough members for review. A traffic count can be used to qualify a road, even an existing traffic count. Alley ways qualify for the program. Funds are reimbursed after the work has been completed. Some tar and paving may be considered to be reimbursed, however, the main issue is the drainage. The program will fund DSA for re-surfacing. This is a first come first serve basis. Mr. Tom Lawrence to contact Ms. Wilmont.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jim Macheangelo, Lum's Electric, discussed the option of replacing lights with LED lights. Light output and wattage discussed. LED lighting will double the lighting output as well as last 10 years vs. 2 years as the current lights have, resulting in a 77% energy savings. Approximate cost for 40 lamps is \$7,000; they have a 5 year warranty. Mr. Macheangelo to install a 39 watt, as proposed to the borough, in front of the Borough building for members to see the quality in lighting. Mr. Macheangelo to provide an estimate of total cost of changing to LED lighting.

No other public comments.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

No Comments

VOTING ITEMS:

1. Motion to accept the agreement with the Beedle family for additional conservation and open space.

Motion by Mr. Severine to accept the agreement with the Beedle family for additional conservation and open space. Seconded by Mr. Russo.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

2. Motion to allow handicapped parking stall at 627 Franklin Avenue, per the recommendation of Public Safety.

Motion by Mr. McGarry to allow handicapped parking stall at 627 Franklin Avenue per the recommendation of Public Safety. Seconded by Mr. Severine.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

3. Motion to allow handicapped parking stall at 109 Elm Street pending approval from Public Safety.

Motion by Mr. Severine to allow handicapped parking stall at 109 Elm Street pending approval from Public Safety. Seconded by Mr. McGarry.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

4. Motion to approve CHJSA report of February 2, 2015.

Motion by Mr. Russo to approve CHJSA report of February 2, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Severine. Question regarding if the re-organization was conducted. CHJSA was re-organized last month.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

5. Motion to approve the meeting Minutes of January 12, 2015.

Motion by Mr. McGarry to approve the meeting Minutes of January 12, 2015. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

6. Motion to approve the closing of Pike Street for the following events: Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Octoberfest.

Motion by Mr. Severine to approve the closing of Pike Street for the following events: Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Octoberfest. Seconded by Mr. McGarry.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

7. Motion to approve the settlement agreement of Sue and Terry Hazlett.

Motion by Mr. Bilsky to approve the settlement agreement of Sue and Terry Hazlett. 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

7 Yes. 0 No. Motion Carries.

8. Motion to approve the Engineer's Report of February 2, 2015.

Motion by Mr. Severine to approve the Engineer's Report of February 2, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Russo.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

9. Motion to adopt Charles Place (Puskar Lane) and taking money out of the bond account.

Motion by Mr. Bilsky to adopt Charles Place (Puskar Lane) and taking money out of the bond account. Seconded by Mr. Severine.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Rhome discussed the following:

- 109 Elm Street requesting a handicapped stall. Preliminary report shows justification.
 - 400-500 Griffin Avenue-Brochures to be distributed by Mr. Severine. Letters of intent to be mailed next month so residents have the opportunity to attend next month's Borough meeting. Signage to be expedited.
 - Monthly Police Report provided to Borough members
 - Parking Department Report provided to Borough members
 - Working with West Penn/Allegheny Power in regards to the street lights that are out, approximately 20 lights. West Penn has been busy and will address the lights as soon as they can.
 - Those looking for employment, there are 15 plus jobs available paying from \$10 to \$14 an hour, spanning from Canonsburg to Bridgeville. Benefits available on first day. Mr. Severine suggested posting the employment opportunities on the website.
 - Working with joining municipalities that serve mutual aid. Officers from Cecil Township spending time with the Canonsburg officers visiting the schools, then Canonsburg will visit schools in Cecil and North Strabane. This project was a year in the works and just implemented.
- Mr. Russo inquired about two cars. One car (Buddy's) has been turned over to the Borough Manager for his use and administrative use. Discussion held regarding the deplorable physical appearance of this vehicle. It was suggested to park the vehicle in the back. Cost of insurance not certain, probably several hundred dollars per year. Question arose if Borough employees are covered under insurance if their own vehicle is damaged while conducting Borough business. The other car still remains in Public Works for review of being repaired or used for parts. The Ford Explorer has not been taken off insurance, the scooter has been removed from insurance. Other vehicles insured appropriately. No vehicles insured unnecessarily.
- Questions regarding meters. Mayor Rhome stated about another month and a half. The press to be notified when the meters are changed.

Engineer's Report:

-Regarding Charles Place- the Escrow account is \$34,441.53. An engineer assessed the repairs needed in which there are sufficient funds in the Escrow to complete the repairs. Any monies not used remain will remain in escrow. Discussion held on adopting the road for minimal maintenance purposes only. Mr. Derrico recommends using the money.

Solicitor's Report:

None

Manager's Report:

None

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. Seconded by Mr. Russo. Question regarding two checks for the Borough of Houston. One is an I&I check and the other is an annual allocation. The annual allocation is for maintenance. Mr. Severine inquired about payment to a vendor for poles. Mrs. Coleman indicated that payment will be made when the work is completed; Mrs. Coleman physically viewed particular areas to verify if work was completed, in which it was not. Mr. Bilsky inquired about Shawn Werner fees. Mrs. Coleman indicated there were a lot of hours billed, mainly the Hazlett case and police negotiations.

Roll Call:

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. Russo-Yes

Mr. Bilsky-Yes

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mr. Sharkady-No

Mr. Bevec-Yes

6 Yes, 1 No. Motion Carries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Severine discussed a lot that Canon McMillan School purchased. Mr. Severine distributed a paper to Borough members to view. Mr. Severine stated the school board told him the lot was to be used as a parking lot. Upon further review, Mr. Severine stated that he did not speak to the school board, he went to the Washington Court House and asked a clerk what the land was intended to be used for. It was suggested Mr. Severine attend a school board meeting. Mr. Kipp has started dialogues regarding the use of the property.

Mr. Russo inquired about the old crosswalk lights being taken down and saved for repair of lights at the Senior Center. Borough members in agreement.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session held 7:21 - 7:41

Executive Session held 8:20 -9:04

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McGarry made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman. Meeting adjourned at 9:04p.m.

Submitted by: Michelle LoBello