

Canonsburg Borough Council Meeting  
Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
7:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

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

B. **Pledge of Allegiance**

C. **Roll Call**

Paul Sharkady-Present

John Severine-Present

Tim Bilsky - Present at 7:05

Rich Russo - Present

Fran Coleman - Present

Joe McGarry - Present

John Bevec - Present

**Others Present:** Solicitor Mr. Patrick Derrico, HMT Engineer Mr. Kevin Wilmont, Canonsburg Borough Manager Mr. Bob Kipp and Mayor David Rhome

**GUESTS**

Mary Lynn Spilak, Director of the Washington County Aging Services, inquired if the Borough was committed to keeping the Senior Center. She stated the seniors want the center to remain in Canonsburg with the support of the community. She discussed the writing of grants for upgrades to the Senior Center and in particular the repair of a furnace. Mr. Bevec stated he was fully supportive of the Senior Center and Council was in agreement. Mr. Kipp will be working with Ms. Spilak on funding sources and grant writing for the Senior Center. She stated she will move forward with the repair of the furnace.

Mr. Chris Thompson, Executive Director of Metro Pittsburgh Youth for Christ, approached Council regarding a free community event/fundraiser (Canonsburg Hope Fest on September 26<sup>th</sup>) for the Armory's Youth Program. Their goal is to raise \$100,000 to complete renovations. The Armory Youth Center is located on West College Avenue. He discussed the successful youth programs with the school district and the community. He also discussed the completed renovations for the top floor of the armory and discussed the needed renovations for the bottom floor.

His agenda was supplied to Council members. He was asking for the Mayor's and Council's endorsement to work with the community. The event would be similar to a street fair, including a raffle of an ATV and a stunt motorcycle rider. Hours would be from 12pm to 6pm. Liability and safety issues discussed. Mayor Rhome discussed the progress of obtaining insurance certificates and approval from Penn Dot.

**Motion to approve the Youth for Christ event on September 26, 2015 with the necessary insurance and approvals.**

Mr. Severine made a motion to approve the Youth for Christ event on September 26, 2015 with the necessary insurance and approvals. Seconded by Mr. Bilsky.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

Fencing discussed for the safety of spectators during the stunt motorcycle event as well as Public Works approval. Discussion held regarding the closing of streets as it is back to back with Oktoberfest. Council informed Mr. Thompson that they have done a good job with the Armory and the youth program. Mr. Thompson continued to discuss a 1x1 youth mentoring ministry that is upcoming. He also discussed a home work help room, computer lab, teacher's volunteering to assist with tutoring and social programs.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Rich McCoy, 821 Gladden Road, Canonsburg Pa, addressed Council regarding the possible sale of property near Gladden road that is in Cecil Township but owned by the Borough. The concern is that this property could be made as an access to Southpointe. He also stated he and his neighbors prefer the wooded area. Mr. Bevec stated Council was researching the possibility of selling the property, there has been some interest but not alot. Mr. Bevec stated Council could request a stipulation about an access to Southpointe. Mr. McCoy stated he and his neighbors are against the sale and he has a petition of 100 others against the sale. He stated his goal is to have 400 names on the petition.

Frank Tatano, 425 Chartiers Avenue, Canonsburg Pa, addressed Council regarding the parking changes on his street. He stated it prevents having company, parties, picnics or holidays and his street is against the one sided parking. Mr. Bevec stated that it is an on-going project and that Public Safety and Council will take comments to Committee Review. Mr. Tatano discussed a snap on truck on his street.

Patrick Stewart, 435 Chartiers Avenue, Canonsburg Pa, addressed Council regarding a \$1,000 fine he received a month ago for an extension cord for his snap on truck. He stated he was not necessarily against the parking but there seems to be no plan and that he is being targeted. Mr. Bevec informed Mr. Stewart that he is not being targeted. Mr. Bevec also stated the plan is to make the roads passable in an emergency situation. Discussion held that Zoning approved the parking pad and the Borough has provided guidance and support to the owner of the property regarding the snap on truck and the parking pad. The Mayor stated that the owner of the property was unaware of the paving in the alley way and may have not asked for a parking pad in the front of his property had he been aware. Mr. Kipp provided his telephone number to offer assistance in regards to the fine. Mr. Stewart stated he appreciated the Borough's efforts.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:**

None

**VOTING ITEMS:**

**1. Motion to approve Engineer's report of July 6, 2015.**

Motion by Mr. Russo to approve Engineer's report of July 6, 2015. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman. All in favor. Motion Carries.

**2. Motion to approve CHJSA report of July 6, 2015.**

Motion by Mr. Russo to approve CHJSA report of July 6, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Severine. All in favor. Motion Carries.

**3. Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**

Motion by Mr. Severine to approve the Meeting Minutes of June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Russo. All in favor. Motion Carries.

**4. Motion to approve paying building permit fees bi-weekly with the "utility runs."**

Motion by Mrs. Coleman to approve paying building permit fees bi-weekly with the "utility runs." Seconded by Mr. Russo.

**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.

**5. Motion to accept 2015 Road Paving program to Russel Standard for \$1,009,155.67 based on the engineer's recommendations.**

Motion by Mr. Bilsky to accept 2015 Road Paving program to Russel Standard for \$1,009,155.67 based

on the engineer's recommendations. Seconded by Mr. Russo.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. McGarry-Yes  
Mrs. Coleman-Yes  
Mr. Russo-Yes  
Mr. Bilsky-Yes  
Mr. Severine-Yes  
Mr. Sharkady-Yes  
Mr. Bevec-Yes

7 Yes, 0 No. Motion Carries.

Mr. Wilmont reported work to begin the second week of August, there will be a pre-construction schedule with the schedule of streets being worked to be forwarded to Council, the police and fire department. Roads should not be closed overnight. Representatives from Russel Standard were present and answered questions regarding the paving project. Resident notices will be provided. Mr. Severine suggested allowing temporary parking on both sides of some streets while alleys are being paved. Mr. Bevec inquired if the temporary parking on both sides can be added to the resident notices of alleys being paved. The Russel Standard representative stated he can add the parking on the notices. Mr. Derrico also suggested the police department be notified as well.

**6. Motion to award 2015 Flood Control Mitigation Grants program to Robinson Pipe based on the engineer's recommendations. Hourly price with a maximum of \$5,000 for McBurny Road and maximum of \$1,500 for Water Alley.**

Motion by Mr. Russo to award 2015 Flood Control Mitigation Grants program to Robinson Pipe based on the engineer's recommendations. Hourly price with a maximum of \$5,000 for McBurny Road and maximum of \$1,500 for Water Alley. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman.

**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

**7. Motion to approve the Resolution 05-15 (making CHJSA an Operating Authority) per the agreement with Houston Borough.**

Motion by Mr. Bilsky to approve the Resolution 05-15 (making CHJSA an Operating Authority) per the agreement with Houston Borough. 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 Resolution 06-15 (Penn Dot Winter Maintenance Agreement)**

Motion by Mr. Severine to approve the Resolution 06-15 (Penn Dot Winter Maintenance Agreement). Seconded by Mr. McGarry.

**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.

**9. Motion to approve the hiring of Lonnie Rudnisky for the Treatment Plant as an operator.**

Motion by Mr. Russo to approve the hiring of Lonnie Rudnisky for the Treatment Plant as an operator.

Seconded by Mr. Bevec. (Mr. Russo assumed the Chairman role at this time)

Discussion held on the experience and background of the candidate, where he is currently working and the number of years at current employer. The candidate is certified for the pump station and he is in the process of taking the exam to become licensed to operate the pump station. The process to take the exam is approximately 3 months. Further discussion held regarding the number of applications and their qualifications. Qualifications and conditions for employment discussed such as residency and certifications. Interviews were conducted by Mr. Kipp, Katherine Gilmartin and Jim Dellorso. In addition, the chairman of CHJSA informed Mr. Bevec that he reviewed the application and qualification of the candidate and was comfortable recommending him for employment.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Sharkady-No

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mr. Bilsky-Yes

Mr. Russo-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mr. Bevec-Yes

6 Yes, 1 No. Motion Carries.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

1. Request for 606 Giffin Avenue for handicap parking space.

**Mr. Sharkady made a motion to approve 606 Giffin Avenue for handicap parking space.** Mr.

Severine seconded the motion.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

2. AGA request to host a motorcycle ride for a child with Leukemia on August 30<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 5 pm.

The event could host 75 or more bikes which could be parked at the library parking lot. Discussion held that insurance certificates and other certifications need to be obtained prior to the event. Additional parking discussed as well.

**Mr. Severine made a motion to approve the Borough parking lot for the motorcycle ride event on August 30<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 5 pm pending all documents and insurances are obtained.** Mr. Sharkady seconded the motion.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

3. August 1, 2015 is the Drug Take Back Program through the National Guard at the Shop N Save.

4. Electronic Re-Cycle Program is July 25, 2015 at the Washington Fairgrounds. 1 television up to 32 inches permitted

5. Monthly report provided to Council

6. One sided parking on the 500,600 and 700 block on the south side of Franklin Avenue.

**Mr. Severine made a motion to make parking one sided on the 500,600 and 700 block on the south side of Franklin Avenue for ninety (90) days.** Seconded by Mr. Bilsky.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

7. New Fire Inspection- working to have all the documents in place for Council to review in August. The Adoption of the IFC Code (International Fire Code) is the next step. Mr. Derrico would need to review the document.

Mr. Kipp discussed the reverse 911 system in place and working on getting people entered into the system.

Mr. Severine inquired about the health insurance benefits of a fireman and whether it would be union or non union.

**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.

**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.

**Engineer's Report:**

None

**Solicitor's Report:**

None

**Manager's Report:**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Mr. Marks and Mr. Redling were present from the public to discuss the on-going water issue behind the 100 block of West Pike street. Mr. Marks and Mr. Redling have been working with HMT engineering to resolve the problem. Mr. Wilmont stated an estimate of repairs between \$18-\$20 thousand dollars for the main line that the Borough owns. There is also a total estimate for the private connection of \$13-\$14 thousand dollars that would be divided amongst five as there are five connections to the main line. Other costs would be engineering, permits and legal. More research is needed at this time. Mr. Marks provided background information regarding the issues with the water and the private owners not responding to letters that were sent related to water issues. Question regarding if the Borough can have access if the owners are not responding to letters. Mr. Marks stated that the problem has been that surface water is coming off roofs, through down spouts which is going into storm water drains. Mr. Marks stated he had it scoped twice and there are two blockages that are not on his property. With a heavy storm, the water backs up in between buildings. Mr. Bevec invited Mr. Marks back in August. Mr. Wilmont thanked Mr. Marks for his assistance.

2. The road between Citizen's bank and Rite Aide parking lot is the Borough's responsibility and will be discussed further with budget talks.

3. Zoom Cabinets- HMT to update the Borough next month. Re-Development is approaching them

again as the owner has not met his deadline. The message from Re-Development is to place the property back up for sale.

4. Question if the contract for paving mentions what will be done with the millings and if they could be used at the park. It was mentioned it could be a possibility. Mayor Rhome stated there is a place on College Street that needs fill.

5. Bookstore- discussion held to meet with the new owner

6. Shields on lights at ball field not in place as of yet

7. Question by Mr. Severine if the empty field near the HMT office was going to be use to build condos. Mr. Wilmont stated it was a flood way and is irrelevant.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Mayor Rhome asked about a letter being addressed. Mr. Bevec asked a copy of the letter be provided to Ms. Gilmartin.

2. Mr. Severine inquired about Mr. Russo's private business being sold. Mr. Russo stated he would meet with Mr. Severine privately to discuss.

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:**

reviewed with Voting Items.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Held at approximately 8:05 pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. McGarry made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 pm. Seconded by Mr. Bilsky. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

**Submitted by: Michelle LoBello**