

Canonsburg Borough Council Meeting  
Monday, August 11, 2014  
7:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Russo at 7:02 PM

A. Moment of Silence called by Mr. Russo

B. Roll Call

Rich Russo - Present

Fran Coleman - Present

Joe McGarry - Present

Tim Bilsky - Present

John Severine - Present

Paul Sharkady - Present

John Bevec - Absent

**Others Present:** Solicitor Patrick Derrico, Borough Engineer Harvey Treschow, Canonsburg Borough Manager Mr. Kipp, Mayor Rhome

**GUESTS**

None

**Bid Opening**

List of bidders presented to Council, four bidders total. Mr. Treschow opened bid offer packets and announced the bids.

1. Pro Tech-\$72,211 Bid Bond included
2. Morgan Excavating-\$68,190 with a tree removal option of \$1,500. Bid Bond included. **Note:** application was incomplete. Mr. Kipp added line items to determine total bid.
3. El Grande-\$77,660 Bid Bond included.
4. Facchiono- \$133,200. Bid Bond included.

Mr. Treschow stated that a spreadsheet with recommendations will be forthcoming. Mr. Russo stated that documentation on performance of contractors should be kept on record to assist with determining the most responsible bidder.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Gina Nestor, 530 Tannehill Street, approached Council. She is the Vice President of Oak Spring Cemetery. She stated that the street behind her business was made a One Way Street last week. This prevents the business trailer truck/pick up truck from making a left turn due to the steepness of the hill. She provided pictures for Council. She was asking to make the street a One Way Street from the opposite direction or remove the One Way Street status. She also stated there is only 1 One Way Street sign on the road. Mayor Rhome stated more signs are ordered and another sign will be placed on that street. Mr. Russo stated that this was on a 90 day trial and that he will personally view the situation. Mr. Derrico recommended leaving the One Way Street as is, using an orange cone or having a person stand there to watch for cars due to Oak Springs Cemetery only needing that street 1x a week. Mr. Russo suggested to Ms. Nestor to use the recommendations during the 90 day trial. Ms. Nestor also mentioned the flow of cars using a parking lot due to the One Way Street sign. Mr. Russo stated it was a public parking lot.

Lastly, Ms. Nestor wanted to inform Council that at a previous Council meeting, another guest mentioned a deplorable lot with dead cats and maggots. She visited the lot and found no evidence of

dead cats.

Paul Karmazin, 320 North Jefferson Avenue, approached Council. He discussed a black dirt bike that rides on the sidewalks of his streets. Mayor Rhome stated to Council that there is an “out of control neighborhood dispute.” Mayor Rhome stated he has spoken to both parties previously and will again speak to the individual riding the dirt bike.

No other public comments.

**PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS:**

None

**VOTING ITEMS:**

1. Motion to Enter into Agreement for an SRO with CMSD from 8-25-14 through 6-30-14.  
Motion to Enter into Agreement for an SRO with CMSD from 8-25-14 through 6-30-14 by Mr. McGarry. Seconded by Mr. Severine.  
Roll Call:  
Rich Russo - yes  
Fran Coleman - yes  
Joe McGarry - yes  
Tim Bilsky - yes  
John Severine - yes  
Paul Sharkady - yes  
John Bevec – Absent  
Motion carries to Enter into Agreement for an SRO with CMSD from 8-25-14 through 6-30-14.
2. Motion to approve Engineer's report of August 4, 2014.  
Motion by Mrs. Coleman to approve Engineer's report of August 4, 2014. Seconded by Mr. McGarry. Mr. Bilsky had a question regarding commercial vs. residential on the UCC permit. Mr. Treschow answered the question. All in favor. Motion Carries to approve Engineer's report of August 4, 2014.
3. Motion to approve CHJSA report of July 22, 2014.  
Motion by Mr. Severine to approve CHJSA report of July 22, 2014. Seconded by Mr. McGarry. All in favor. Motion Carries to approve CHJSA report of July 22, 2014. .
4. Motion to appoint Alexander Coghill as next Police Chief as of January 1, 2015.  
Motion by Mr. McGarry to appoint Alexander Coghill as next Police Chief as of January 1, 2015. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman. Mr. Sharkady inquired as to why Council had to vote now if the appointment was in January 2015. Mr. Derrico stated Council was able to vote with effective date January 1, 2015.

Roll Call:

Rich Russo - yes  
Fran Coleman - yes  
Joe McGarry - yes  
Tim Bilsky - no  
John Severine - yes  
Paul Sharkady - no  
John Bevec – Absent

4 yes and 2 no. Motion Carries to appoint Alexander Coghill as next Police Chief as of January 1, 2015.

5. Motion to have the Borough's Act 13 funds placed in a separate fund and account. Due to PA DCED Audit purposes and compliance with the Act itself as recommended by the Borough's Auditors.

Motion by Mr. Bilsky to have the Borough's Act 13 funds placed in a separate fund and account.  
Seconded by Mr. Severine.

Roll Call:

Rich Russo - yes

Fran Coleman - yes

Joe McGarry - yes

Tim Bilsky - yes

John Severine - yes

Paul Sharkady - yes

John Bevec – Absent

All in favor. Motion carries to have the Borough's Act 13 funds placed in a separate fund and account. Due to PA DCED Audit purposes and compliance with the Act itself as recommended by the Borough's Auditors.

6. Motion to have solicitor begin the negotiation process to make CHJA an Operating Authority. Motion by Mr. Severine to have solicitor begin the negotiation process to make CHJA an Operating Authority. Seconded by Mr. McGarry. All in favor. Motion Carries to have solicitor begin the negotiation process to make CHJA an Operating Authority.
7. Motion to agree to Sewer Revenue Bond floated by the CHJA and guaranteed by Canonsburg Borough.

Mr. Severine made the motion to agree to Sewer Revenue Bond floated by the CHJA and guaranteed by Canonsburg Borough. Mr. Russo seconded the motion. Mr. McGarry read a statement to Council expressing his view of the motion. Mr. Sharkady stated that Houston Borough should be included. Motion was amended to include Houston Borough. (Houston Borough will be voting on the same issue on Wednesday)

Roll Call:

Rich Russo - yes

Fran Coleman - no

Joe McGarry - no

Tim Bilsky - yes

John Severine - yes

Paul Sharkady - yes

John Bevec – Absent

4 yes and 2 no. Motion carries to agree to Sewer Revenue Bond floated by the CHJA and guaranteed by Canonsburg and Houston Boroughs.

8. Motion to place a Stop Sign at 2<sup>nd</sup> street and Gladden Rd. (Pending Traffic Study and Penn Dot approval.)

Motion by Mr. McGarry to place a Stop Sign at 2<sup>nd</sup> street and Gladden Rd. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman. Mr. Sharkady commented that motion should be North and South Gladden Road. Motion was amended for 2 stop signs on North and South Gladden Road at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Mr. McGarry made the motion to amend the motion, seconded by Mr. Severine. All in agreement. Motion Carries for 2 stop signs on North and South Gladden Road at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

9. Motion to place a Stop Sign at Martin Dr and Gladden Road . (Pending Traffic Study and Penn Dot approval.)

Motion by Mr. McGarry to place a Stop Sign at Martin Dr and Gladden Road. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman. Mr. Sharkady commented motion should state North on Gladden Road. Motion amended to include North on Gladden Road. Motion by Mr. McGarry to include North on Gladden Road, seconded by Mr. Severine. All in favor. Motion carried to place a Stop Sign at Martin Dr. and North on Gladden Road.

10. Motion to approve JTS email.

Motion by Mr. Severine to approve JTS email. Seconded by Mr. Bilsky. Discussion held regarding percentage amounts and collection policy. Jordan did not recommend an Amnesty Program, suggested going case by case.

Roll Call:

Rich Russo - yes

Fran Coleman - yes

Joe McGarry - yes

Tim Bilsky - yes

John Severine - yes

Paul Sharkady - yes

John Bevec – Absent

6 yes. Motion carries to approve JTS email.

11. Motion to award bid for Crosbie Dr. reconstruction to lowest responsible bidder as reviewed by engineer and solicitor.

Motion by Mr. Severine to award bid for Crosbie Dr. reconstruction to lowest responsible bidder as reviewed by engineer and solicitor. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman. Discussion held regarding previous work of other companies. Mr. Derrico advised to reject bid from Morgan Excavating as the application was incomplete.

Motion to award the bid for Canonsburg Borough's Street Improvement Project on Crosbie Drive to Pro Tech Asphalt pending final review and approval of the borough engineer and solicitor. Mr. Severine made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Coleman.

Roll Call:

Rich Russo - yes

Fran Coleman - yes

Joe McGarry - yes

Tim Bilsky - yes

John Severine - yes

Paul Sharkady - yes

John Bevec – Absent

6 yes. Motion carries to award the bid for Canonsburg Borough's Street Improvement Project on Crosbie Drive to Pro Tech Asphalt pending final review and approval of the borough engineer and solicitor.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

-Mayor Rhome reviewed the police report.

-Mayor Rhome discussed the Parking Meeting was not held and will attempt to have next month.

-GE-Hitachi will be permanently closed, with 125 Full Time employees laid off as of October 29, 2014.

-Letter received from Mrs. DeFilippo requesting a “hidden driveway” sign due to speeding on Cranberry Ally. Mr. Russo stated he would review the area and call the resident.

- Cub Scout Troop 1305 beautifying sections of of town.

-Ridge Avenue Project too big. Mr Treschow stated deeds were reviewed back to 1909. Tax maps were reviewed as well. A map shows a 15 foot alley North Avenue to the Scarci property. There is no

mention of a right of way with any properties.

Mr. Severine asked why nothing was being done regarding parking. Mayor Rhome stated that Council could go to Executive session to discuss. Mr. Russo stated to finish agenda first.

### **FINANCE REPORT:**

Mrs. Coleman reported all bills and invoices were reviewed and ready for approval. Mr. Bilsky questioned the TAN line item. Mr. Kipp explained it is the Tax Anticipation Note. Mr. Sharkady questioned the expense of \$638.84 for Flynn Tire. Mr. Kipp stated he would review and inform Council tomorrow. Mrs. Coleman also stated she would review the expense.

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. McGarry. Motion was amended to approve the bills and to remove the check payable to Flynn Tire until reviewed again.

### **Roll Call**

Rich Russo - Yes  
Fran Coleman - Yes  
Joe McGarry - Yes  
Tim Bilsky - Yes  
Paul Sharkady - Yes  
John Severine - Yes  
John Bevec – absent  
6 Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Kerry Fox to call Mr. Russo regarding Zoom.
2. Pavers issue on north side of Pike street, need pulled and replaced due to deterioration.
3. Bluff Street project to be reviewed at Zoning Meeting on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014.
4. Parking issues. Discussion held regarding: narrow streets, streets with parking on both sides of street and addressing each street at a time. Discussion continued with identifying streets with parking on both sides and developing a list to review each of those streets one at a time. Mr. Treschow stated a Street Survey was submitted previously which addressed all streets with recommendations. Mr. Russo requested a copy of the study. Mr. Russo stated to give another 30 days of courtesy slips until the streets can be identified and reviewed. Mayor Rhome stated this discussion ended with a lot accomplished regarding the parking issues.
5. Mr. Severine discussed the lot on West Pike Street that is owned by the Borough. He stated the lot should be prepared for sale. Mr. Derrico stated that first the lot would have to be appraised and then advertised for sale. It was decided that the lot would be discussed at the September Agenda meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Bilsky discussed legal notice on the Canon Mac parking lot. This has to go through Zoning Hearing Board first. Mr. Russo asked Mr. Kipp to call to confirm they know they need Zoning approval first.

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:**

1. Resolution 09-14 Flood Control Mitigation Grant through CFA Joint with Chartiers Township.
2. Resolution 10-14 Flood Control Mitigation Grant through CFA (Canonsburg)
3. Resolution 11-14 Flood Control Mitigation Grant through CFA(Canonsburg)

First three Resolutions and Ordinances were motioned at one time. Mr. Severine made a motion to approve Resolution 09-14,10-14 and 11-14. Mrs. Coleman seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Rich Russo - Yes

Fran Coleman - Yes

Joe McGarry - Yes

Tim Bilsky -Yes

Paul Sharkady - Yes

John Severine - Yes

John Bevec – absent

6 Yes, 0 No. Motion carried to approve Resolution 09-14,10-14 and 11-14. .

4. Resolution12-14 Penn Dot Liquid Fuels Additions. Mr. Severine made a motion to approve Resolution 12-14 Penn Dot Liquied Fuels Additions. Mr. Bilsky seconded the motion. Mr. Sharkady questioned Rose Avenue if this was the Borough's street or another Rose Avenue.

Roll Call

Rich Russo - Yes

Fran Coleman - Yes

Joe McGarry - Yes

Tim Bilsky -Yes

Paul Sharkady - Yes

John Severine - Yes

John Bevec – absent

6 Yes, 0 No. Motion carried to approve Resolution12-14 Penn Dot Liquid Fuels Additions..

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

held at 8:38 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Submitted by:** Michelle LoBello