

Canonsburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2015
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. **Pledge of Allegiance**- led by Boy Scout Dominick Mansman

C. **Roll Call**

Paul Sharkady-Present

John Severine-Present

Tim Bilsky - Present

Rich Russo - Present

Fran Coleman - Present

Joe McGarry - Present

John Bevec - Absent

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

GUESTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Joanie Mansman, 418 Bluff Street, Canonsburg approached Council. She thanked the Borough for the Camp Splash Program stating that it was affordable, safe and the children enjoy the camp. She inquired about the status of the program for 2015 and is hopeful that it will be continued.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Russo congratulated Mr. Tom Lawrence and acknowledged Public Works for the good job this winter, stating the roads were clear and no complaints despite the long cold winter.

VOTING ITEMS:

1. Motion to approve engineer's report of March 2, 2015.

Motion by Mr. Severine to approve engineer's report of March 2, 2015. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman. All in favor. Motion Carries

2. Motion to approve CHJSA report of March 2, 2015.

Motion by Mr. Severine to approve CHJSA report of March 2, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Sharkady. All in favor. Motion Carries.

3. Motion to approve the corrected meeting Minutes of February 9, 2015.

Motion by Mrs. Coleman to approve the corrected meeting Minutes of February 9, 2015. Seconded by Mr. McGarry.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

4. Motion to approve parking on the west side Second Street.

Motion by Mr. Bilsky to approve parking on the west side Second Street. Seconded by Mr. Severine. Questions regarding if this was a 90 day trial. Mr. Severine verified a 90 day trial was completed. No objections from public. Mayor Rhome stated a concern from a resident who has a tenant that would like to be able to walk from his front door to the car and also a concern regarding parking for visitors. Mayor Rhome stated that if he is notified in ample time, he could notify the police department of special conditions.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

5. Motion to seek arbitration panel for Police CBA. (Collective Bargaining Unit)

Motion by Mrs. Coleman to seek arbitration panel for Police CBA (Collective Bargaining Unit).

Seconded by Mr. Severine.

Mrs. Coleman indicated there was to be a 1:00 meeting on Thursday, Mr. Severine stated he was able to attend.

Roll Call:

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. Russo-Yes

Mr. Bilsky-Yes

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mr. Sharkady-Yes

Mr. Bevec-Absent

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. Motion Carries

6. Motion to amend fee schedule appendix "A" fees will be calculated at borough with Code, Zoning Officer and BCO (Borough Code Officer) and Client. Check will be cut to Canonsburg who in turn will return 80% of the fee to the BCO firm.

Motion by Mr. Bilsky to amend fee schedule appendix "A" fees will be calculated at borough with Code, Zoning Officer and BCO (Borough Code Officer) and Client. Check will be cut to Canonsburg who in turn will return 80% of the fee to the BCO firm. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman.

Roll Call:

Mr. Sharkady-Yes

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mr. Bilsky-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mr. Russo-Yes

Mr. Bevec-Absent

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. Motion Carries.

7. Motion to set fiscal control policy that all purchases placed on individual credit cards will be required to complete a purchase order before approval.

Motion by Mrs. Coleman to set fiscal control policy that all purchases placed on individual credit cards will be required to complete a purchase order before approval. Seconded by Mr. Severine.

Roll Call:

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. Bilsky-Yes

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mr. Sharkady-Yes

Mr. Russo-Yes

Mr. Bevec-Absent

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. Motion Carries.

8. Motion to require all reimbursement checks, except for medical, to be on the warrant list.

Motion by Mrs. Coleman to require all reimbursement checks, except for medical, to be on the warrant list. Seconded by Mr. Severine.

Question about excluding medical expenses for medical as they are numerous. The expenses are reviewed by two people to verify the expense. Motion changed to include, "except for medical."

Roll Call:

Mr. Sharkday-Yes

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mr. Bilsky-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mr. Russo-Yes

Mr. Bevec-Absent

6 Yes, 0 No,1 Absent Motion Carries.

9. Motion to approve a 90 day trial for off street parking on Giffin Avenue to the North Side of the street.

Discussion held on the correct spelling of the street; the correct spelling is Giffin. Mr. Bilsky commented on some tight spots on the street and could not have two vehicles pass each other.

Mr. Severine made the motion to approve a 90 day trial for off street parking on Giffin Avenue to the North Side of the street. Seconded by Mr. Bilsky.

Roll Call:

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. Bilsky-Yes

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mr. Sharkady-Yes

Mr. Russo-Yes

Mr. Bevec-Absent

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. Motion Carries.

10. Motion to have HMT investigate the closing of Caruso BLVD.

Discussion held regarding the safety hazards of this road.. Canon McMillan School district has sent letters to bus drivers that the road is not to be used. HMT to clarify if this is a borough street.

Motion tabled until next month.

11. Motion to approve Police Chief Contract.

Mr. McGarry made a motion to approve Police Chief Contract. Mr. Sharkady inquired about this being discussed in April. Mr. Russo verified it was to be discussed at the April Agenda Meeting.

Motion tabled until next month.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Rhome discussed the following:

-Police report provided to Council

- Parking meters- 12 left to change on Greenside Avenue. The meters are certified for the next three years. Discussion held regarding the bills for Parking Meter Repair Service out of Harmony, Pa. Mrs. Coleman stated the cost to change the meters was \$4,735; \$10,000 was budgeted. Mr. Russo inquired about the number of residential meters, Mrs. Coleman to provide an update in April. Discussion held regarding the training of the three individuals certified for the meters. The individuals are certified to make sure the meters are correct and calibrated, however, the individuals are not certified to change the timing of the meters nor certified to repair meters or change change the mechanism inside of a meter.

-Crossgates Realty would like to purchase 11 acres of landed owned by Canonsburg but located in Cecil. Mr. Treschow stated the area is at the end of Gladden Road into Southpointe. Mr. Treschow stated 3-4 acres of the Cecil side can be developed. There is a possibility of more acreage being developed as well. Mr. Severine inquired about the Borough developing the land. Mr. Russo stated the Borough would not develop the land. Mr. Russo asked Mr. Treschow to create a map and forward a copy to council for review.

-Chartiers Avenue after midnight on March 7th. The Mayor and Mr. Severine physically viewed the road that had a car parked illegally which had the potential to make it impossible for an emergency vehicle to enter the street if necessary.

-Calls and media coverage regarding the clearing of roads with the most recent snowfall. Residents shoveled snow on to the roads after Public Roads had cleared. Mayor Rhome stated there is an ordinance against shoveling snow on a street. Mr. Russo stated it was handled appropriately and there was some misinterpretation. Discussion held regarding the speed of the snow plow trucks and the danger it could cause. Mr. Lawrence stated he has spoken to employees. Mr. Russo stated there were no accidents or problems that occurred during the last snowfall.

Engineer's Report:

None to report

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. McGarry.

Roll Call:

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. Russo-Yes

Mr. Bilsky-Yes

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mr. Sharkady-No

Mr. Bevec-Absent

5 Yes, 1 No, 1 Absent. Motion Carries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

-Workshop date for LSA Act 13 Capital Account Monies is March 30th at 7:00 pm, needs advertised.

- The possibility of crosswalks to have flashers that stay on permanently was discussed, LUMS electric looking into the project. Discussion held regarding the flashers being on 24/7.

-Mr. Lawrence to meet with the Washing County Conservation on the 10th of March.

-LED lighting- Council members did not see a difference in the brightness of the LED light that was installed in front of the Borough Building . However, the lifespan is much longer. Mr. Lawrence to receive final cost estimate and to present to Council for review.

-Main Street deal is in Harrisburg and should have response by March 13th.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Borough office space for renting was discussed. \$19,000 from Mr. Solobay's office needs replaced.

Mr. Russo stated that Mr. Kipp will determine the space that can be rented, Mayor Rhome and Mr. Kipp to be on a committee together and to provided monthly meeting updates. Mr. Severine was invited to be on the committee as well.

Tables and chairs to be returned to the borough.

-Continuing Camp Splash discussed.

Motion to continue the operation of Camp Splash summer of 2015.

Mr. Severine made a motion to continue the operation of Camp Splash summer of 2015. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

-Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church- complaint regarding a section of the alley/driveway. Map and estimate for repaving provided to Council by Mr. Treschow. Cost estimate provided to Council, the estimate does not include storm water correction issues. The price should be reduced to half if other projects were taking place with this project. Mr. Treschow stated he cannot state who is responsible for the costs.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session held 8:10- 8:43

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McGarry made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Submitted by: Michelle LoBello