

Canonsburg Borough Council Meeting

Monday, June 9th, 2014

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

Rich Russo - Present

Fran Coleman - Absent

Joe McGarry - Present

Tim Bilsky - Present

John Severine - Present

Paul Sharkady - Present

John Bevec - Present

**Others Present:** Police Chief RT Bell, Solicitor Patrick Derrico, Borough Engineer Harry Treschow, Canonsburg Borough Manager Mr. Kipp, Mayor Rhome

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

William Missell, address 333 North Jefferson Avenue, addressed Council regarding parking. He stated he has not seen any results regarding parking on the streets, on the sidewalks or parking against traffic. He stated he as reported this to the Mayor as well as other council members. Mr. Bevec stated that the police will be enforcing a warning system for a short period of time then will start enforcing citations. Mayor Rhome stated there is a two month grace period and after that violators will be cited. Mayor Rhome stated Council will need to decide if wanting to continue the enforcement. Mayor Rhome stated there will be an article addressing this in the newspaper. Mr. Bevec discussed the narrow streets that will have to accommodated. Mr. Russo discussed what has been done to address the parking such as the notice on the big Borough sign

for two weeks, the website addressing parking for two weeks and an article to be placed in the newspaper and a two month period before starting citations. Discussion held regarding decreasing the size of the sidewalk, however, not affordable. Mr. Bevec stated the sidewalk issue will be turned over to Public Safety for their review and recommendations for the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Addition discussion continued regarding certain streets becoming one way streets.

Shirley Ewsy, residing on Fountain Street in Canonsburg. She addressed Council regarding the flood and the damage to the asphalt on her street. She stated she has been trying for five years to have something done to her streets. She also discussed another property that has a pile of roofing shingles and cinder blocks that block the street. Mr. Russo verified that it is the property owners property, it had been surveyed years ago. Ms. Waski also discussed two trucks and a backhoe on the property that are not under cover. Mr. Bevec stated he would have Public Works look at the patches on her street in the next day or two. Mr. Severine will address the issue of the street being blocked by shingles and cinder blocks and the truck that is not under cover.

A women, no name or address provided (Michelle Bruce), discussed a meeting last week in which it was discussed about the stray cats. Mr. Kipp stated that Fix'ur Cat was added to the website and a spreadsheet was made for calls to Fix'Ur Cat vs calling Animal Control. She suggested another meeting to sit down and finalize a proposal for everyone to agree on. She stated that progress is being made. A rough draft proposal was submitted for review by Mr. Derrico.

No other public comments.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:**

None to report

**VOTING ITEMS:**

1. Motion to approve Council Minutes of May 12, 2014.  
Motion by Mr. Russo and seconded by Mr. McGarry to approve Council Minutes of May 12, 2014. All in favor. Motion carried to approve Council Minutes of May 12, 2014.
2. Motion to enter into Parking Lease with CMSD as per Solicitor's recommendation.  
Tabled.

3. Motion to approve engineer's report of June 2, 2014.  
Motion by Mr. Severine and seconded by Mr. Russo to approve engineer's report of June 2, 2014. All in favor. Motion carries.
4. Motion to approve CHJSA report of May 22, 2014.  
Motion by Mr. Severine and seconded by Mr. Russo to approve CHJSA report of May 22, 2014. All in favor. Motion carries.
5. Motion to hire Huntington Bank as Financial Advisors for the Bond Issue at a price not to exceed \$35,000 from the bond proceeds.  
Motion by Mr. Russo and seconded by Mr. Severine to hire Huntington Bank as Financial Advisors for the Bond Issue at a price not to exceed \$35,000 from the bond proceeds. Mr. Sharkady had a question regarding the difference between a Financial Advisor and Bond Committee. Mr. Bevec reviewed the difference.

Roll Call:

Mr. Sharkday - Abstain

Mr. Bilsky - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Bevec - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. McGarry - Yes

5 Yes, 0 No and 1 Abstain. Motion carries to hire Huntington Bank as Financial Advisors for the Bond Issue at a price not to exceed \$35,000 from the bond proceeds.

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

Police report attached for Council members and reviewed by the Mayor. The monthly Parking Enforcement was attached for Council to review as well.

Mayor Rhome stated that after speaking with Mr. Kipp and Code Enforcement that he feels ordinances need to be rewritten. Mr. Russo stated he disagreed and it is an excuse, the codes need to be enforced. Mr. Russo stated that out of 150 complaints that only 1 made it to a hearing with a magistrate. Further discussion was held with Mr. Russo stating to let the magistrate determine if the code is not enforceable. Mr. Kipp, Mrs. Coleman and Mr. Severine to meet on this issue in the near future. Mr. Derrico asked to be a part of the meeting.

## **FINANCE REPORT:**

Mr. Russo reviewed all the bills and found them to be in order. Mr. Russo had one comment regarding the automobile repair/maintenance budget exceeding budget.

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

Motion by Mr. Russo to approve the bills. Seconded by Mr. Severine.

### **Roll Call**

Rich Russo - Yes

Joe McGarry - Yes

Tim Bilsky - Yes

Paul Sharkady - Yes

John Severine - Yes

John Bevec – Yes

6 Yes. Motion carried to approve the bills.

Mr. Russo confirmed the Creek Restoration budget of \$40,000. Joint grant application process reviewed by Mr. Treshow. Mr. Treshow also reviewed DEP emergency approval to clean out a 48 inch pipe that will help on reducing flooding.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Mr. Severine discussed a lot to be cleaned for sale purposes. Quinton will need three days to clean the area.

Mr. Severine discussed the renting of Pavilions and the security deposits. He discussed having a police officer accompany the borough maintenance employee during cleaning for protection

purposes. Mr. Bevec requested a copy of the rules for Council to review.

Motion by Mr. Severine to approve the rules pertaining to the shelters and security deposits.

Seconded by Mr. Russo. All in agreement.

Motion carried to approve the rules pertaining to the shelters.

Mr. Bevec requested all permits receive a copy of the rules with signature and date. Mr. Bevec suggested having laminated copies of the rules at the pavilions.

Mr. Severine reviewed the concerts, to be placed on website and rotated on the Borough sign.

Mr. Severine reviewed the roof repair on the Borough Building.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Bevec mentioned Canonsburg was front and center on MSN, a “rapper” from Southpointe.

Mr. Derrico mentioned a lawsuit in federal court regarding an arrest in Canonsburg. Papers not served yet.

Mr. Severine stated a woman residing at 111 West Pitt Street approached him regarding an animal in her yard. Animal not identified.

### **RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:**

1. 07-14 Extend Life of CHJSA for 50 years.  
Motion by Mr. Russo for 07-14 Extend Life of CHJSA for 50 years, seconded by Mr. Severine. 6 Yes, 0 No. Motion carries for 07-14 Extend Life of CHJSA for 50 years.
2. 08-14 Contribution to Washington City Transit  
Motion by Mr. Severine for 08-14 Contribution to Washington City Transit. Seconded by Mr. McGarry.

#### **Roll Call**

Rich Russo - Yes

Joe McGarry - Yes

Tim Bilsky - No

Paul Sharkady - Yes

John Severine - Yes

John Bevec – Yes

5 Yes and 1 No. Motion carries for 08-14 Contribution to Washington City Transit

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None Required

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Russo made a motion to adjourn at 8:37 pm. Mr. McGarry seconded the motion. Motion carried to adjourn the Agenda meeting at 8:37 pm

**Submitted by: Michelle LoBello**