

Canonsburg Borough Council Meeting

Monday, July 14, 2014

7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bevec at 7:01 PM

A. Moment of Silence called by Mr. Bevec

b. Roll Call

Rich Russo - Absent

Fran Coleman - Present

Joe McGarry - Present

Tim Bilsky - Present

John Severine - Present

Paul Sharkady - Present

John Bevec - Present

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

GUESTS

Kerry Fox, Re-Development, provided an updated to Council on all projects. Discussion was held on the following:

-Streets projects for this year was reviewed. Awarded to Morgan Excavation. Mr. Kerry stated there is a problem locating a manhole on a hill up above First Street. Mr. Kerry stated another company is locating the manhole which will assist Re-Development in setting the new manhole. Mr. Kipp stated Stardicia has already started to attempt to locate the manhole.

-Handicapped sidewalks- Mr. Kerry stated he checked with HMT today regarding handicapped sidewalks. Bids to go out next Friday and will award contract the 2nd week of August with completion by Fall.

-Code Enforcement Demolition-project awarded to Gray Water Management Corporation. Total cost is \$16,400 and includes 29 West College Street,135 East Pitt Street and 138 North Central Avenue. This is being tied in with another project in Bentleyville, however, Canonsburg share of the cost is \$16,400.

Mr. Fox stated he will be in attendance for the September Borough meeting. He stated there are sufficient funds for 2015 and need to have surveys completed timely to begin plans promptly. Mr. Fox stated there is "a good bit of money for roads and sewers." Mr. Severine stated he would review streets in need of re-surfacing/construction.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

-Belinda Anthony, 235 Grace Avenue, Canonsburg, addressed Council. She discussed speeding on the front of her road and made a proposal for the alley behind her house to become "one way." Further discussion was held regarding the parking in the alley and the inability to exit the alley. Mr. Bevec referred the matter to Public Safety for review. Mayor Rhome notated Mrs. Anthony's name and telephone number for his records.

-Brian Anthony, 235 Grace Avenue, Canonsburg, also addressed Council regarding the same issues his wife mentioned. He stated the speeding has become progressively worse on his street. He provided a disc to Council (Mrs. Coleman, Mr. McGarry, Mr. Severine, Mr. Bilsky and Mayor Rhome.) which diagrammed the issues with streets he was discussing. He stated he has had to call the Police several times due to speeding issues. Mr. Anthony provided possible suggestions. Mr. Severine provided suggestions for a possible "one way" solution. Mr. Bevec stated Public Safety will review the issues. Mayor Rhome notated Mr. Anthony's name and telephone number for his records.

-Joe Scott, 240 Grace Avenue, Canonsburg, addressed Council re-iterating the speeding and other issues with the alley and other roads. He suggested to move a stop sign several feet to provide a solution to the issues in the alley. Mayor Rhome notated his name and telephone number for his records.

-Doug McHenry, 505 Bluff Street, Canonsburg, addressed Council. He discussed cars being parked on sidewalks and curbs and grassy areas. He stated he has addressed Council, the Mayor and several others many times regarding this issue. He showed pictures to Council on an IPAD and requested to know "what was holding up progress as he has been coming to Council for 2 years regarding this issue." Mr. McHenry stated his closing point is that Council needs to assure sidewalks are safe and not an "eye-sore." Mr. Severine discussed what has been done and that Council is addressing the issue. Mr. McHenry also mentioned the closed business in town and the "eye-sore". Mr. Bevec stated that there was a program in place years ago to assist the community and no one took advantage of it. Mr. Bevec stated the biggest problem is absentee landlords.

-William James, 501 Woodland, Canonsburg, addressed Council. He discussed the parking on the street and how it is difficult to get through on some streets. Mr. James stated he has lost a mirror and a window. He stated people should be made to park in their driveway if they have one. Mr. Bevec stated the residents can be talked to. Question raised if "No Parking" signs could be used. Mr. Derrico stated an ordinance of "No Parking" would be needed. Mr. Bevec stated Public Safety can look into the issue and make a recommendation.

No other public comments.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Bevec read a thank card in regards to Mr. Kipp's father in law, who passed away recently. A note of thanks was distributed to Council for review. Mr. Kipp expressed his gratitude to Council as well.

VOTING ITEMS:

1. Motion to approve Engineer's report of July 7,2014.

Mr. Severine made the motion to approve Engineer's report of July 7,2014. Mrs. Coleman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Motion to approve CHJSA report of July 7,2014.

Motion by Mr. Severine to approve CHJSA report of July 7,2014. Mr. Bilsky seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Motion to grant Handicapped Stall (1) at 543 Euclid Avenue.

Motion by Mr. Severine to grant Handicapped Stall (1) at 543 Euclid Avenue. Mrs. Coleman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

4. Motion to enter into agreement with Swift Reach for Reverse 911 system.

Mr. Severine made the motion to enter into agreement with Swift Reach for Reverse 911 system. Mr. Bilsky seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Rich Russo - Absent

Fran Coleman - Yes

Joe McGarry - Yes

Tim Bilsky - Yes

John Severine - Yes

Paul Sharkady - yes

John Bevec - Yes

Six yes, zero no. All in favor. Motion Carried.

5. Motion to have Borough Engineer (HMT) put Crosbie Drive out to bid.

Motion by Mrs. Coleman to have Borough Engineer (HMT) put Crosbie Drive out to bid. Motion seconded by Mr. McGarry. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Motion to make North Jefferson avenue one way between West Pitts Street and North Street on a 90 day trial basis.

Motion by Mrs. Coleman to make North Jefferson avenue one way between West Pitts Street and North Street on a 90 day trial basis. Seconded by Mr. Bilsky. All in favor. Motion carried.

7. Motion to accept the resignation of Ellen Sims.

Motion by Mrs. Coleman to accept the resignation of Ellen Sims. Mr. McGarry seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Discussion held regarding the resignation which is effective December 31st, 2014 and that Ms. Sims is the police clerk of ten years.

8. Motion to provide a a handicapped parking space for Robert H Deep of 552 Tennial Street for one handicap space. Mayor Rhome met with resident to verify he meets criteria. Mr. Severine made a motion to approve a handicapped parking space for 552 Tennial Street. Mr. Bilsky seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion held on yearly auditing/monitoring of continued need of handicapped spaces.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT:

(Note: Mayor Rhome reported and had to leave to due a family emergency)

-Strabane Avenue- posted at 35 miles per hour years ago. It was changed to 25 miles per hour. If Council would like to maintain Strabane Avenue at 25 miles per hour, Council will have to obtain a Highway Occupancy permit , through PennDOT, as the road is a state road. Discussion held regarding the road remaining at 35 miles per hour vs. 25 miles per hour. Due to the road being in a residential area, 25 miles per hour was recommended. Mr. Kipp to correspond with PennDOT for Strabane Avenue to remain at 25 miles per hour. Council in agreement.

-Mayor Rhome reported on the replacement of Police Chief R.T. Bell as of December 31st,2014. Mayor Rhome recommended Alexander Coghill for next Police Chief of Canonsburg . Mayor Rhome requested Council to submit Mr. Coghill's name to the Civil Service Commission for a non-competitive exam. Upon his passing of the exam, Mr. Coghill will be presented to Council for final approval. Mrs. Coleman made the motion to move forward with non-competitive exam. of Alexander Coghill. Mr. McGarry seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Rich Russo - Absent

Fran Coleman - Yes

Joe McGarry - Yes

Tim Bilsky - No

John Severine - Yes

Paul Sharkady - No

John Bevec – Yes

4 yes and 2 no. Motion carries.

Mayor Rhome thanked Council for the positive direction on the Reverse 911 system and thanked Council for excusing him early due to his family emergency.

#### FINANCE REPORT:

Mrs. Coleman reported all bills and invoices were reviewed. .

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. Question on Rent and Royalties, which is the line item for the magistrate.

Roll Call

Rich Russo - Absent

Fran Coleman - Yes

Joe McGarry - Yes

Tim Bilsky -Yes

Paul Sharkady - Yes

John Severine - Yes

John Bevec – Yes

6 Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

None to report

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

None to report

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None Required

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Severine made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Mr. McGarry seconded the motion. Motion carried to adjourn the Agenda meeting at 8:00 pm

Submitted by: Michelle LoBello