

Canonsburg Borough Council Meeting

Monday, May 12th, 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. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

Rich Russo - Present

Fran Coleman - Present

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 and Borough Assistant Manager Denise Lesnock.

**GUESTS**

Prior to the guests presenting, Mr. Russo welcomed the Huntington Bank representatives and thanked the Houston Borough members and the CHJA members for their attendance. He also noted that the Canonsburg Borough Assistant Manager, Denise Lesnock, was present to assist the Mayor of Houston with any questions regarding I & I reporting structure.

Mr. Michael Alterio, Chairman of the CHJA, 104 Woodcrest Drive, Canonsburg, PA approached Council. He stated CHJA had a meeting with the DEP and 75 taps are to be released in a couple of weeks, once CHJSA presents to DEP the proposal for improved monitoring of the flow at the plant. He also stated calibration issues will be taken care of.

Mr. Alterio introduced Mr. Matthew Stuczynski, Senior Manager Director of Public Finance and John Bensted, Associate Director of Public Finance, with Huntington Bank. Mr. Stuczynski presented Council members with proposal books detailing his presentation. The pro's and con's of three borrowing options were outlined and reviewed. Items such as customer base, bond insurance, reserve fund and the use of financial advisers were discussed at length. Discussion/questions amongst the council, Houston Borough members, CHJA council members, the public and Mr. Stuczynski continued until no further questions.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Michelle Bruce, no address provided, approached Council. Ms. Bruce is with Fix'ur Cat. She stated she was unaware the minutes were not taken at the May Agenda meeting. She provided Council with her "minutes" from the Agenda meeting. (handed to Michelle LoBello) She also submitted a petition from the tenants of the Canon House and submitted a "Low-Cost Cat Spay/Neuter Program Application & Guidelines" form. (handed to Michelle LoBello). She discussed stray cat issues, in particular at the Canon House. Mr. Bevec discussed the special committee of three Council members, the Mayor and the assistance of Mr. Kipp to address the issues. Committee members consist of Mr. Sharkady, Mr. Bilsky. Mr. McGarry and Mayor Rhome. Mr. Sharkady stepped down from the committee and Mr. Severine added to the committee. Ms. Bruce inquired if the borough members knew who the owner of a particular property were and Mr. Severine stated it was borough property. Mr. Bilsky commented that if the property was borough property then the boxes should be put back as there is no danger to the community. Mr. Bevec asked to allow the committee to review the issues first in the next month or two and to have time to speak to property owners.

Another public attendee inquired about who appointed the committee members. She also inquired if "they" can ask for a special meeting. Mr. Bevec stated Council would have to pre-advertise a meeting. He again stated to allow the committee to review the issues and speak to property owners.

Joe Thomas (General Manager of Washington Transit) no address provided, addressed the board. He was asking Council for a monetary commitment towards the Washington transit program. He

provided Council with a report outlining transport from Canonsburg to Washington in the last month. He stated East Washington contributed \$2,800 and South Strabane contributed \$2,000. Any contribution would not have to be paid until 2015. Mr. Bevec stated this will be reviewed with the 2015 budget.

No other public comments.

**PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS:**

None to report

**VOTING ITEMS:**

1. Motion to accept Memorandum of Understanding from Houston Borough Solicitor Josh Carroll, which outlines 50 year life extension of Authority (2064) and CHJA to become an Operating Authority by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

Motion by Mr. Bilsky and seconded by Mr. Sharkady to accept MOU from Houston Borough Solicitor Josh Carroll, which outlines 50 year life extension of Authority (2064) and CHJA to become an Operating Authority by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

**Roll Call**

Rich Russo - Yes

Fran Coleman - Yes

Joe McGarry - Yes

Tim Bilsky - Yes

John Severine - Yes

Paul Sharkady - Yes

John Bevec – Yes

7 Yes, 0 No. Motion carried to accept MOU from Houston Borough Solicitor

Break away session for the signing of the MOU Mr. Fife, Chairman of the Houston

Borough, Mr. Bevec, and Chairman of the CHJA, Mr. Alterio. Meeting was called back to order at 8:52

2. Motion to approve Engineer's report of May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Motion by Mr. Severine to approve Engineer's report of May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Second by Mrs. Coleman. All in agreement. Motion carried.

3. Motion to approve CHJSA minutes of April 7, 2014. Motion by Mr. Sharkady to approve CHJSA minutes of April 7, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Severine. All in agreement. Motion carried.

4. Motion to approve the April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 minutes of the Canonsburg Borough Council with the following corrections:

- a. Spelling on Moor Street to Moore Avenue on Page 1
- b. Spelling on McGarry Street to McNary Avenue on Page 1
- c. Spelling on McGarry Street to McNary Avenue on Page 1
- d. Correction on Mr. Carey to Mr. Fox

Motion by Mr. Severine to approve the April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 minutes of the Canonsburg Borough Council with four corrections. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman. All in agreement. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Rhome discussed some events:

May 7<sup>th</sup> - All Clad "did an admirable job with flowers and cleaned up the main part of town".

They also fed approximately 130-140 senior citizens at the Canon House and Canon Apartments.

May 10<sup>th</sup> - "Canonsburg Got Talent" at the Canonsburg Middle School auditorium, was well attended.

May 6<sup>th</sup> - Mountaineer tour of town

Mayor Rhome also discussed an incident where the traffic light was not functioning on Pike Street and Central Avenue, at 2:30-3:00 am. He discussed how the collaboration of several departments allowed for a timely repair that would have taken many hours otherwise. Traffic lights were functioning approximately around 6:30 am.

**FINANCE REPORT:**

Mrs. Coleman reported on bills, stated she met with Denise on May 9th and reviewed bills and invoices.

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. Mr. Sharkady inquired if \$10,000 bill from Jordan tax service included, Mr. Bevec stated it was included.

**Roll Call**

Rich Russo - Yes

Fran Coleman - Yes

Joe McGarry - Yes

Tim Bilsky - No

Paul Sharkady - No

John Severine - Yes

John Bevec – Yes

5 Yes, 2 No. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Mr. Treschow discussed the Flood Control Inspection from last October (copy provided) stating the rating was a minimally acceptable rating. This is one step down from last year, however, still allows to apply for and receive grant money for DEP projects. Three items that need corrected in two years:

1. Stream banks
2. Build up sediment that needs cleaned out
3. Debris at railroad bridge.

Mr. Kipp informed Council he researched a grant, through the Commonwealth Finance Agency, to provide funding for clean-up. Mr. Bevec stated that the corrections can be added to next year's budget.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Severine provided the following information: (he was absent at last month's meeting and was unable to present the following information)

1. Night of the Races made \$3,480.35
2. Easter Egg Hunt provided \$6.58 in revenue
3. Ball fields now have a batting cage
4. Mr. Severine that the swings cannot be found for the swing set, Mr. Kipp to address.
5. Cell Towers - Mr. Severine inquired if Mr. Kipp had researched other boroughs for the amount of air space charged. Mr. Kipp stated he will research ordinances of other boroughs and share with Mr. Derrico. Mr. Russo asked Mr. Kipp to add a copy of the ordinance for next month's meeting.
6. Parking Meters - Mr. Severine stated he wanted to wait for Mayor Rhome, RT Bell and Mr. Russo before reporting.

Mr. McGarry stated the bookstore is for sale as of June 25<sup>th</sup> starting at \$7,200.

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:**

1. 05-14 Planning Module - Motion to approve 05-14 Planning Module by Mr. Bilsky, seconded by Mr. Russo. All in agreement. Motion Carried.
2. 06-14 Coleman Retirement (Harold Coleman) Document provided to Council regarding the Resolution Concerning Retirement by Harold Coleman effective December 31, 2014. Document was reviewed by Mr. Derrico and approved.

Mr. Coleman provided 47 years of service to the Borough Police Department. Mr. Bevec expressed his appreciation for the years of dedication and service to the Borough Police

Department. Motion by Mr. McGarry to approve the 06-14 Coleman Retirement (Harold Coleman). Seconded by Mr. Severine.

**Roll Call:**

Rich Russo - Yes

Fran Coleman - Abstain

Joe McGarry - Yes

Tim Bilsky - Yes

Paul Sharkady - Yes

John Severine - Yes

John Bevec – Yes

6 Yes and 1 Abstain. Motion Carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None Required

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. McGarry made a motion to adjourn at 9:25 pm. Mr. Severine seconded the motion. Motion carried to adjourn the Agenda meeting at 9:25 pm

**Submitted by: Michelle LoBello**