

BOROUGH OF CANONSBURG
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 13, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Caruso at 7:00 P.M.

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

IV. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Paul Sharkady, Jean Popp, Allen J. Williams, Richard Russo, Joseph Milioto, Ronald Cianelli, George Coleman, Daniel Caruso, Jr., and Steve Lucas (who joined the meeting at 7:10 P.M.)

Others Present:

Assistant Borough Manager Denise Lesnock, Engineer Harvey Treschow, Attorney Patrick Derrico, Mayor Anthony Colaizzo, and Police Chief R. T. Bell

Absent:

Borough Manager Terry Hazlett

V. PRESENTATION:

On behalf of the Greater Canonsburg Italian American Association, Mr. Milioto presented Mrs. Popp a \$500.00 check for the Borough of Canonsburg Concerts in the Park series.

Mrs. Popp thanked the Greater Canonsburg Italian American Association for their generosity and informed Council and the citizens present that without the Greater Canonsburg Italian American Association there would be no stage and no Concerts in the Park.

(Applause)

VI. MAYOR:

Mayor Colaizzo addressed the following items:

A. Community Oriented Policing Services Grant

Mayor Colaizzo explained that under this grant the Borough would hire a policeman for four years. The federal government will pay the officer's salary for the first three years, and the fourth year's salary is to be paid by the Borough. Chief Bell stated that the grant was submitted today, and the

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total applied for was \$208,804, which includes salary and benefits. The Borough must keep the officer for the fourth year. If an officer retires or leaves during this period of time, the officer must be replaced. If the grant gets approved, the Mayor and Chief Bell will come back to Council, and it will be Council's choice what it wants to do.

The Chief stated that the COPS grant is part of the stimulus, and there's another part of the stimulus money that comes from the UCR. The federal government offered \$18,000 that can be used for equipment through a JAG grant, but the County has to apply for it. The County will take 20%, which they will use for a central booking station,, and the Borough will get about \$14,000. Chief Bell said they intend to use the money for a new software program.

B. Fourth of July

Mayor Colaizzo has received a letter from the Fourth of July Committee requesting permission to hold their annual street collection on one of the following dates: June 5th, 12th, 19th, or 29th.

Mr. Williams moved to permit the Canonsburg Fourth of July Committee to hold their annual street collection on either June 5th, 12th, 19th, or 29th.

Mrs. Popp seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

C. Pennsylvania Bavarian Oktoberfest

Mayor Colaizzo read to Council the letter he received from the Bavarian Oktoberfest requesting closing times for the streets and parking lots during the 2009 Oktoberfest.

Mrs. Popp moved to approve the request of the Pennsylvania Bavarian Oktoberfest for the following street/parking lot closings:

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Thursday, September 17, 2009

Luksis Lot – 11:30 A.M.

Rite Aid and Sarris Lots – 6:00 P.M.

Pike Street from Greenside to Jefferson (including
Intersection at Central) – 6:00 P.M.

Saturday, September 19, 2009

PNC Bank Lot – 10:00 A.M.

Sunday, September 20, 2009

Parking lots and streets to be opened by midnight.

Mr. Russo seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

A. Skateboarding

Mr. Bill Ethridge, of 218 Ketchum Drive, approached Council requesting a place be set aside in the Borough for skateboarders to skate. Police are ticketing the children when skateboarding. Mr. Ethridge's son, David Anderson Ethridge, of 218 Ketchum Drive, cited many incidents he and his friends are experiencing with the police force while they are skateboarding in parking lots or even when dropping a skateboard and attempting to retrieve it. His understanding of Pennsylvania law is that the police force has the ability to regulate – not to prohibit.

David informed Council that they used to skate in Sam Colusci's parking lot. He said they were told that a letter was sent to the police, but they were kicked out of that lot because a police officer went inside and informed the manager that they were not permitted to skate. This was the only place skateboarders were permitted to skate without getting fined or arrested.

Mr. Russo informed those present that a skate park will be built next summer at the Park.

Mr. Williams expanded on the plans for the skateboard park.

He said they are hoping it will be functional by spring of 2010, if not earlier.

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Discussion was held in reference to the letter mentioned earlier and skating in Colusci's parking lot.

Mrs. Popp suggested roping off a street for skateboarders.

Many residents and their children were present at this meeting in support of skateboarding. Several of them spoke but did not identify themselves.

Mr. Williams stated that he and Mrs. Popp sit on a group called Canonsburg Youth Initiative. For a year and a half he has been trying to get at least one other person to join the committee. If there are four or five people who would like to join this committee, they need to sit down as a collective group to determine how this can work through this summer and up to the skateboard park opening. Then he and Mrs. Popp will come back to present it to Council and deliver the message to the police department. If there's a designated area for a certain period of time, the skateboarders will have to abide by it until the skateboard park is ready in 2010.

Discussion was held pertaining to skateboarding on sidewalks, which are actually owned by the property owners who would be concerned about liability.

Chief Bell stated that he and the Police Department sympathize with the skateboarders, but they have to do their job. When a call comes in, they have to respond. Chief Bell said he stayed after work to talk with those concerned when Mr. Williams had a meeting pertaining to skateboarding. Someone told him that evening that Colusci's permits skateboarding in their lot, and the Chief requested that a letter be sent to him confirming this. No letter has been received.

Further comments were made by citizens and further discussion was held.

Mr. Caruso thanked the residents for attending this meeting and informed them that Council supports them. He suggested that they contact Mr. Williams, who can set up another meeting.

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B. Mr. Andy Zanaglio, Jr., of the Steelworkers Union, said he was present last month concerning the Buy America Resolution, which is part of the stimulus money that comes from the federal government and is passed on to the states and municipalities.

Mrs. Popp informed him that this is Item Number 5 of tonight's voting items. SEE ITEM IX – E ON PAGE 6.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An Executive Session pertaining to personnel was held from 8:12 P.M. to 8:35 P.M.

IX. VOTING ITEMS:

A. Approval of Minutes – March 9, 2009

Mr. Lucas moved to approve the March 9, 2009 Canonsburg Borough Council Meeting minutes.

Mr. Sharkady seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Borough Manager's Report

Mrs. Popp moved to approve the April 6, 2009 Borough Manager's Report.

Mr. Williams seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

C. Approval of Borough Engineer's Report

Mr. Sharkady moved to approve the April 6, 2009 Borough Engineer's Report.

Mr. Russo seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

NOTE: A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

D. Approval of Stop Signs

Mr. Russo moved to approve installation of Stop Signs at intersections of McEwen Avenue and (1) Promise Lane, (2) Howard Street, and (3) the street at Charles Place.

Mr. Coleman seconded the motion.

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ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

Steve Lucas	Yes
Paul Sharkady	Yes
Jean Popp	Yes
Allen J. Williams	Yes
Richard Russo	Yes
Joseph Milioto	Yes
Ronald Cianelli	Yes
George Coleman	Yes
Daniel Caruso, Jr.	Yes

RESULTS OF THE MOTION: Nine Yes, Zero No.

Motion carried.

E. Approval of Resolution – Federal Economic Renewal Grants

Mrs. Popp moved to approve the Resolution on Federal Economic Renewal Grants.

Mr. Coleman seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

F. Extension of Police Contract

Mr. Russo moved to approve a two-year extension of the Canonsburg Police contract (through December 31, 2011) subject to contract updates.

Mr. Coleman seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

George Coleman	Yes
Ronald Cianelli	Yes
Joseph Milioto	Yes
Richard Russo	Yes
Allen J. Williams	Yes
Jean Popp	Yes
Paul Sharkady	Yes
Steve Lucas	Yes
Daniel Caruso, Jr.	Yes

RESULTS OF THE MOTION: Nine Yes, Zero No.

Motion carried.

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G. Motion to Write Letter to PennDOT

Mr. Coleman motioned to write a letter to PennDOT urging a four-way stop sign or stop light at Route 980 and Gladden Road/Cecil Street.

Mrs. Popp seconded the motion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

H. Motion for Solicitor to Write an Ordinance

Mr. Sharkady moved to have the Borough Solicitor write an Ordinance to place a "Residents Parking Only" sign on East Pitt Street.

Mr. Coleman seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

I. Handicapped Sign

Mr. Coleman moved to transfer the Handicapped Sign at 508 Euclid Avenue from the name of Eva Thompson, who is now deceased, to her daughter, Pamela Lennon, who has the same conditions.

Mrs. Popp seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

X. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PLANNING COMMISSION:

A. Approval of Home Occupation

Mrs. Popp moved to approve Home Occupation for Shawnda Van Houten at 809 Short Street to operate a hair salon and art studio.

Mr. Milioto seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

Steve Lucas	Yes
Paul Sharkady	Yes
Jean Popp	Yes
Allen J. Williams	Yes
Richard Russo	Yes
Joseph Milioto	Yes
Ronald Cianelli	Yes

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George Coleman Yes
Daniel Caruso, Jr. Yes

RESULTS OF THE MOTION: Nine Yes, Zero No. Motion carried.

B. Clearview Credit Union Subdivision

Mr. Coleman moved for denial of the previous conditionally approved Clearview Credit Union Subdivision.

Mrs. Popp seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

C. Fort Pitt Business Park Final Subdivision

Mrs. Popp moved to approve the Final Subdivision for the Fort Pitt Business Park Two (2) Lot Subdivision Number 1 with conditions recommended by the Planning Commission.

Mr. Williams seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

George Coleman No
Ronald Cianelli No
Joseph Milioto Yes
Richard Russo Yes
Allen J. Williams Yea
Jean Popp Yes
Paul Sharkady No
Steve Lucas No
Daniel Caruso, Jr. Yes

RESULTS OF THE MOTION: Five Yes, Four No. Motion carried.

D. Fort Pitt Business Park Final Site Plan

Mr. Russo motioned to approve the Final Site Plan for the Fort Pitt Business Park infrastructure improvements with conditions recommended by the Planning Commission.

Mr. Williams seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

Steve Lucas No

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Paul Sharkady	No
Jean Popp	Yes
Allen J. Williams	Yes
Richard Russo	Yes
Joseph Milioto	Yes
Ronald Cianelli	No
George Coleman	No
Daniel Caruso, Jr.	Yes

RESULTS OF THE MOTION: Five Yes, Four No. Motion carried.

E. Previous Fort Pitt Business Park Subdivisions

Mr. Russo moved for denial of the previous conditionally approved Fort Pitt Business Park Subdivisions.

Mr. Milioto seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

George Coleman	Yes
Ronald Cianelli	No
Joseph Milioto	Yes
Richard Russo	Yes
Allen J. Williams	Yes
Jean Popp	Yes
Paul Sharkady	Yes
Steve Lucas	Yes
Daniel Caruso, Jr.	Yes

RESULTS OF THE MOTION: Eight Yes, One No. Motion carried.

F. Previous Fort Pitt Business Park Lot Number 3 Site Plan

Mr. Milioto motioned for denial of the previous conditionally approved Fort Pitt Business Park Lot Number 3 Site Plan.

Mr. Russo seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

Steve Lucas	Yes
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Paul Sharkady	Yes
Jean Popp	Yes
Allen J. Williams	Yes
Richard Russo	Yes
Joseph Milioto	Yes
Ronald Cianelli	Yes
George Coleman	Yes
Daniel Caruso, Jr.	Yes

RESULTS OF THE MOTION: Nine Yes, Zero No. Motion carried

G. D.O.E. Subdivision

Mr. Milioto motioned to deny the previous conditionally approved D.O.E. Subdivision.

Mr. Williams seconded the motion.

Remarks: Mr. Treschow explained that this is a small strip of property off of Strabane Avenue by the creek.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

George Coleman	Yes
Ronald Cianelli	Yes
Joseph Milioto	Yes
Richard Russo	Yes
Allen J. Williams	Yes
Jean Popp	Yes
Paul Sharkady	Yes
Steve Lucas	Yes
Daniel Caruso, Jr.	Yes

RESULTS OF THE MOTION: Nine Yes, Zero No. Motion carried.

H. Memorial Day Parade – Brought up by Mayor Colaizzo

Mr. Coleman moved to approve the Fire Department's request for the Memorial Day Parade.

Mr. Williams seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

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I. Central Avenue

Mr. Williams moved to contact the Gas Company for Central Avenue's condition to repair the street again after they tore it up.

Mr. Russo seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion was held.

It was decided to direct Ms. Lesnock to have the Solicitor write a letter to the Gas Company and also to contact PennDOT.

XI. FINANCE REPORT:

A. Presentation of Bills for Approval – Jean Popp

Mrs. Popp moved to approve the following bills:

1. General Fund
2. Waste Water Plant Operations
3. Garbage Service
4. Fireman Allocation

Mr. Sharkady seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

Steve Lucas	Yes
Paul Sharkady	Yes
Jean Popp	Yes
Allen J. Williams	Yes
Richard Russo	Yes
Joseph Milioto	Yes
Ronald Cianelli	Yes
George Coleman	Yes
Daniel Caruso, Jr.	Yes

RESULTS OF THE MOTION: Nine Yes, Zero No. Motion carried.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Complaints – Brought up by Mr. Coleman

1. 908 Second Street – The property is unsecured and people are walking in and out.

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George Loutsion, who was in the audience, knows who the realtor is for this property and can give Council a contact number.

Mr. Coleman will call 911.

- B. Mr. Lucas reported that Chartiers Creek Work Camp is coming to town this year. This is a nationally recognized mission. A group of students from all over the country will be living in the gymnasium at Canon-McMillan High School. The students are under strict supervision and have adult chaperones with them. They will be working on approximately 20 homes in our area rebuilding porches, painting and those types of things. Mr. Lucas was in possession of a letter asking for possible pool passes for Wednesday, July 8th.

Mr. Coleman moved to approve giving pool passes to Chartiers Creek Work Camp for Wednesday, July 8, 2009 from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Sharkady seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- C. Retirement of Carol Imperatore – Brought up by Mr. Sharkady. Discussion was held as to how to honor Mrs. Imperatore for her years of service to the Police Department.

This matter will be addressed at the Agenda Meeting for May.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Receipt of \$36,000 Grant – Brought up by Mr. Treschow. This grant is from DEP to continue work on bank stabilization of Chartiers Creek. Discussion was held.
- B. New Law Enacted by State of PA – Brought up by Mr. Treschow. This law states that all contractors in the State have to be registered with the State. This applies to anything other than new residential construction. Discussion was held.

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XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Russo moved to adjourn.

Mr. Milioto seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Mary A. Solomon

ATTACHMENT:

HMT and Associates, Inc. Engineer's Report Dated April 6, 2009