

BOROUGH OF CANONSBURG
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER:

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

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

IV. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Richard Russo, Paul Sharkady, Joseph Graff, Allen J. Williams, Joseph Milioto, Patricia Romano, Fran Coleman, George Coleman, and Michael Kazmarski (who joined the meeting at approximately 7:15 P.M.)

Others Present:

Borough Manager Terry Hazlett, Engineer James Harshman, Attorney Patrick Derrico, Mayor David H. Rhome, and Police Chief R. T. Bell

Absent:

None

V. GUESTS:

A. Kerry Fox – Washington County Redevelopment Authority

Mr. Fox reported on the following:

1. 2010 Canonsburg Street and Sewer Improvements (for 2011)
2. Storm Sewer Improvements
3. Ebay Store on Pike Street
4. CD Projects

Discussion was held.

B. Hayes Design Group – Building Renovation

Mr. Milioto turned the meeting over to Mr. Sharkady, Chairman of Building.

Mr. Sharkady reported on the meeting held with Hayes Design Group and Mr. Dwayne. The plan being presented tonight is Plan C, which hasn't changed much

Mr. Mark Dwayne, of Hayes Design Group, introduced himself and Andrew Campanero, an Associate of the same firm. The last time they were before Council was November 8, 2010, and tonight they gave an update of what has been done with the plans

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since that time. All of Council had been given a copy of a booklet, which was a draft of the feasibility study, including an Outline Specification. Mr. Dwayne stated that everything is in the book but the first section -- Executive Summary, which would be the summary of the whole book. This section will be written after obtaining approval of the booklet.

Mr. Dwayne said they had their mechanical/electrical/plumbing engineer look over the systems in the building to see if improvements would be necessary for those systems. That report is included in the draft.

They have also met with the Building Code Official.

Mr. Dwayne stated that they met with their estimator and developed a project budget, which is the last section in the booklet.

Mr. Campanero reviewed and explained the Outline Specification, feasibility study, the mechanical/electrical/plumbing engineer's report, building code review, the opinion of probable costs, and construction phasing.

The first phase would be constructing the first level Police Department, with the idea of taking the police from the first floor and moving them to the second floor of abandoned Library space, setting up temporary offices for them there. When the first floor is completed, all the police from the temporary space and the third floor can move down to their new offices. Staff on the third floor who weren't related could then move into the temporary offices on the second floor and the library. They would then renovate the third floor and make all the new governmental offices. The third phase would be to move everyone back up into the governmental offices and then renovate the second floor.

Council was given the opportunity to ask questions.

Mr. Russo was concerned about renovating the rest rooms, making that portion of the building ADA accessible, as well as the cost.

Mr. Campanero informed him that the estimate to do this was \$250,000.

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Mr. Williams asked about the time frame after construction begins. Because of all the moves, Mr. Dwayne felt it would be approximately one year or fifteen months.

Mrs. Coleman asked about the front entrance to the building.

Mr. Campanero replied that it would still be an entrance, but it would become a private entrance to the Police Department. The main entrance to the building for the public would be from the elevator because egress is going to be required.

Mr. Graff disagreed with this. That entrance should be for the people. That's where they come in and talk with the Borough Manager, and they should not have to come through the elevator.

Mr. Graff felt that the entrance should remain as is; the side entrance should not be the beginning of the building.

Mr. Graff was concerned about handicapped doors.

Mr. Campanero said that all the doors in the building are knobs and do not meet accessibility requirements. The doors and hardware will have to be replaced.

Mr. Williams expressed concern about the age of the elevator and whether it would be able to handle heavy traffic every day.

In reference to keeping the front entrance as the main entrance, Mr. Milioto stated that this would require an elevator in that location also, and the cost would be prohibitive.

Mr. Russo made reference to the funding issue, which originally included the purchase of the armory. The Borough has asked for a grant in the amount of \$1.2 million dollars, which seems to cover only this building with no revenue being spent on the armory.

Mr. Hazlett explained that the armory purchase needs to be in there, as it is being used as a match. Without the armory in there, \$268,000 of the match would be lost, and there would then not be enough match to get money for the building. He reminded Council that the Borough is trying for the grant through two different venues: Local Shares and also funding from Harris-

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burg. The hope is to get partial funding from both that would equal the full amount requested (\$1.2 million dollars)

Mr. Williams brought up the exterior of the foundation. He is not worried about the stability, but the basement has a lot of moisture, is dank, and there are some cracks in the foundation and walls. He asked about the possibility of updating the humidifier system.

Mr. Campanero replied that they haven't looked into the humidifier system, but there will be additional lighting and everything will be cleaned up.

Mr. Dwayne said these issues will be addressed during the renovating stage.

Further discussion was held pertaining to this issue.

Mr. Milioto asked for a **consensus** of Council in reference to making this presentation to the board next week:

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| Richard Russo | Yes |
| Paul Sharkady | Yes |
| Joseph Graff | No |
| Allen J. Williams | Yes |
| Patricia Romano | No |
| Fran Coleman | No |
| George Coleman | No |
| Michael Kazmarski | No |
| Joseph Milioto | Yes |

Mrs. Coleman expressed her concern about having the museum taking up the entire third floor.

Discussion was held pertaining to the purchase of the armory.

Mr. Hazlett said the offer from the State still stands to take out a no-interest loan for \$268,000. However, we wouldn't be able to go through the grant process without a match, unless Council wants to use the Local Share funds the Borough is getting on the 11th and 12th -- \$222,000. This would be changing the whole grant, and Mr. Hazlett isn't sure this can be done four days before

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making the presentation.

Mr. Russo said he wasn't sure how Council went from a majority in favor of the grant to where it is now. He suggested, before pulling the grant, that further discussion should be held pertaining to the various issues.

Discussion was held pertaining to the fact that there would be change orders.

Mr. Graff felt that another elevator is not needed in the front of the building, he wants the Council chambers to remain the same as it is now, and he is totally against a music museum.

Mr. Sharkady said he has asked for input from the beginning. He got written input from Mr. Coleman and Mr. Russo only. Now a week before the grant application is to be presented, all of this comes up.

The various concerns and issues brought up by Council were expanded upon and discussed further.

Mr. Williams motioned to make this presentation to the Local Shares Committee on January 18, 2011.

Mr. Russo seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

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| Richard Russo | Yes |
| Paul Sharkady | Yes |
| Joseph Graff | No |
| \ Allen J. Williams | Yes |
| Patricia Romano | No |
| Fran Coleman | Questioned the Motion |

Mr. Russo suggested changing the motion by adding a condition that the plans are subject to change based on Council's approval.

Mr. Williams and Mr. Russo were both agreeable to changing the motion.

Mr. Milioto asked to have the new motion read aloud.

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The REVISED motion is as follows:

Mr. Williams motioned to make this presentation to the Local Shares Committee on January 18, 2011 with the condition that the plans are subject to change based upon Council's approval.

Mr. Russo seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE REVISED MOTION:

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|--------------------------|------------|
| Richard Russo | Yes |
| Paul Sharkady | Yes |
| Joseph Graff | Yes |
| Allen J. Williams | Yes |
| Patricia Romano | Yes |
| Fran Coleman | Yes |
| George Coleman | No |
| Michael Kazmarski | No |
| Joseph Milioto | Yes |

**RESULTS OF THE REVISED MOTION: Seven Yes, Two No.
Motion carried.**

Mr. Hazlett commented that the Borough applied for an Economic Development grant. He said that Council is asking him to go before the board and basically lie because some of Council wants to take the economic development (the museum) out of it.

Mrs. Coleman asked about the armory and remodeling of the armory.

Mr. Hazlett replied that the remodeling of the armory is not in the grant; only the purchase of the armory is included.

After discussion it was decided to leave the grant as is.

Mr. Hazlett, accompanied by Mr. Milioto, will make the presentation on the 18th.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were none.

VII. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

A. Setting Up Workshop Meetings

1. Drop Pension Workshop

This workshop will be held Monday, January 24, 2011 at

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2. Sewer Plant Engineering Issue Workshop

This workshop will be held some time in February.

VIII. VOTING ITEMS:

A. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Williams motioned to approve Canonsburg Borough Council Regular Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2010.

Mr. Russo seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

B. Resolution – Distribution --2011 Community Block Grant Funding

Mr. Russo motioned to approve a resolution for distribution of \$498,760 in 2011 Community Block Grant funding.

Mrs. Coleman seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

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| Michael Kazmarski | Yes |
| George Coleman | Yes |
| Fran Coleman | Yes |
| Patricia Romano | Yes |
| Allen J. Williams | Yes |
| Joseph Graff | Yes |
| Paul Sharkady | Yes |
| Richard Russo | Yes |
| Joseph Milioto | Yes |

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

C. Resolution – Redistribution – 2008, 2009, and 2010 Community Block Grant Funding

Mr. Williams motioned to approve a resolution for redistribution of 2008, 2009, and 2010 Community Block Grant Funding of \$503,000.

Mr. Graff seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

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| Richard Russo | Yes |
| Paul Sharkady | Yes |

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| Joseph Graff | Yes |
| Allen J. Williams | Yes |
| Patricia Romano | Yes |
| Fran Coleman | Yes |
| Geroge Coleman | Yes |
| Michael Kazmarski | Yes |
| Joseph Milioto | Yes |

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

D. Reappointment to Planning Commission

Mr. Coleman motioned to reappoint Dominick Calabro, Jr. to the Canonsburg Planning Commission for a 4-year term through January 1, 2015.

Mr. Sharkady seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

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| Michael Kazmarski | Yes |
| George Coleman | Yes |
| Fran Coleman | Yes |
| Patricia Romano | Yes |
| Allen J. Williams | Yes |
| Joseph Graff | Yes |
| Paul Sharkady | Yes |
| Richard Russo | Yes |
| Joseph Milioto | Yes |

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

E. Reappointment to Canonsburg-Houston Joint Authority Board

Mr. Coleman motioned to reappoint Arthur Taylor to the Canonsburg-Houston Joint Authority Board for a three-year term through January 1, 2014.

Mr. Sharkady seconded the motion.

Remarks: Mr. Hazlett stated that Mr. Williams had asked him about alternating the term. Two of the Board members have a

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five-year term and two have a three-year term, so this is already in place.

Discussion was held pertaining to the importance of attendance of Board members at the meetings.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

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| Richard Russo | Yes |
| Paul Sharkady | Yes |
| Joseph Graff | Yes |
| Allen J. Williams | Yes |
| Patricia Romano | Yes |
| Fran Coleman | Yes |
| George Coleman | Yes |
| Michael Kazmarski | Yes |
| Joseph Milioto | Yes |

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

F. Motion -- Appointment to Uniform Construction Board
This motion will be handled in February.

G. Appointment to Planning Commission
Mr. Milioto said he had no candidates.

Mr. Coleman suggested Mr. Timothy Bilsky, who was present at this meeting and willing to accept this appointment.

Mr. Coleman motioned to appoint Timothy Bilsky to the Canonsburg Planning Commission for a three-year term through January 1, 2014.

Mr. Sharkady seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

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| Michael Kazmarski | Yes |
| George Coleman | Yes |
| Fran Coleman | Yes |
| Patricia Romano | Yes |
| Allen J. Williams | Yes |
| Joseph Graff | Yes |

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| Paul Sharkady | Yes |
| Richard Russo | Yes |
| Joseph Milioto | Yes |

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

H. Motion – Repair Morgan Street

Mr. Graff motioned to expend General Fund monies in the amount of \$5,000 – not to exceed \$10,000 – to repair Morgan Street.

Mr. Coleman seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

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| Richard Russo | Yes |
| Paul Sharkady | Yes |
| Joseph Graff | Yes |
| Allen J. Williams | Yes |
| Patricia Romano | Yes |
| Fran Coleman | Yes |
| George Coleman | Yes |
| Michael Kazmarski | Yes |
| Joseph Milioto | Yes |

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

I. RCAP Grant Resolutions

Mr. Hazlett explained that this grant must be written by a county entity, and Washington County Redevelopment Authority is going to do this. (It relates to the Economic Redevelopment grant request discussed and voted upon tonight.)

1. Cooperative Agreement with Washington County Redevelopment Authority (to submit the grant)
2. Resolution – To have Redevelopment Authority do an application

Mr. Williams motioned to approve the two resolutions contingent upon the fact that Council has the ability to make changes with the approval of a majority of Council.

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Mr. Russo seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

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| Michael Kazmarski | No |
| George Coleman | No |
| Fran Coleman | Yes |
| Patricia Romano | Yes |
| Allen J. Williams | Yes |
| Joseph Graff | No |
| Paul Sharkady | Yes |
| Richard Russo | Yes |
| Joseph Milioto | Yes |

RESULTS OF THE MOTION: Six Yes, Three No. Motion carried.

IX. FINANCE REPORT:

A. Presentation of Bills for Approval – Richard Russo

Mr. Russo asked Mr. Hazlett about a bill for an assessment at the armory in the amount of \$1,500.

Mr. Hazlett explained that this was for the assessment of the asbestos.

Mr. Russo motioned to approve the following bills (including the \$1,500 bill for the assessment of the armory):

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

Mr. Coleman seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

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|-------------------|-----|
| Richard Russo | Yes |
| Paul Sharkady | Yes |
| Joseph Graff | Yes |
| Allen J. Williams | Yes |

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| Patricia Romano | Yes |
| Fran Coleman | Yes |
| George Coleman | Yes |
| Michael Kazmarski | Yes |
| Joseph Milioto | Yes |

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

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Public Safety – Joseph Graff

1. Mr. Graff reviewed the monthly report of the Fire Department for December, 2010.

There were 20 calls, with total damages of \$3,500.

2. Mr. Graff read the annual report of the Fire Department for 2010.

There were 186 calls, and total damages were \$58,000.

Mr. Coleman commended the Fire Department for all that was done for the residents in 2010.

XI. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Rhome reported on the following:

A. Monthly Police Report

B. Complaints of parking in No Parking areas

1. Murdock to Iron and Murdock to Hutchinson

This matter has been taken care of through enforcement, and there shouldn't be any more complaints.

C. Speeding on Hooks Lane

D. East College Street – Shady Alley, Brown Alley

1. Addressed area coming up Brown Alley and made it Do Not Enter.

2. The Mayor requested that a Stop Sign be installed coming down Shady Alley before coming onto East College Street. (Mayor Rhome has talked with Mr. Kazmarski (Road and Infrastructure Chairman) about this.)

Mr. Kazmarski motioned to install a Stop Sign coming

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out of Shady Alley onto East College Street.

Mr. Graff seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION

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| Michael Kazmarski | Yes |
| George Coleman | Yes |
| Fran Coleman | Yes |
| Patricia Romano | Yes |
| Allen J. Williams | Yes |
| Joseph Graff | Yes |
| Paul Sharkady | Yes |
| Richard Russo | Yes |
| Joseph Milioto | Yes |

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

- E. Education – Police Department
Mayor Rhome reported that the Police Department is in the second phase of Spanish classes. At the end of Wednesday’s schooling, every police officer in the department will be trained street-smart for Spanish speaking as far as dealing with individuals they deal with on a daily basis.
- F. Requested replacement of flag pole in Council chambers.
Mr. Hazlett will talk with the Building Manager and have this done.
- G. Ordinance No. 144-6 – Hours of Operation of Garbage Collection – Primarily in restaurant area
Mayor Rhome reported that every officer knows about this and has the Ordinance in the vehicle. If it continues, they will be cited. Discussion was held.
- H. Drug Related Problems on Van Eman Street
The Mayor reported on a raid and the arrest made Friday.
- I. Funds Budgeted to Police Department, Tragedy in Arizona, and Concern for Safety of Police
- J. Chartiers Creek Work Camp
Looking for 75 homes for this July event. Deadline for applications is March 15, 2011.

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K. Personnel Issue

The Mayor and Chief of Police would like to address a personnel issue with all of Council after the Executive Session discussion. Mr. Coleman conveyed to the Mayor and Chief the fact that Council is very proud of the Police and all that they did in 2010.

L. Mr. Williams stated that last month he asked for a comparison for month to month and month to year on the parking enforcement. This helps to keep track of where we are on parking meters.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Illegal Dumping in the Park – Brought up by Mr. Coleman
Discussion was held.

It was decided that the violators should be cited.

B. Replacement of Sign on Tannehill Street – Brought up by Mr. Sharkady

Mr. Hazlett will check on this.

C. Stray Cats on Euclid Avenue – Brought up by Mr. Williams
Mr. Hazlett will get in touch with Kym Secreet.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS:

There was none.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Shon Womer, Personnel:

The Executive Session began at 8:50 P.M.

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:45 P.M.

Mary A. Solomon

ATTACHMENTS:

None