

BOROUGH OF CANONSBURG
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 13, 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. and George Coleman

Others Present:

Assistant Borough Manager Denise Lesnock, Engineer Harvey Treschow, Attorney Patrick Derrico, Mayor David H. Rhome, Police Chief R. T. Bell, and Code Enforcement Office John Elzer

Absent:

Council Representative John Bevec and Borough Manager Terry Hazlett

V. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:

Mr. John Elzer reported on the following:

- A. Proposal – Racoszy, Little Joe's, and Borough of Canonsburg
Re: Alternate place for trash
Little Joe's refused this offer.
Another proposal is on the table between Mr. Racoszy and Jeffrey's

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS;

- A. Mr. John Rakoczy, owner of 102 West Pike Street, Canonsburg, informed Council that he has not talked with Jeffrey's, as he thought the Borough was handling this. He said he noticed that the dumpster behind Jeffrey's is overflowing. He felt that unless there's a decent dumpster with daily pickup, there will be a problem adding the trash of his five tenants.
Mr. Rakoczy expressed his dissatisfaction with the fact that he was given approval to put a box there, and questioned why he's now told it can't be there.
Discussion was held.

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It was decided that Mayor Rhome, Mr. Hazlett, and Mr. Elzer will continue to attempt to resolve this matter.

Mr. Rakoczy requested reimbursement from the Borough for the cost of materials and delivery of the box because he was initially given approval to put it there.

The approval had not been given by Council.

Further discussion was held pertaining to garbage cans and paraphernalia in the hallway.

Mr. Rakoczy explained that he is redoing some apartments upstairs and has doors, etc. in the hallway, and he has been informed by the Fire Department that this is unacceptable and must move it. He told them he is moving it.

It was decided that the matter of the trash should be handled before addressing the issue of reimbursement.

B. Mr. Matt Shirer, of 404 Blaine Avenue, addressed the following items:

1. Asked Council to remove guardrail at the intersection of First and Ash Alley which had been authorized by Council when voting for abandonment of the steps from Adams Avenue to Ash Alley. Mr. Shirer said that it looks like a ghetto, it's been spray-painted, it's hideous looking, it's hard for traffic to get around it, and he felt that people will still go up and down whether the guardrail is there or not. He said that Mother Nature has started to take over and volunteered to take care of the property.

Mr. Williams felt that the guardrail above the steps serves no purpose and should be removed.

Discussion was held.

Mr. Milioto asked Public Safety to visit the area, find out what's going on, make a decision, and report back to Council with suggestions.

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Mr. Shirer would like to be present when Public Safety visits the site.

He also asked if he should have a petition signed by his neighbors.

Mr. Milioto advised that it might be a good idea.

2. Building Permits

Suggested putting on web site that the fee is between \$25 and \$5,000.

Mr. Shirer was informed that this information is on the application.

- C. Mr. Ralph Parise, of 1116 Martin Drive, which is the last house on the right by Julia Drive, addressed Council in reference to danger due to speed, drivers not obeying stop signs, and the potential for accidents. He offered to let the police sit in his driveway to observe the situation.

Mr. Milioto asked Mayor Rhome to look into this to see what can be done to slow the people down.

Chief Bell said that, if it's agreeable with the Mayor, they will take care of this starting tonight.

VII. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Milioto addressed the following items:

- A. Council members have received an invitation to the grand opening of the Library for Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at 11:00 A.M.

Mr. Milioto stated that Ila Stabile is requesting all of Council to be there. Photos will be taken at 10:30 A.M.

- B. Request from Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church to install a banner reading "Welcome, Work Campers" at 112 West Pike in front of the church. Mr. Milioto stated that according to the Borough's Ordinances, a resolution must be signed and sent to Penn DOT.

Mr. Williams motioned to authorize a Resolution to permit Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church to hang a banner in the vicinity of 112 West Pike Street on the following dates: Effective

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date of June 27, 2011 and removal date of July 5, 2011.

Mr. Coleman seconded the motion.

Remarks: Mr. Williams asked if Council wants the banner hanging through the Fourth of July.

Discussion was held.

Mr. Williams moved to amend his motion to include the banner for Kennywood. The motion will now read as follows:

Mr. Williams motioned to authorize a Resolution to permit installation of the following banners:

Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church – “Welcome, Work Campers” – Vicinity of 112 West Pike Street on the following dates: Effective date of June 27, 2011

and removal date of July 5, 2011; and

Canonsburg Volunteer Fire Department – “Kennywood” Banner – July 1, 2011 through July 17, 2011.

Mr. Coleman seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

VIII. VOTING ITEMS:

A. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Williams motioned to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council.

Mr. Graff seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Policy Form for Erecting Displays

Mr. Graff motioned to approve policy/form for erecting displays on Borough property.

Mr. Coleman seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

Richard Russo	Yes
Paul Sharkady	Yes
Joseph Graff	Yes
Allen J. Williams	No
Patricia Romano	Yes

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Fran Coleman	Yes
George Coleman	Yes
John Bevec	Absent
Joseph Milioto	Yes

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

- C. Motion – Award Bid – Repair/Construction – Speer Street
Mr. Treschow made reference to a typographical error in the amount of the bid listed on the agenda. Instead of \$26,107.30, the correct amount is \$36,107.30.

Attorney Derrico stated that the motion should include: To return the bonds to the unsuccessful bidders.

Mr. Graff motioned to award El Grande the bid for repair/construction of Speer Street at \$36,107.30 per recommendation of HMT and the Solicitor and to return the bonds to the unsuccessful bidders.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

John Bevec	Absent
George Coleman	No
Fran Coleman	Yes
Patricia Romano	Yes
Allen J. Williams	Yes
Joseph Graff	Yes
Paul Sharkady	No
Richard Russo	Yes
Joseph Milioto	Yes

RESULTS OF THE MOTION: Six Yes, Two No, One Absent. Motion carried.

- D. Motion – Speed Bumps on Dawson Street
Mr. Sharkady motioned to install speed bumps on Dawson Street during the summer months.
Mr. Coleman seconded the motion.
Discussion was held.

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Mrs. Coleman made reference to Church Way.
Discussion was held pertaining to speed bumps versus speed humps and the legalities.
Mr. Coleman withdrew his second.
Mr. Sharkady did not want to withdraw his motion.
Mr. Coleman seconded the motion again.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

Richard Russo	Yes
Paul Sharkady	Yes
Joseph Graff	No
Allen J. Williams	No
Patricia Romano	Yes
Fran Coleman	Yes
George Coleman	Yes
John Bevec	Absent
Joseph Milioto	Yes

RESULTS OF THE MOTION: Six Yes, Two No, One Absent. Motion carried.

Mr. Williams asked that the Borough obtain specs and something in writing from PennDOT as to legality of speed bumps.

Mr. Treschow replied that someone bought them and they should have the specs.

Mr. Milioto asked Ms. Lesnock to have Mr. Hazlett look into this matter.

E. Motion to Approve PA DEP Resolution

Mr. Williams motioned to approve a PA DEP Resolution for plan revision for new land development.

Mr. Russo seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

John Bevec	Absent
George Coleman	Yes
Fran Coleman	Yes
Patricia Romano	Yes

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Allen J. Williams	Yes
Joseph Graff	Yes
Paul Sharkady	Yes
Richard Russo	Yes
Joseph Milioto	Yes

RESULTS OF THE MOTION: Seven Yes, Zero No, One Absent. Motion carried.

F. Motion to Approve COG Agreement with Char West Council of Governments

Ms. Lesnock explained that this pertains to the Canonsburg-Houston Joint Authority.

Discussion was held.

Mr. Coleman suggested that this should be removed from the Agenda.

This item died due to lack of a motion.

G. Approval of Engineer's Report

Mr. Graff motioned to accept the June 6, 2011 Engineer's Report.

Mr. Williams seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

H. Approval of Borough Manager's Report

Mr. Sharkady motioned to accept the June 6, 2011 Borough Manager's Report.

Mr. Williams seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

I. Curbs

Mr. Williams motioned to approve Joe Palmieri Construction in the amount of \$9,950.00 to finish the East Pike Street Concrete Curb Replacement Project.

Mr. Coleman seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

Richard Russo	Yes
Paul Sharkady	Yes

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Joseph Graff	No
Allen J. Williams	Yes
Patricia Romano	No
Fran Coleman	Yes
George Coleman	Yes
John Bevec	Absent
Joseph Milioto	Yes

RESULTS OF THE MOTION: Six Yes, Two No, One
Absent. Motion carried.

IX. FINANCE REPORT:

A. Presentation of Bills for Approval – Richard Russo

Mr. Russo mentioned to Council that the tree service expenses seem to be high.

Discussion was held.

Mr. Russo motioned to approve the bills, which includes the following:

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

Mr. Williams seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

John Bevec	Absent
George Coleman	Yes
Fran Coleman	Yes
Patricia Romano	Yes
Allen J. Williams	Yes
Joseph Graff	Yes
Paul Sharkady	Yes
Richard Russo	Yes

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Joseph Milioto Yes

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

X. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Participation in DEA Program for a Police Officer – Brought
Up by Mr. Russo

Mr. Russo stated that this was brought up a few months ago,
as well as the matter of expenses.

Mayor Rhome suggested discussing this in an Executive
Session. There is also a time frame due to the availability of
the officer.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Building Committee – Mr. Sharkady

Mr. Sharkady reported that the Building Committee discussed
The project at its meeting and whether they may be able to find
Grants and funding for it. (This includes the museum, the
Police Department and bathrooms.)

- B. Public Safety – Joseph Graff

Mr. Graff read the Fire Department Report for the month of
May. They responded to 17 calls, and total damages for the
month were zero dollars.

- C. Parks and Recreation – Allen J. Williams

Mr. Williams stated that he would like to recuse himself from
this committee.

Mr. Coleman motioned, per the request of Mr. Williams, to
remove him from the Parks and Recreations Committee as
he recused himself.

Mr. Graff seconded the motion.

Remarks: Mr. Sharkady asked Mr. Williams if he had a reason,
as he was doing such a good job.

Mr. Williams said he received a e-mail asking him to step down,
talk to the Park Board, and reappoint a new Council member.

Mr. Coleman withdrew his motion.

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It was decided to discuss this in an Executive Session.

D. Code Enforcement/Property and Maintenance

1. Mr. Treschow reviewed a program he had put together per the request of Council pertaining to inspections of rental properties in Canonsburg, etc. This is based on a program they currently enforce in California, PA, A workshop will be scheduled on this matter.
2. Mrs. Coleman reported on the alleyway going to Church Street. There isn't a stop sign going on to College Street.
Mr. Coleman said there had been a stop sign there a number of years ago.
Mr. Russo said that this stop sign can be replaced.
3. Mr. Coleman touched on his report that is included in the packets.

Discussion was held.

E. Mayor's Report

Mayor Rhome stated that last week he asked Council to look at the area behind the plaza across the street. He looked at it again today at noon and found eight cars parked (with back wheels out onto the roadway) from the doctor's office to the end of Rite Aid. The Mayor asked for direction from Council. Mayor Rhome's suggestion was to write a letter to the Borough that, effective July 1, 2011, the police will start to tag. His feeling was there shouldn't be parking back there at all. Discussion was held.

The Mayor suggested to include in the letter that there is a permit parking lot right behind.

Mayor Rhome also asked about the sign on the side of Rite Aid that says Permit Parking Only and if Council wished to continue it this way.

Ms. Lesnock will get the letter out this week.

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F. Solicitor's Report

Attorney Derrico had no report at this time.

G. Engineer's Report

Mr. Treschow had nothing additional to report at this time.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Executive Session pertaining to personnel began at 8:30 P;M.

No action was taken after the Executive Session.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 P.M.

Mary A. Solomon

ATTACHMENTS:

None