

Canonsburg Borough Council Meeting
Re-Organization Meeting
Monday, January 4, 2016
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rhome at 7:00 pm.

A. **Moment of Silence** called by Mayor Rhome

B. **Pledge of Allegiance**

C. **Swearing In Ceremony**

Mayor Rhome stated the certificates of election from Washington County and the certificates of affidavit of residency for each candidate are in the Mayor's possession; the Solicitor has reviewed and find all in order. The following were sworn in for their oath of office.

Mayor Rhome called on Mr. Richard Todd Bell. His wife Sophia was present.

Mr. Bell raised his right hand and repeated after the Mayor:

"I Richard Todd Bell, in accepting the office as member of the Canonsburg Borough Council, do solemnly swear to perform my duties in a dedicated and honorable manner for the furtherance and well being of all citizens and in doing so uphold the ordinances of the Borough of Canonsburg and to protect and defend the Constitution of the Commonwealth and that of the United States of America so help me God."

The Mayor congratulated Mr. Bell.

The Mayor called on Judge David Mark and Mr. Harold Bowman.

Mr. Bowman raised his right hand and repeated after Judge Mark.

"I Harold Bowman, in accepting the office as member of the Canonsburg Borough Council, do solemnly swear to perform my duties in a dedicated and honorable manner for the furtherance and well being of all citizens and in doing so uphold the ordinances of the Borough of Canonsburg and to protect and defend the Constitution of the Commonwealth and that of the United States of America so help me God."

Judge Mark congratulated Mr. Bowman.

The Mayor called Fran Coleman.

Mrs. Coleman raised her right hand and repeated after Judge Mark.

"I Fran Coleman, in accepting the office as member of the Canonsburg Borough Council, do solemnly swear to perform my duties in a dedicated and honorable manner for the furtherance and well being of all citizens and in doing so uphold the ordinances of the Borough of Canonsburg and to protect and defend the Constitution of the Commonwealth and that of the United States of America so help me God."

Judge Mark congratulated Mrs. Coleman.

The Mayor called Joseph E. McGarry.

Mr. McGarry raised his right hands and repeated after Judge Mark.

"I Joseph E. McGarry, in accepting the office as member of the Canonsburg Borough Council, do solemnly swear to perform my duties in a dedicated and honorable manner for the furtherance and well being of all citizens and in doing so uphold the ordinances of the Borough of Canonsburg and to protect and defend the Constitution of the Commonwealth and that of the United States of America so help me God."

Judge Mark congratulated Mr. McGarry.

The Mayor called President Judge Katherine Emery of Washington County and Katherine Tina S. Bails.

Ms. Bails raised her right hand and repeated after Judge Emery'

"I Katherine Tina S. Bails, in accepting the office as member of the Canonsburg Borough Council, do solemnly swear to perform my duties in a dedicated and honorable manner for the furtherance and well being of all citizens and in doing so uphold the ordinances of the Borough of Canonsburg and to protect and defend the Constitution of the Commonwealth and that of the United States of America so help me God."

Judge Emery congratulated Mrs. Bails.

D. Roll Call

Mr. McGarry-Present

Mrs. Coleman-Present

Mrs. Bails-Present

Mr. Bowman-Present

Mr. Severine-Present

Mr. Sharkady-Present

Mr. Bell-Present

Mayor Rhome welcomed and congratulated each member and Mr. Bell, at large, for the whole town.

Others Present: Solicitor Mr. Patrick Derrico, HMT Engineer Mr. Harvey Treschow, Canonsburg Borough Manager Mr. Bob Kipp, Mayor David Rhome, Public Works Mr. Tom Lawrence.

E. Nominations for President of the Borough Council.

Mrs. Coleman made a nomination for Mr. Richard RT Bell as the President of Council. Seconded by Mr. McGarry.

Roll Call:

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mrs. Bails-Yes

Mr. Bowman-Yes

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mr. Sharkady-Yes

Mr. Bell-Yes

7 Yes. 0 No. Motion Carries.

F. Motion for Vice President of the Borough Council.

Mrs. Coleman made a nomination for Joe McGarry for Vice President of the Borough Council. Seconded by Mr. Bowman.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bell-Yes

Mr. Sharkady-Yes

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mr. Bowman-Yes

Mrs. Bails-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. McGarry-Yes

7 Yes. 0 No. Motion Carries.

Mayor Rhome stated it is a great pleasure and privilege to have Mr. Bell take the seat as President. He congratulated Mr. Bell and to move the Council and the citizen's of the Borough progressively and do the right thing.

Mr. Bell thanked Council and those present. He stated he hopes he can do what those who voted for him asked him to do.

G. Mr. Bell asked for nominations for President Pro-Tem.

Mr. McGarry made a nomination for Mrs. Fran Coleman for President Pro-Tem. Seconded by Mr. Bowman.

Roll Call:

Mr. Sharkady-Yes

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mr. Bowman-Yes

Mrs. Bails-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mr. Bell-Yes

7 Yes. 0 No. Motion Carries.

Mr. Bell asked for a motion, with the Solicitor's approval, to dispense with any further action tonight until Council can look over committees and other items.

Mr. Severine made a motion to dispense with any further action tonight on the agenda until Council can review committees and other items. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

Mr. Derrico was in approval.

Roll Call:

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mrs. Bails-Yes

Mr. Bowman-Yes

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mr. Sharkady-Yes

Mr. Bell-Yes

7 Yes. 0 No. Motion Carries.

Mr. Bell appreciated those who attended tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McGarry made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Submitted by: Michelle LoBello

