

BOROUGH OF CANONSBURG
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bevec at 7 p.m.

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALLS:

Present: Mr. Russo, Mr. Sharkady, Mr. Graff, Mr. McGarry, Mrs. Romano, Mr. Bilski, Mr. Miller, Mr. Bevec

Others Present: Borough Manager Terry Hazlett, Engineer Harvey Treschow,

Attorney Patrick Derrico, Mayor David Rhome, Police Chief R.T. Bell

Absent: Councilwoman Mrs. Coleman

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

(A) Mary Lou Catton, 123 College Street, Canonsburg, reported that there were multiple 911 calls in her neighborhood and “body bags would soon be involved if something isn’t done.” She also said the owner of 123 ½ College needs to clean up his house.

(B) Bob Stopperich of 450 Linden Road, Canonsburg, reminded council that he “had followed the (lawn maintenance) bid to the T,” and hoped that council kept that in mind when awarding the bid.

(C) Rob Luksis, 230 Belmont Avenue, Canonsburg, a member of the Canonsburg-Houston Sewer Authority, reported that board member Jim Romano had told the CHJA board a few months ago that he was resigning, and that the board was recommending Steve Lucas to fill the seat

(D) Imogene Horwath, 243 Lincoln Avenue, Canonsburg, said that “someone is dealing in drugs” near her residence, and told council there were five widows on her street and it needed to be monitored by police. She also asked when street repair work would be done on Lincoln.

VI. VOTING ITEMS

(A) Approval of minutes

Mr. Graff made a motion to approve the borough council minutes of December 12, 2011. Mrs. Romano seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Russo Yes

Mr. Sharkady Yes

Mr. Graff Yes

Mr. McGarry Yes

Mrs. Romano Yes

Mrs. Coleman ----

Mr. Bilski Yes

Mr. Miller Yes

Mr. Bevec Yes

The motion was unanimously approved, with Mrs. Coleman absent (8-0)

(B) Bid for lawn maintenance

Manager Terry Hazlett said he had met with Mr. Derrico earlier Monday and the recommendation was to re-bid the work. Mr. Derrico said he preferred to re-bid the work because of confusion with the original bid, and that the new bid document would be re-written with the options for a three-year, or one-year contracts. Mr. Sharkady made a motion to re-bid the lawn maintenance contract, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Bilski.

Roll Call:

Mr. Miller Yes
Mr. Bilski Yes
Mrs. Coleman ---
Mrs. Romano Yes
Mr. McGarry Yes
Mr. Graff Yes
Mr. Sharkady Yes
Mr. Russo Yes
Mr. Bevec Yes

The motion was unanimously approved, with Mrs. Coleman absent (8-0)

(C) Resignation of Mr. Romano from the Canonsburg-Houston Joint Sewer Authority

Mr. Russo made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Romano, and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Romano.

Roll Call:

Mr. Russo Yes
Mr. Sharkady Yes
Mr. Graff Yes
Mr. McGarry Yes
Mrs. Romano Yes
Mrs. Coleman ---
Mr. Bilski Yes
Mr. Miller Yes
Mr. Bevec Yes

The motion was unanimously approved, with Mrs. Coleman absent (8-0)

(D) Recommendation for CHJA board member

Mr. Russo made a motion to name Steve Lucas as a CHJA board member, at the recommendation of the CHJA board. Mrs. Romano seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Graff then reminded the board that Mr. Lucas had supported selling the plant to the American Water Company a few years ago. Mr. Russo said it was Dan Caruso (a former council member) who actually brought the idea to council, but Mr. Lucas may have supported it. Mr. Graff then made a motion to table the vote, which was seconded by Mr. Sharkady.

Roll Call:

Mr. Miller: Yes
Mr. Bilski: No
Mrs. Coleman ---

Mrs. Romano No
Mr. McGarry No
Mr. Graff: Yes
Mr. Sharkady Yes
Mr. Russo No
Mr. Bevec No

The motion failed 5-3, with Mrs. Coleman absent. The original motion then was voted upon.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Russo: Yes
Mr. Sharkady: No
Mr. Graff: No
Mr. McGarry: Yes
Mrs. Romano Yes
Mrs. Coleman ----
Mr. Bilski Yes
Mr. Miller Yes
Mr. Bevec Yes

Approved (6-2) with Mrs. Coleman absent

Mayor Rhome, in his report, recommended John Jones be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Canonsburg Civil Service Commission. Mr. Sharkady made a motion to approve, with Mr. Miller seconding the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Miller: Yes
Mr. Bilski: Yes
Mrs. Coleman ---
Mrs. Romano Yes
Mr. McGarry Yes
Mr. Graff: Yes
Mr. Sharkady Yes
Mr. Russo Yes
Mr. Bevec Yes

The motion was unanimously approved, with Mrs. Coleman absent (8-0)

Mr. Miller made motion to approve the bills, which was seconded by Mr. Graff

Roll Call:

Mr. Russo: Yes
Mr. Sharkady: Yes
Mr. Graff: Yes
Mr. McGarry: Yes
Mrs. Romano Yes
Mrs. Coleman ----

Mr. Bilski Yes

Mr. Miller Yes

Mr. Bevec Yes

Approved (6-2) with Mrs. Coleman absent

The motion was approved unanimously, with Mrs. Coleman absent (8-0)

VII UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Russo asked the borough manager to send letters to PennDOT and the county, in reference to who was responsible for repairs to the bridge/sidewalk at Central Avenue and Jefferson Avenue.

Council then moved into a workshop discussion of goals for 2012 and beyond. The workshop will be continued January 30 at 7 p.m.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

At 8:32, Mr. Russo made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Sharkady.

Terry Hazlett