

BOROUGH OF CANONSBURG
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 11, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER:

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

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

IV. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Richard Russo, Paul Sharkady, Joseph Graff, Joseph McGarry, John Bevec, Patricia Romano, Fran Coleman, and Timothy Bilsky

Others Present:

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

Absent:

R. Mont Miller

V. GUESTS;

A. Kerry Fox – Washington County Redevelopment Authority

Mr. Fox reported on the following items:

1. E-Bay Store has been torn down;
2. Last Year's Canonsburg Street and Sewer Improvement Project
3. New Street and Sewer Improvement Project
Widmer Engineering will be out for bids within the next three weeks. (Includes White Way, Lincoln Avenue, Orchard Avenue, and Summit Avenue). Will be under construction some time in July.
4. Handicap Ramp Improvements Project
Chester Engineers should be out for bids within the next two weeks.
5. Adams Avenue Property
6. Demolitions

Mr. Russo reported that the four properties going out for bid are:

415 Franklin Avenue

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501 South Central Avenue
230 Vine Street
325 West College Street

7. Adams Avenue

Mayor Rhome has an individual interested in this.

Mr. Fox stated that it is a quarter of an acre, and the price is still \$36,000.00.

The Mayor stated that they just need to understand a little bit about the alley in the back.

NOTE: Mr. Fox left the meeting at 7:07 P.M.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A. Mr. Markus Solobay, of 141 Murdock Street, addressed Council in reference to the ongoing problems he and his neighbors continue to endure in relation to some of the patrons of Canon Lodge, which is located on their street. He cited incidents that occurred on the following dates:

April 27, 2012 – 10:10 P.M.

May 10, 2012 – 11:30 P.M. – 1:30 A.M.

May 23, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Solobay's concerns had to do with drugs, illicit sex, speeding and accidents, as well as a neighbor's barking dog and waste from the dog. He and his neighbors have been calling the police per advice given previously by Council, and they will continue to do so. Mr. Solobay also mentioned the fact that when the police come, they have snuff in their mouths.

Discussion was held.

In reference to the barking dog, Mayor Rhome stated that Animal Control will be called.

The Mayor reported that the matter of snuff has been addressed.

Mayor Rhome explained while making reference to the accident of May 23rd that the police are taking an aggressive approach.

He also stated that there was a hostage situation at the time of the May 10th-11th incident, which is why the police couldn't

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get there in a timely fashion.

Chief Bell added that they are dealing with a liquor license and a club that has been in that neighborhood for 50 – 70 years, and they are doing everything they can do. The main officer of the club lives in Pittsburgh.

Further discussion was held.

VII. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Bevec stated that an Executive Session is needed before the close of tonight's meeting pertaining to potential litigation/real estate.

VIII. VOTING ITEMS:

A. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Graff motioned to approve the May 14, 2012 Regular Meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council.

Mr. Sharkady seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

B. Motion to Hire Part-Time Police Officer

Mr. Graff motioned to hire Joshua Withers as a part-time Police officer.

Mrs. Coleman seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

Richard Russo	Yes
Paul Sharkady	Yes
Joseph Graff	Yes
Joseph McGarry	Yes
Patricia Romano	Yes
Fran Coleman	Yes
Timothy Bilsky	Yes
Mont Miller	Absent
John Bevec	Yes

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

C. Motion to Advertise for Bids

Mr. Bilsky motioned to authorize advertising for bids for the

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Canonsburg Borough Building renovation.

Mr. Sharkady seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

Richard Russo	Yes
Paul Sharkady	Yes
Joseph Graff	Yes
Joseph McGarry	Yes
Patricia Romano	Yes
Fran Coleman	Yes
Timothy Bilsky	Yes
Mont Miller	Absent
John Bevec	Yes

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

D. Approval of Borough Manager's Report

Mr. Graff motioned to approve the Borough Manager's Report of June 4, 2012.

Mr. McGarry seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

E. Approval of Engineer's Report

Mr. Graff motioned to approve the Borough Engineer's Report of June 4, 2012.

Mr. Sharkady seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

IX. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Rhome reported on the following:

- A. Police Department Report for May, 2012
- B. Parking Enforcement Department May Report
- C. Illegal Burning on Barr Street – Under Control
- D. Signs
 1. The Mayor agreed with Mrs. Coleman that the sign at 215 Barr Street coming out of the alley needs replaced.

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2. Duquesne Avenue
Mayor Rhome had been given a letter last week from Leticia Gilbert of 532 Duquesne Avenue, requesting an Autistic Child Area sign and a Watch Children sign. The Mayor recommended the Autistic Child Area sign. Mr. McGarry motioned to place an Autistic Child Area sign in the area of 532 Duquesne Avenue. Mr. Graff seconded the motion, The motion was passed unanimously.
- E. Whiskey Rebellion Run – Fourth of July
Starting time will be backed up by 15 minutes to release some of the traffic flow through town. They Mayor reported that they are working diligently to take part of the course out of the race to make things a little safer in the West End area.
- F. Recreational Fire on Highland Avenue
A citation will be issued for illegally burning after ten o'clock per the Borough Ordinance Book.
- G. Opening and Closing of Streets/Digging
The Mayor reported that after meeting with the Chairman Of Public Safety (Mr. Graff), the Chairman of Public Works (Mrs. Romano), and Tom Lawrence (of Public Works), it was decided that the police will take a more active role in this and work administratively with the office to be sure procedures are properly followed.
- H. Grand Opening of Sarris'
The Mayor expressed thanks from the Sarris family to Council, the front office, and HMT.
- I. All Clad Day – Held May 3, 2012
- J. Hot Diggity Dog Days
- K. Old Tyme Country Shoppe's Grand Opening
- L. Second Graduation of Technology Class at Canon-McMillan (All Clad) was held May 9, 2012

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M. Ceremonial Swearing In Ceremony of Part-Time Police Officer (Joshua Withers) will be July 2, 2012.

N. Recognition of Service

Mayor Rhome stated that Mrs. Coleman) had asked him to recognize the Gadani family for 25 years of service at Town Park. He has talked with them; and this will be done on July 2, 2012.

O. Murdock Street Issue

P. Sign Request

Mr. Graff reported that Clement Kulakowski, of 520 Franklin Avenue, requested a sign in front of his house because his mother is wheelchair confined.

This will be investigated and recommendation will be made in July.

X. FINANCE REPORT:

A. Presentation of Bills for Approval – Mont Miller

Mr. Russo stated that he has reviewed the bills but held one out that has to do with personnel. This will be discussed in the Executive Session.

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

Mrs. Romano seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

Richard Russo	Yes
Paul Sharkady	Yes
Joseph Graff	Yes
Joseph McGarry	Yes

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Patricia Romano	Yes
Fran Coleman	Yes
Timothy Bilsky	Yes
Mont Miller	Absent
John Bevec	Yes

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

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Parks and Recreation/Events

1. Mrs. Coleman reported on the Park Board meeting.
2. Mayor Rhome mentioned the two statues in the back on Caruso Boulevard that need restored at an approximate cost of \$3,500.00. The Park Board does not have the money, and the Mayor asked if Council could try to find funds to restore them, as this is part of Canonsburg's history.
Discussion was held.
3. Mrs. Coleman reported that the park was packed for the concert.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Attorney Derrico stated that he handed out a copy of Judge Bell's Order on the case of Stopperich versus the Borough of Canonsburg. He explained that the Borough is required or directed to enter into contract with Mr. Stopperich as result of a defect because the number one bidder never answered the Joinder.

NOTE: A copy of the Consent Order of Court is attached to these minutes.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS:

There was none.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An Executive Session pertaining to possible litigation/real estate began at 7:48 P.M.

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XV. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was balled back to order by Mr. Bevec at 8:25 P.M.

It was found after discussion in the Executive Session that the bill Mr. Russo held out did not pertain to personnel and could actually be approved tonight. Mr. Russo motioned to approve for payment the bill in question that had been held out.

Mrs. Romano seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

Richard Russo	Yes
Paul Sharkady	Yes
Joseph Graff	Yes
Joseph McGarry	Yes
Patricia Romano	Yes
Fran Coleman	Yes
Timothy Bilsky	Yes
Mont Miller	Absent
John Bevec	Yes

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

XVI. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Mary A. Solomon

ATTACHMENT:

Consent Order of Court (Robert Stopperich vs. Borough of Canonsburg vs. Michael Falbo, Additional Defendant)