

BOROUGH OF CANONSBURG
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 9, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bevec at 7:03 P.N.

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:

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

Absent:

R. Mont Miller

V. RECOGNITION OF CANON-MCMILLAN GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM:

On behalf of Council and the Mayor, Mayor Rhome recognized individually and presented certificates to each member of the Canon-McMillan Girls Softball Team, Head Coach Michelle Moeller, and Assistant Coaches Steve Moskal and Tracy Mihalec for their winning season and WPIAL AAAA Championship.

VI. GUESTS:

A. Cypher and Cypher – 2011 Audit Report

Representing the firm of Cypher and Cypher were Mr. Steve Cypher and Mr. Luke Rayle. Mr. Cypher stated that they have passed out the Audit Report, a management letter, and a presentation. He gave an in depth review of these items, and the presentation was also shown on the screen.

Mr. Cypher commended Mr. Hazlett and Ms. Lesnock for their work and their cooperation with the auditors.

Council members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Discussion was held.

VII. PRESENTATION BY CANONSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Mayor Rhome asked Chief Bell to join him and the police officers in making

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A presentation to Council for approval of a K-9 officer to the Police Department. He introduced the police officers: Sgt. Alex Coghill and Matt Tharp, who would be the handler of the K-9. A movie to be shown tonight shows that the K-9's initial impact would be on the drug world and things such as crowd control.

Chief Bell stated that he gave Mr. Russo a pamphlet they made up that explains the program. (If Council approves this, more will be made up and given out around the community.) He explained that the Police Department is hoping to get funding for the dog through donations through businesses. Sgt. Coghill gave a power point presentation of what a K-9 officer can do, the necessary equipment needed, costs, means of funding, and liability.

Training for Officer Tharp and his dog should begin April 8, 2013.

Council members were given an opportunity to ask questions.

Discussion was held.

Mr. Sharkady questioned why this is just coming before Council tonight if the Police Department has been working on this for a year.

Officer Tharp explained that this involved a lot of research, which took some time.

Mayor Rhome stated that it is his policy to be sure all the homework is done before coming before Council in order to have all the answers.

Mr. Sharkady felt that Council should have more time to review this, as it can involve overtime.

Mr. Bilsky agreed.

Mr. Bevec polled Council members, most of whom supported the program.

Mayor Rhome stated that this will be handled administratively with the blessings of Council.

Chief Bell suggested, if anyone on Council has any questions, that they put them down in writing and they will be answered.

Mr. Bevec asked that the Police Department provide Council a copy of the information showing the breakdown of what is proposed.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were none.

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IX. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

A. Executive Session

Mr. Bevec asked for an Executive Session pertaining to a potential litigation matter.

The Executive Session began at 7:55 P.M. and ended at 8:25 P.M.

X. CALL BACK TO ORDER:

Mr. Bevec called the meeting back to order at 8:26 P.M.

XI. VOTING ITEMS:

A. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Sharkady motioned to approve the June 11, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council.

Mr. Russo seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

B. Weight Limitation – Meadow Avenue

Mr. Russo motioned to approve a 20 ton gross vehicle weight limit on Meadow Avenue.

Mr. Graff 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. Sewer Billing

Mr. Graff motioned to hire Jordan Tax to facilitate billing of sewer bills for a period of one year beginning October 1st.

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Mr. Russo 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. Memorandum of Understanding with Canonsburg-Houston Joint Sewer Authority
This matter was tabled.

E. Placement of Chairs – Fourth of July Celebration

Mrs. Coleman motioned to restrict placement of chairs for Fourth of July celebration until 6:00 A.M. on July 4th.

Mr. Sharkady seconded the motion.

Remarks: Mr. McGarry felt that perhaps it could be extended to July 2nd or July 3rd instead of the morning of the fourth. Discussion was held.

(A citizen wanted to speak at this time, but because Public Comments were passed, she was asked to come to the next Council Meeting.)

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

Richard Russo	Yes
Paul Sharkady	Yes
Joseph Graff	Yes
Joseph McGarry	No
Patricia Romano	Yes
Fran Coleman	Yes

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Timothy Bilsky	Yes
Mont Miller	Absent
John Bevec	Yes

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

- F. Mr. Bilsky motioned to approve the following for renovation of the Borough Building pending final review of the Solicitor:
1. Interior Alterations: General Industries (\$623,330)
 2. Plumbing Construction: Wheels Mechanical (\$173,490)
 3. Mechanical Construction: Controlled Climate Systems (105,500)
 4. Electrical Construction: John E. Rozzo Electrical Contractors (\$139,270)

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.

Mr. Graff motioned to return the bid bonds to the unsuccessful bidders effective upon determination of the Solicitor to approve the contracts.

Mr. McGarry seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- G. Borough Engineer's Report

Mr. Sharkady motioned to approve the Borough Engineer's

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Report of July 2, 2012.

Mr. Graff seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

H. Borough Manager's Report

Mr. Sharkady motioned to approve the Borough Manager's Report of July 2, 2012.

Mrs. Coleman seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

I. Petition Filed in Court of Common Pleas

Mr. Sharkady believed that the Petition filed in the Court of Common Pleas, Docket 2012-2382, in the name of all the registered electors of Canonsburg Borough to Reduce the Size of Council from 9 to 7 to be flawed and unreliable. Therefore, Mr. Sharkady motioned that Council send a letter in opposition to said Petition to the Presiding Judge of the Washington County Court of Common Pleas.

Mr. Graff seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

Richard Russo	No
Paul Sharkady	Yes
Joseph Graff	Yes
Joseph McGarry	Yes
Patricia Romano	No
Fran Coleman	Abstain
Timothy Bilsky	No
Mont Miller	Absent
John Bevec	No

RESULTS OF THE MOTION: Three Yes, Four No, One Abstain, One Absent. Motion denied.

XII. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Rhome reported on the following:

- A. Parking Enforcement Report
- B. Police Department Report

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C. Audit Report

Congratulated Mr. Hazlett and Ms. Lesnock for a job well done.

D. Attended Grand Openings and Ground Breaking Ceremony in June

E. Grand Opening of Skate Board Business – July 10, 2012

F. Letter from Robert Mont Miller’s Children

Mayor Rhome read a resignation letter dated July 2, 2012.

Mr. Miller is unable to continue on Council due to illness.

Mr. McGarry motioned to accept the resignation of Robert Mont Miller.

Mr. Graff seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Bevec sent his best to Mr. Miller, who has been around a long time and served the community well.

Mr. Sharkady added that Mr. Miller has done a wonderful job in All his community service.

Mr. McGarry stated that Mr. Miller put Canonsburg first in every capacity – Code, School Board, etc.

Mrs. Romano motioned that Mr. Peter Lucas be nominated to replace Mr. Miller in the First Ward.

Mr. McGarry 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	No
John Bevec	Yes

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

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XIII. FINANCE REPORT:

A. Presentation of Bills for Approval – Richard Russo

Mr. Russo motioned to approve the bills as they stand, which

Includes the following:

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

Mr. McGarry 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
John Bevec	Yes

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

XIV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Park Board Request – Brought Up by Mr. Russo

Mr. Russo said he was asked to pass a request on to Mrs. Coleman and the Park Board to place an electrical outlet in the women's locker room.

Mr. Hazlett replied that this was done last week.

XV. NEW BUSINESS:

There was none.

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XVI. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Russo motioned to adjourn.

Mr. McGarry seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Mary A. Solomon

ATTACHMENTS:

None