BOROUGH OF CANONSBURG
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER:
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Russo at 7:03 P.M.
II. MOMENT OF SILENCE:
III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
IV. ROLL CALL:
Present:
Richard Russo, Paul Sharkady, Joseph Graff, Joseph McGarry, Patricia Romano, Fran Coleman, Timothy Bilsky, and Peter Lucas
Others Present:
Borough Manager Terry Hazlett, Engineer Harvey Treschow, Attorney Patrick Derrico, Mayor David H. Rhome, and Police Chief R. T. Bell
Absent:
John Bevec
NOTE: Mr. Bevec joined the meeting via telephone during Voting Items.
V. GUESTS:
A. William Baker – Borough Pension
Mr. Baker highlighted certain items in the books that were distributed to Council:
1. Page 2 – Equity Returns
Can see no reason that rates will move positive until at least 2016.
2. Page 3 – Economy
7.7% Unemployment; 11.7% in Euro countries
3. Page 4 – Equity Market
Up 15% Year-to-Date; 21 Days remaining in year; 15% Dividends, Capital Gains coming to an end; will go up to 20% or possibly higher. Encouraging clients to take those gains.
Companies have been making special distributions and owners are taking cash out of companies and monitizing their ownership. It's believed that a

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fair amount of that money will go into the equity market.

4. Performance Portfolio – Police and Non-Uniform
5. Page 12 – Police Plan
   Up approximately $400,000; Monthly amount paid to retired officers or beneficiaries -- $13,600 (or $163,000 annually)
   Non-Uniform Plan
   Performance basically the same as Police Plan and monthly and annual distributions almost identical.

Discussion was held.

B. Special Presentation – Mayor Rhome
   This presentation will be postponed to January because one of the two officers is out of town with the DEA.

C. Mayor's Report
   The Mayor reported on the following:
   1. Police Department Report for November, 2012.
   2. Parking Enforcement Department Report
   3. Road Survey in East End
   4. Civil Service Committee Meeting
   5. Police Department Award
      Won the Platinum award with AAA Authority.
   6. Meeting Senator Solobay, Representative Neuman, Chief Bell, and Mayor had with PennDOT
      a. Intersection at McDonald's and possible options.
      b. After PennDOT says it's acceptable for a traffic light, Council will have to sign a letter of commitment in order to proceed. (First part of project)
         Mr. Russo asked if this would be a financial commitment.
         Mayor Rhome replied that this is the second part of the project. A typical intersection like this is about a quarter of a million dollars.

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7. Weavertown and Adams Avenue
   a. PennDOT will try to incorporate this in with the study of the intersection at McDonald's.
   b. Will need help from Borough to gain rights-of-ways so there won't be delay in the project. Starting date of project will be 2016.
   a. PennDOT will be looking at timing on lights to see if they can make any changes to ease flow of traffic.
8. Light Up Night – November 30, 2012
   Bill Schmidt Project – December 1, 2012
   Live Nativity – December 2, 2012
   Mayor Rhome thanked Councilmen Bevec, McGarry, and Bilsky for attending one or all three of the events.
9. New Church on Belmont Avenue – New Light Church
   Pastor requested parking on both sides of Belmont Avenue with a one-way sign on Sunday only for their parishioners as was done with previous church. The Mayor asked for direction from Council on this matter. He has talked with Mrs. Coleman, Mr. Russo, and Mr. McGarry and has their input on this.
   Discussion was held.
   Mrs. Coleman said they need to be informed that there is to be no parking on the sidewalks.
   Mayor Rhome stated that when they talked it was agreed to stay aggressive with this. Also, when it was discussed, Mrs. Coleman was in favor of moving ahead with this, and she also said that if it becomes an issue, it will be addressed as we move forward.
   Chief Bell and Council agreed.
10. North Street (Between Ridge Avenue and Park Drive and Between Ridge Avenue and North Jefferson Avenue)
    Mayor Rhome stated that quite a few people have taken the liberty to park their vehicles on the roadway, and it looks

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like most of them have parking with driveways, garages, etc. Some of the people have multiple vehicles. At one time Council had passed something saying that no one could park on the roadway unless it was for a special occasion. The Mayor said the complaints are there, people don't want all that parking on the streets, and it's really tight in that area for the Street Department when they are plowing in the winter.

Mr. Russo asked Mr. Treschow if the list still exists that lists all streets and where parking is permitted on them.

Mr. Treschow said he believes it does.

Mr. Russo felt it would be worth looking at this.

Discussion was held.

It was decided to move forward with courtesy warnings in the beginning, and if they don't pay attention, then move forward in another direction. Signs will be put up by the Public Works Department.

11. Executive Session

Mayor Rhome asked for an Executive Session tonight pertaining to personnel.

12. Presentation Made December 1, 2012– Bill Schmidt

Olympian Bill Schmidt gave a large framed award to the Mayor to present to the Borough on his behalf for permanent keeping wherever Council chooses to place it. It represents Mr. Schmidt's accomplishment and how proud he is of Canonsburg.

Mayor Rhome stated that after the presentation Mr. Schmidt entrusted the bronze medal to him on behalf of the Borough. He said that Mr. Schmidt would like the medal to be turned over to Council. The Mayor informed Council; that there is some paper work that has to be accomplished over many months, including the fact that the medal has to be vaulted. This will be done at no cost to the citizens.

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Mayor Rhome stated that Mr. Schmidt would like the bronze medal to reside at the Borough, preferably in the Borough building. It's up to Council where to house it.

Mr. Russo felt that there would be no objections to this. He said that once the building is organized, perhaps Mr. Bilsky can incorporate this in the design work and make sure the medal is given an appropriate spot.

Mr. Sharkady suggested that an appropriate place to display both the plaque and the medal would be our Sports Hall of Fame.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were none.

VII. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

A. Mr. Russo stated that he will hold his comments until Unfinished or New Business.

D. Voting by Telecommunication Device

Mr. Russo explained that Mr. Bevec is currently on the turnpike and on his way to this meeting, but he would like to be included in the Voting Items portion of the meeting.

Attorney Derrico reported that the new code provides for voting by telecommunication device; however, the person has to be able to hear what's going on and he also must be heard by Council.

Mr. Derrico felt that a resolution should be passed tonight to cover this. The Act says that this can be done for people on business travel. He is going to recommend a major resolution at the next meeting which spells out this type of thing for the future.

Mr. Hazlett said that we have a phone with a speaker on it. He will call Mr. Bevec who will have to call back on that extension. At that point Mr. Hazlett can put the extension on speaker phone, enabling Mr. Bevec to hear Council and Council to hear Mr. Bevec.

Mr. Lucas motioned to pass a Resolution to permit one of our members who is on business travel to be able to participate in the

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voting tonight by telecommunication system.
Mr. McGarry seconded the motion.
ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

Paul Sharkady	Yes
Joseph Graff	Yes
Joseph McGarry	Yes
John Bevec	Absent
Patricia Romano	Yes
` Fran Coleman	Yes
Timothy Bilsky	Yes
Peter Lucas	Yes
Richard Russo	Yes

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

NOTE: At this point, Mr. Hazlett proceeded to reach Mr. Bevec so he could join in on the Voting Items. (7:45 P.M.)

VIII. VOTING ITEMS:

A. Approval of November 12, 2012 and November 20, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Coleman made a correction to the minutes of November 20th:

On Page 6, Line 16 – She said she had to fight years ago to get the guy in here to be cleaning and whatever, and he could drive the fire truck.

The second "she" in the first line should be changed to "her husband". It will now read: She said her husband had to fight years ago to get the guy in here to be cleaning and whatever, and he could drive the fire truck.

Mr. Graff motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 12, 2012 and the General Purpose Council Meeting of November 20, 2012 as corrected.
Mr. McGarry seconded the motion.
The motion was passed unanimously.

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B. Resolution – Community Development Block Grant Monies
Mr. Hazlett passed out the Resolution and read the following information contained in it:

$430,058 of funding will be dispersed in 2013

$100,000 for Home Rehabilitation
$ 50,000 for Blight Removal
$153,872 for Street Improvement on First Street from Euclid Avenue to Ash Alley
$ 50,380 for Street Improvement on Perry Como Street from Highland to Moore
$ 75,806 in ADA Sidewalk Accessibility in selected sites

Mr. Sharkady motioned to approve Resolution for Dispersal of Community Development Block Grant Monies.
Mr. Graff seconded the motion.
ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

Paul Sharkady	Yes
Joseph Graff	Yes
Joseph McGarry	Yes
John Bevec	Yes
Patricia Romano	Yes
Fran Coleman	Yes
Timothy Bilsky	Yes
Peter Lucas	Yes
Richard Russo	Yes

RESULTS OF THE MOTION: Nine Yes, Zero no. Motion carried.

C. Approval of Construction of Additional Storage Space at Aquatech
Mr. Hazlett explained that this is a recommendation from the Planning Commission and is subject to meeting some stipulation from HMT.
Mr. Treschow reviewed the four stipulations:

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1. Because they showed no additional parking for the new facility as required, they must go to the Zoning Hearing Board for a variance on that issue. Hearing is scheduled for December 20, 2012.
2. Recommended that the entrance road to the new facility be paved;
3. Asked that architectural plans for proposed building be submitted to HMT;
4. Asked that elevation contours be added to the plan to see how the site will be graded.

Mr. Treschow stated that the Planning Commission recommended conditional approval based on those four issues being resolved.
Mr. Sharkady motioned to approve construction of additional storage space at Aquatech contingent upon completion of the four conditions specified by HMT and Associates.
Mr. Graff seconded the motion.
ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

Paul Sharkady	Yes
Joseph Graff	Yes
Joseph McGarry	Yes
John Bevec	Yes
Patricia Romano	Yes
Fran Coleman	Yes
Timothy Bilsky	Yes
Peter Lucas	Yes
Richard Russo	Yes

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

D. Approval of 2013 Sewer Plant Operations Budget
Mr. Graff motioned to approve the 2013 Sewer Plant Operations Budget of $3,405,200.
Mr. Sharkady seconded the motion.

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ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

Paul Sharkady	Yes
Joseph Graff	Yes
Joseph McGarry	Yes
John Bevec	Yes
Patricia Romano	Yes
Fran Coleman	Yes
Timothy Bilsky	Yes
Peter Lucas	Yes
Richard Russo	Yes

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

E. Approval of 2013 Canonsburg Borough Budget

Mr. Lucas motioned to approve the 2013 Canonsburg Borough Budget of $4,393,322 with a General Purpose tax of 30 mils, a Special Road Fund of 2 mils, a Debt Service of 2.33 mils, a Parks and Recreation Fund of 1 mil, and a Special Fire Department Equipment Fund of 3 mils for a total of 38.33 mils.

Mr. Graff seconded the motion.

Remarks: Mr. Bilsky stated that he is still not in agreement with it with a full time fireman included in the budget. He said that in looking at the Fire Department's tax return, it looks like they have about $2,000,000 in assets, and Mr. Bilsky felt that if they wanted a full time fireman, they could afford it.

Mr. Russo made reference to Attorney Derrico's letter in which he addressed this issue.

Attorney Derrico stated that Section 1301 of the new Borough Code provides for 30 mils total for general purposes, including help for the Fire Department and a portion of it. You can also charge under individual sections different individual amounts for various purposes. He said that this one has 3 mils for the Fire Department, but that does not restrict you from using general purposes under the 30 mils. The 3 mils is all that can be used for the special deal, and

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that doesn't mean you can't use more for the Fire Department. Attorney Derrico said that he may agree with Mr. Bilsky about the money the Fire Department has in its fund, but it's not part of the Borough funds. The Fire Department can do what they want with their own money.

Mr. Sharkady said he feels the same way. We give the Fire Department $132,000 a year plus a lot of other amenities. He felt if they wanted a paid fireman, they should pay for him themselves and not put the burden on the taxpayers.

Mr. Sharkady stated that he is not in agreement with the 1 mil increase that is proposed in the budget, and he can't support it.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

Paul Sharkady	No
Joseph Graff	Yes
Joseph McGarry	Yes
John Bevec	Yes
Patricia Romano	Yes
Fran Coleman	No
Timothy Bilsky	No
Peter Lucas	Yes
Richard Russo	Yes

RESULTS OF THE MOTION: Six Yes, Three No. Motion carried.

F. Approval of 2013 Tax Ordinance

Mr. Graff motioned to approve the 2013 Tax Ordinance.

Mr. McGarry seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

Paul Sharkady	No
Joseph Graff	Yes
Joseph McGarry	Yes
John Bevec	Yes
Patricia Romano	Yes
Fran Coleman	Yes

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Timothy Bilsky	No
Peter Lucas	Yes
Richard Russo	Yes

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

G. Approval of 2013 Salary Ordinance

Mr. Graff motioned to approve the 2013 Salary Ordinance.
Mr. McGarry seconded the motion.

Paul Sharkady	No
Joseph Graff	Yes
Joseph McGarry	Yes
John Bevec	Yes
Patricia Romano	Yes
Fran Coleman	Yes
Timothy Bilsky	No
Peter Lucas	Yes
Richard Russo	Yes

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

H. Motion to Hire Public Works Director

Mr. Bevec motioned to hire Carl T. Lawrence as Public Works Director at a salary of $58,000 (recommendation of the Search Committee).
Mr. Graff seconded the motion.
Remarks: Mr. Bilsky felt that Ralph Krezinski is the most qualified. In addition, he's semi-retired and might be willing to do this job part time without having to pay benefits.
Mr. Sharkady agreed that Ralph's resume and interview were the best of all those interviewed and he should be the person to get the job. He said we want what's best for the taxpayers and community and want to move our community forward, not backwards or stagnant.

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ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

Paul Sharkady	No
Joseph Graff	Yes
Joseph McGarry	Yes
John Bevec	Yes
Patricia Romano	Yes
Fran Coleman	Yes
Timothy Bilsky	No
Peter Lucas	Yes
Richard Russo	Yes

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

I. Motion to Recommend Zoom Corporation to Washington County Redevelopment Authority

Mr. Graff motioned to recommend Zoom Corporation/Stanley Kreminsky to Washington County Redevelopment Authority for purchase of 119/123 Adams Avenue property.

Mr. Lucas seconded the motion.

Discussion was held pertaining to the selling price.

Mr. Russo suggested including in the motion that it be contingent upon construction beginning within six months of the approval date.

Mr. Graff amended the motion to read as follows:

> Mr. Graff motioned to recommend Zoom Corporation/ Stanley Kreminsky to Washington County Redevelopment Authority for purchase of 119/123 Adams Avenue property contingent upon construction beginning within six months of the approval date.

Mr. Lucas seconded the amended motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

J. Approval of Borough Manager and Engineer Reports

Mr. Sharkady motioned to approve the Borough Manager and Engineer Reports of December 3, 2012.

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Mr. Graff seconded the motion.
The motion was passed unanimously.

NOTE: At this point Mr. Bevec was no longer part of the meeting via telecommunication device. (8:10 P.M.)

IX. FINANCE REPORT:

A. PGresentation of Bills for Approval

Mr. Russo stated that he reviewed the bills with Ms. Lesnock this week in Mr. Lucas' absence.

Mr. Lucas 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

Mr. McGarry seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

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

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

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Update to Last Week's Engineer's Report – Mr. Treschow

1. Breakdown of Cost Estimate of Redevelopment Streets
2. Fort Pitt Business Park Subdivision Number 2

Mr. Treschow reported that after a lengthy discussion of

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the existing storm water problems and the through-access road issue, the Planning Commission and the applicant agreed to table the application for the subdivision while these issues are reviewed and a resolution that is satisfactory to both parties is reached.

B. 517 Euclid Avenue – Brought Up by Mr. Russo
Mr. Russo stated that last week the Code Department was asked to look into the issues at 517 Euclid Avenue. There is a letter in the packet written by Mr. Hazlett to the land owner.

C. Armory – Brought Up by Mr. Russo
Mr. Russo stated he saw publication that our local armory is now up for open bid. Until February the Borough is in a position of first right of refusal for the armory. He said he believes the bid amount was $207,000.

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Mr. Bilsky wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Executive Session pertaining to personnel requested by Mayor Rhome began at 8:15 P.M.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 P.M.

Mary A. Solomon

ATTACHMENTS:

None