

BOROUGH OF CANONSBURG  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 8, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bevec at 7:04 P.M.

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

IV. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Richard Russo, Paul Sharkady, Joseph Graff, Joseph McGarry, John Bevec, Fran Coleman, Timothy Bilsky, and Peter Lucas

Others Present:

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

Absent:

Patricia Romano

V. PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Rhome made the following presentations:

1. Honored for Life Saving

Mayor Rhome honored and presented certificates to the following for saving the life of 15-year-old Johnathan Ayres, who collapsed during a Tae Kwon Do class at Kang's Black Belt Academy:

Patrolman Jonathan Cornell

Jeffrey Jox (Owner of Kang's Black Belt Academy)

Lisa Takash

(Applause)

Johnathan Ayres publicly thanked them for saving his life.

Remarks were made by Officer Cornell and also Mr. Jox.

Mr. Jox presented an honorary Black Belt certificate to Officer Cornell.

(Applause)8

B. Canon-McMillan Girls' Softball Team and Coaches

Mayor Rhome honored and presented certificates to members and coaches of the Canon-McMillan Girls' Softball Team for

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their accomplishments in the WPIAL Section and also the State Championship in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. They are the 2013 Quad A State Champions.

(Applause)

The Mayor recognized each of them individually.

Coaches were given the opportunity to say a few words.

Mayor Rhome also presented a certificate of commendation for the school in honor of the 2013 Canon-McMillan Varsity Softball Team.

(Applause)

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were none.

VII. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Bevec had no comments at this time.

VIII. VOTING ITEMS:

A. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Lucas motioned to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2013 Regular Council Meeting.

Mr. Graff seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

B. Engineer's Report

Engineer Tom Lubanovic, of H. M. T. and Associates reported on the following:

1. Update on the Bridge Project
2. North Street Bridge

Mr. McGarry motioned to approve the Engineer's Report dated July 1, 2013.

Mrs. Coleman seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

C. North Street Reconstruction Project

Mr. McGarry motioned to advertise for bid the North Street Reconstruction Project.

Mr. Graff seconded the motion.

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ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

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

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

Motion carried.

D. Sarris Bridge Demolition Project

Mr. McGarry motioned to move forward with the Sarris Bridge Demolition Project.

Mr. Graff seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

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

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

Motion carried.

E. Approval of Emergency Permit for PA American Water

Mr. Graff motioned to approve the Emergency Permit for PA American Water to relocate and perform work on the Sarris Bridge Project.

Mr. McGarry seconded the motion.

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Remarks: Mr. Bevec asked if it is correct that the Borough does not have anything to do with PA American Water Company. Mr. Lubanovic replied that they have been approved through DEP.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

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

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

Motion carried.

IX, MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Rhome reported on the following items:

- A. Police Department June Report
- B. Parking Report for June
- C. Council Chambers

The Mayor reminded Council that the August, September, and October meetings will not be held in the Council Chambers, as demolition of the second and third floors will begin July 15, 2013. Mayor Rhome stated that he believes Mr. Hazlett made arrangements to hold the meetings at the Library.

- D. Fourth of July Celebration

Mayor Rhome talked about work involved in preparation, as well as changes and security measures.

- E. Requested Executive Session to discuss a pending lawsuit.
- F. Chairs – Brought up by Mr. Bevec

Chief Bell stated that this can be discussed in Executive Session. Mayor Rhome stated that the 48-hour notice was well received, and we applaud our residents and the people who came to visit

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for abiding by the law. He said that all in all it was a great celebration. A few items will be discussed during the Executive Session.

IX. FINANCE REPORT:

A. Presentation of Bills for Approval – Peter Lucas

Mr. Lucas requested that bills from the Park Board that were received after he met with Ms. Lesnock be added..

They are as follows:

- \$ 813 – Signs
- \$3,450 – Painting of Pool Building
- \$ 406 -- Flags

Mr. Lucas motioned for approval of the bills, which includes:

1. General Fund
2. Wastewater Plant Operations
3. Garbage Service
4. Fireman Allocation
5. I & I
6. Capital Projects
7. Park Board Bills as listed above

Mr. Graff seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

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

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

Motion carried.

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X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Park Board

Mrs. Coleman reported on a recent meeting she had with the Park Board.

Discussion was held pertaining to the ball fields and safety.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Follow Up of December Letter – Brought Up by Mr. Russo  
Re: Annual Check for Natural Gas Money

Mr. Russo stated that according to the letter the additional payment should have been received by July 1, 2013.

Ms. Lesnock reported that \$103,000 was received the end of last week.

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Letters to be Added to Record – Brought Up by Mr. Bevec  
Mr. Bevec requested that the following letters be made part of the record:

1. Letter from Melissa McHugh  
Re: Request to deny Bove Development access to Crawford Street
2. Letter from Utility Workers Union of America  
Re: Opposition to giving consideration to PA American Water purchasing wastewater system

NOTE: A copy of each these letters is attached to the minutes.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An Executive Session pertaining to legal matters began at 7:26 P.M.

No action was taken after the Executive Session.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 P.M.

Mary A. Solomon

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter from Melissa McHugh  
Re: Request to deny Bove Development access to Crawford Street
2. Letter from Utility Workers Union of America  
Re: Opposition to giving consideration to PA American Water purchasing wastewater system

