

BOROUGH OF CANONSBURG
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2013

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 McGarry, John Bevec, Patricia Romano, Fran Coleman, Timothy Bilsky, Peter Lucas, and Joseph Graff (who joined the meeting at 7:10 P.M.)

Others Present:

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

Absent:

None

V. GUESTS:

A. Special Presentation – Mayor David H. Rhome

Presentation was made by Mayor Rhome to Sgt. Alexander Coghill and Sgt. Charles Tenney for their exemplary detective work in solving a homicide and a drug overdose .

Comments were made by Police Chief R. T. Bell.

The Mayor presented Certificates of Commendation to Sgt. Coghill and Sgt. Tenney. (Mayor Rhome read the information contained in the Certificates.)

(Applause)

The Mayor read what was inscribed on the plaque.

Sgt. Tenney and Detective Coghill expressed their appreciation and also credited the other members of the Police Department for their hard work.

(Applause)

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- A. Mr. John Severine, of 504 Franklin Avenue, informed Council that the Parks and Recreation Board will be having an event

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on February 23, 2013. He passed out information to everyone and asked for their participation. Mr. Severine asked that anyone who is unable to attend to please give a donation.

Mr. Bevec added that this is a Night at the Races to be held on February 23, 2013 at St. Patrick's cafeteria on Pike Street. It will start at 6:00 P.M. and is sponsored by Canonsburg Friends of the Park.

VII. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS'

Mr. Bevec had nothing to report at this time.

VIII. VOTING ITEMS:

A. Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Coleman motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 10, 2012.

Mr. Sharkady seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Bid – General Construction of Borough Building Remodeling

Mr. Bilsky motioned to approve DiMarco Construction, Inc. bid of \$613,550 for general construction of the Borough Building remodeling, pending final approval of the Solicitor.

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
Peter Lucas	Yes
John Bevec	Yes

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

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C. Approval of Bid – Plumbing Work for Borough Building Re-modeling

Mr. Bilsky motioned to approve Newman Plumbing bid of \$142,822 for plumbing work for the Borough Building remodeling, pending final approval of the Solicitor.

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
Peter Lucas	Yes
John Bevec	Yes

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

D. Approval of Bid – Mechanical Work for Borough Building Re-modeling

Mr. Graff motioned to approve the D&G Mechanical bid of \$111,625 for mechanical work for the Borough Building remodeling, pending final approval of the Solicitor.

Mr. Bilsky 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
Peter Lucas	Yes
John Bevec	Yes

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

- E. Approval of Bid – Electrical Work for Borough Building Remodeling

Mr. Graff motioned to approve Vern’s Electric bid of \$162,446 for electrical work for the Borough Building remodeling, pending final approval of the Solicitor.

Mr. Bilsky 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
Peter Lucas	Yes
John Bevec	Yes

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

- F. Appointment to Canonsburg-Houston Joint Authority

Me. Graff motioned to appoint Mike Alterio to a five-year term on the Canonsburg-Houston Joint Authority.

Mr. Russo seconded the motion.

Remarks: Mr. Sharkady felt that this was Council’s opportunity to put a member of Council on the Authority Board and felt that action should be taken on this. He said that Mr. Alterio did an excellent job while he was there, but he feels that it’s more important to have a Council member on that Board, especially because of going through a new project.

Mr. Bilsky agreed. He said Council has always talked about having a member of Council there in some capacity, and that would give us some extra weight.

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Mr. Russo stated that he thinks he agrees, but he's not sure about the timing. He asked Mr. Hazlett about the terms of the Sewer Authority members.

Mr. Hazlett replied that the terms were changed six or seven years ago so that all terms expire in January.

Mr. Russo stated that he's not so sure he agrees with Mr. Alterio having to take the fall in order for Council to have a seat on the Board. He suggested that perhaps a seat could be added or ask if anyone on the current Board wants to resign.

Attorney Derrico stated that the charter would have to be revised in order to add another member to the Board. It couldn't be done simply by motion. He informed Council that the appointment doesn't have to be made tonight. Whoever is on the Board stays until Council replaces them. Council can wait until next month. Discussion was held.

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
Peter Lucas	Yes
John Bevec	Yes

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

G. Sewer Authority Lease

Mr. Sharkady motioned to extend the current lease of the Authority to the year 2050.

Mr. Bilsky seconded the motion.

Remarks: Mr. Bevec felt that this is something Council should not be acting upon on a whim. It's a very important decision. He

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said that he is in favor of scheduling workshops in the near future in February. First Council needs to work out which way they want to go, and then meet with the Authority to finalize it. Mr. Russo said there are three options: Eliminate it in 2019, extend it in a new capacity as an operating Authority, or just continue as is. Mr. Russo felt that if the motion is passed now, Council will lose the ability to add the seat. He said that one of the reasons for extending it as a package would be to increase the size of the Board so Council can have a seat.

Mr. Sharkady stated that he attends the Sewer Authority meetings monthly and has to sit there and be ridiculed by Authority members for Council not acting on extending the lease so that they can refinance their bonds and save \$350,000 in finance charges. He promised them he would bring it up to Council. Mr. Russo stated that the Authority asked Mr. Sharkady to bring it up as an operating Authority.

Mr. Sharkady replied that they did not. He hasn't heard the words "operating Authority" until Mr. Russo just mentioned them.

Mr. Russo brought up the Memorandum of Understanding.

Mr. Sharkady stated that this was withdrawn by the Board completely, and that was the end of it.

In reference to the Authority ridiculing Mr. Sharkady because Council hasn't extended their lease, Mr. Russo stated that he doesn't know that there has ever been a request from them to extend their lease. We've never been given the opportunity nor a request to act. Council has been asked to act on a Memorandum of Understanding, which they withdrew. Further discussion was held, and Council members gave their input.

Mr. Bilsky felt that if we extend the lease, the Authority could get their funding for this big project.

Mr. Bevec stated that Council can get the funding for them at.

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a significant savings. He said that by honoring Mr. Sharkady's motion tonight, Council would be throwing out several hundred thousand dollars by not financing it for them. This is the reason Mr. Bevec asked Mr. Nick Falcione to come in, as he has informed Mr. Bevec that he could save Council thousands of dollars. Whether or not Council uses him is another story, but the concept he brought to us is a very good concept.

Attorney Derrico stated that it's a viable option. He's not sure which is the best, but he felt Council should hear both sides. He suggested a workshop should be held.

Mr. Sharkady said the Authority is talking about a \$350,000 savings if they do this immediately. He said he can't see where the Borough will save more than \$350,000 by refinancing their loan.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

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

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

Mr. Bevec said that a workshop will be held in February.

H. Appointment to Civil Service Commission

Mr. Graff motioned to appoint James Chemento to a two-year Term on the Civil Service Commission.

Mr. McGarry seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

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

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

- I. Appointment to Planning Commission (Peter Lucas)
Mr. Graff motioned to appoint Peter Lucas to a four-year term on the Planning Commission.
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
Peter Lucas	Abstain
John Bevec	Yes

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

- J. Appointment to Planning Commission (Joseph Milioto)
Mrs. Coleman motioned to appoint Joe Milioto to a four-year term on the Planning Commission.
Mr. Graff seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

Richard Russo	Yes
Paul Sharkady	No

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Joseph Graff	Yes
Joseph McGarry	Yes
Patricia Romano	Yes
Fran Coleman	Yes
Timothy Bilsky	Yes
Peter Lucas	Yes
John Bevec	Yes

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

- K. Appointment to Zoning Hearing Board (Jeffrey Derrico)
Mr. McGarry motioned to appoint Jeffrey Derrico to a two-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board.
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
Peter Lucas	Yes
John Bevec	Yes

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

- L. Appointment to Zoning Hearing Board (Tony Trona)
Mrs. Coleman motioned to appoint Tony Trona to a one-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board.
Mr. Graff seconded the motion.
Remarks: Mr. Russo asked about the terms for the Board members.
Mr. Hazlett explained that the members all have a different number of years in their terms. This is according to the Code.

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Mr. Russo questioned why Mr. Derrico was appointed to a two-year term, Mr. Trona to a one-year term, and under the motion for Mr. Ross it shows a one/two-year term.

Mr. Hazlett explained that, depending on which one Council didn't vote for, Mr. Ross would get a one-year or a two-year term.

Attorney Derrico stated that there is only one seat left.

Mr. Bevec added that in December all these people were contacted about re-upping their terms, and last week Mr. Ross put a letter before Council showing his interest. We have talked with the other gentlemen and they were agreeable to extending their terms. If for some reason one of them goes down, Mr. Ross has a resume on the table.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

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

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

M. Motion to Appoint Tony Ross to a One/Two-Year Term on the Zoning Hearing Board

No action was taken at this time.

N. Appointment to Parks and Recreation Board (May be delayed to February meeting)

Mr. Hazlett reported that he was talking with Mr. D'Orazio last week, and there was a resignation on the Parks and Recreation Board. They do not have a recommendation at this point.

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Discussion was held.

Mr. Bevec asked Mr. Hazlett to contact the Parks and Recreation Board for a recommendation. This matter will be held over.

O. Approval of Borough Manager and Engineer Reports

Mr. Graff motioned to approve the reports of the Borough Manager and Borough Engineer dated January 14, 2013.

Mrs. Coleman seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

P/ Resolution – Telecommunication Devices

Mr. Sharkady motioned to approve the Resolution to allow participation in voting by telecommunication devices.

Mrs. Coleman seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

IX. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Rhome reported on the following items:

A. Police Department Report

B. Parking Department Report (in packets)

C. Request for Street Light – 624 Franklin Avenue

D. Thanked Council for re-appointing Mr. Chemento to the Civil Service Commission Board.

In February Mr. Chemento, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Bryner will be here to review a few things with Council.

E. Thornwood Drive

Re: Dead end and snow

Chief Bell and Mr. Lawrence gave their input.

Discussion was held.

It was decided the Chief Bell will inform the residents that they move their vehicles when they know it's going to snow in order that the trucks might have access to plow.

F. Snow Emergency Route

Mayor Rhome reviewed this information with Council.

Discussion was held pertaining to revising the information.

It was decided that the Mayor will meet with the Street Comm-

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issioner, Police Chief, and Public Safety and research this matter.
A workshop with Council will be held In February or March.

- G. Washington County Community Development Program
Preliminary approval for about \$300,000 of road and sidewalk repairs in 2014.
- H. Dead End Alley Between Grace and Glenn
Mr. Lawrence explained that there is a situation with a lady who complains that the Borough does not salt or plow back in there. However, she continues to park part way out onto the roadway. All she has to do is move two or three feet to allow access for a plow and truck. She can't why it can't be done.
Mr. Russo will talk with the lady again.
- I. New Light Church on Belmont Avenue
Re: Parking
- J. Drug Symposium at Canon-McMillan Senior High School to be held January 31, 2013.
- K. Safety Efforts in Schools
- L. Attended Ceremony in East Washington on I-70 at Beau Street for dedication of interchange for Officer Dwyer of the East Washington Police Department
- M. Smoke Detectors
- X. BOROUGH MANAGER:
Mr. Hazlett reported that the Teamsters will be voting on the contract Wednesday. Should they approve the contract, Council needs to ratify the tentative contract as well. This should be done before February 8, 2013.
- XI. ENGINEER:
Mr. Treschow had nothing to report at this time.
- XII. SOLICITOR:
Attorney Derrico had no report.
- XIII. FINANCE REPORT:
 - A. Presentation of Bills for Approval – Peter Lucas
Mr. Lucas motioned to approve payment of the bills, which includes the following:

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

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
Peter Lucas	Yes
John Bevec	Yes

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

XIV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Real Estate Transfer Ordinance (Brought up by Mr. Russo)
Mr. Hazlett reported that Mr. Derrico is working on this.
Mr. Russo asked about smoke detectors.
Attorney Derrico replied that he's not sure if that is included, but it can be included.
- B. Mr. Bevec reported that he got an e-mail today from Chester.
Proposals should be coming in the mail tomorrow.

XV. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Mr. Bilsky commended Public Works for doing a great job on Greenside Avenue when it snowed.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Executive Session was necessary tonight.

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XVII. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. General Purpose Council Meeting

It was decided that this meeting will be held January 21, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. to vote on the tentative contract.

B. Mr. Tony Ross thanked Mr. Sharkady and Mr. Bilsky for their consideration.

Mr. Ross stated that he has probably attended more meetings than most Council members. He said he has never once seen any consideration given to any taxpayer in this Borough for an appointment to a committee and asked why that is. It's always who Council decides should be retained. Mr. Ross asked if people are appointed for life here.

Mr. Bevec responded by informing Mr. Ross that everybody on the boards are taxpayers of this Borough. Some have served a long time, and some have served a short time. When there are openings, we always yield to that person if they've done a good job to let them have their reappointment if they like. If they don't, then we look for someone else.

Mr. Bevec told Mr. Ross that there is an opening on the Park Board. He advised him to go see them if he is interested.

Mr. Bevec stated that if the people who are serving are doing a good job, he sees no reason to replace them.

Mr. Ross stated that he went to see Mr. Hazlett about this situation, and he was informed that Council surveys people for these openings. Mr. Ross said he's never heard of a survey or anybody given any time or consideration. He's learned of the openings on the internet. He asked why people get appointed for life on these committees and no one else has an opportunity. He said he's sure they are hand picked.

Mr. Bevec again informed him that these are all people who are taxpayers in this town.

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XVIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Coleman motioned to adjourn.

Mr. Graff seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Mary A. Solomon