

## Canonsburg Borough Council Voting Meeting

April 10, 2023

6:30 PM

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Chandler at 6:30 pm.

**Moment of Silence** called by Mr. Chandler.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Roll Call:**

Mr. Eric Chandler, President – Present

Mrs. Tina Bails

Mr. Edward P. Yorke - Present

Mr. John Severine - Present

Mr. Richard Russo - Present

Mr. Richard Bell, Vice President - Absent

Mr. Carl Lawrence - Present

**Others Present:** Borough Manager Denise Lesnock, Mayor David Rhome, Solicitor Joseph Dalfonso, Public Works Director Brian Moody, Police Chief Alex Coghill, Code and Zoning Enforcement Officer Melissa Graff

**Absent:** Engineer, Jeff Marcink.

### **GUESTS:**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Sal Dino, 605 Park Ave – Last week’s meeting was a fiasco. I hope that the gentleman you let speak for close to twenty minutes when we are only supposed to have three minutes to talk, I think you should abide by that rule. I’ve seen you do it before, and he rambled on for a while then people started fighting. He didn’t get his answer and he was still mad. I think you guys should take control of that because if we have five people like that we could sit here for an extra hour. It’s not appreciated by myself, that’s not a good seen for the young ladies either when someone acts that way. He rambles on and on and on and you let him go. That’s all I

have to say

Ed Yorke – I signed let’s see the 18<sup>th</sup> and I think the 25<sup>th</sup> that’s when we had them windstorms. I put the word out and there was some young people not only from Canon-McMillan but McGuffy and Trinity. Some of the kids, I put the word out and they helped clean up, especially our street. We had a lot of debris everywhere. Our shed blew down and it counted towards their senior something. They had to do so many hours of community service or something to that effect. So, we are still cleaning up if someone needs some time or hours, I signed the paper as a facility person, the mayor’s probably aware of a lot of this stuff. Anyway, if anyone needs it we can always you know neighborhoods there’s limbs everywhere and debris all over the place, so if you want to put the word out. I don’t know some of them need ten hours, twelve hours. Do you know how that goes?

Allie, Junior Council – I don’t believe you have to have any to graduate but a lot of the National Honor Society will require you to have so many hours your junior year and so many hours your senior year. I would be happy to make a post on our schools schoology, that’s what communicates to all of our students saying, “if you need hours, reach out to my email and your email.

Ed Yorke – Yeah, ok. Do you have my email?

Allie – Can I get it real quick?

Ed Yorke – Yeah. [eyorke54@gmail.com](mailto:eyorke54@gmail.com). I will be able to help anybody that needs help and sign the paper. Thank you there Mr. President

Eric Chandler, Council President – Yes sir. Any other public comments?

**PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS:**

President Chandlers comment were deferred to Junior Council

**JUNIOR COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

If any of you guys ever has community service opportunities, please reach out to us

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS:**

Mr. President, I think I took care of everything last week. Now we have the voting items for

this evening

**VOTING ITEMS:**

**1. Motion to approve March 13, 2023, meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council.**

Mr. Yorke made a motion to approve the March 13, 2023, meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

No questions on the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Bell – Absent

Mr. Lawrence - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

**2. Motion to approve all bills presented on the current warrant lists.**

Mrs. Bails made a motion to approve all bills presented on the current warrant lists. Seconded by Mr. Russo.

No questions on the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Bell – Absent

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Lawrence - Yes

Mr. Yorke – Yes

Mr. Russo – Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

**3. Motion to approve Ordinance #1373 (repealing and replacing Chapter 90 of the Canonsburg Code of Ordinances and any ordinances inconsistent therewith, providing for the regulation of outdoor burning).**

Mr. Severine made a motion to approve Ordinance #1373 (repealing and replacing Chapter 90 of the Canonsburg Code of Ordinances and any ordinances inconsistent therewith, providing for the regulation of outdoor burning). Seconded by Mr. Lawrence.

No questions on the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Bell – Absent

Mr. Lawrence - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

**4. Motion to approve Quigley Development, Inc. Pay Application No. 6 in the amount of \$75,928.27 for work completed to date on Contract 2021-07.**

Mr. Yorke made a motion to approve Quigley Development, Inc. Pay Application No. 6 in the amount of \$75,928.27 for work completed to date on Contract 2021-07. Seconded by Mr. Severine.

No questions on the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Bell – Absent

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Lawrence – Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

**5. Motion to approve Spartan Construction Services Pay Application No. 8 in the amount of \$161,370.00 for work completed to date on Contract 2021-08.**

Mr. Yorke made a motion to approve Spartan Construction Services Pay Application No. 8 in the amount of \$161,370.00 for work completed to date on Contract 2021-08. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence.

No questions on the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Russo – Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Lawrence – Yes

Mr. Bell - Absent

Mr. Chandler - Yes

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

**6. Motion to approve SE Schultz Electric Pay Application No. 8 in the amount of \$13,448.30 for work completed to date on Contract 2021-09.**

Mr. Yorke made a motion to approve SE Schultz Electric Pay Application No. 8 in the amount of \$13,448.30 for work completed to date on Contract 2021-09. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

No questions on the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Lawrence - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Bell - Absent

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

**7. Motion to approve WG Land Company Pay Application No. 7 in the amount of \$66,214.45 for work completed to date on Contract 2021-06.**

Mr. Severine made a motion to approve WG Land Company Pay Application No. 7 in the amount of \$66,214.45 for work completed to date on Contract 2021-06. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

No questions on the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Severine – Yes

Mr. Lawrence - Yes

Mr. Bell - Absent

Mr. Chandler - Yes

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

**8. Motion to award Contract 2023-01, Giffin Ave Sewer Improvements, to John T. Subrick, Inc. in their bid amount of \$145,680.**

Mr. Lawrence made a motion to Contract 2023-01, Giffin Ave Sewer Improvements, to John T. Subrick, Inc. in their bid amount of \$145,680. Seconded by Mr. Yorke.

No questions on the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Lawrence - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mrs. Bails – Yes

Mr. Bell - Absent

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

**9. Motion to award Contract 2023-03, Main Pavilion Roof Replacement, to Maxim Construction in their bid amount of \$68,000.00.**

Mrs. Bails made a motion to Contract 2023-03, Main Pavilion Roof Replacement, to Maxim Construction in their bid amount of \$68,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Yorke.

No questions on the motion

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Bell - Absent

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mrs. Bails – Yes

Mr. Lawrence – Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

**10. Motion to authorize Chief of Police to sign and implement an agreement between the Canonsburg Police Department and the Washington County Housing Authority to provide extra police patrols between April 1, 2023, and March 31, 2024 to be reimbursed at \$25,000.**

Mrs. Bails made a motion to authorize Chief of Police to sign and implement an agreement between the Canonsburg Police Department and the Washington County Housing Authority to provide extra police patrols between April 1, 2023 and March 31, 2024 to be reimbursed at \$25,000. Seconded by Mr. Yorke.

No questions on the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Lawrence - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mrs. Bails – Yes

Mr. Bell - Absent

Mr. Chandler - Yes

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

**11. Motion to reappoint Mark Mazzeo as Canonsburg Borough EMA Director.**

Mrs. Bails made a motion to reappoint Mark Mazzeo as Canonsburg Borough EMA Director.

Seconded by Mr. Yorke.

No questions on the motion.

All in Favor. Motion carries.

**12. Motion to approve advertising the replacement of the rubber roof over the Fire Department.**

Mr. Yorke made a motion to advertising the replacement of the rubber roof over the Fire Department. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence.

No questions on the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Bell – Absent

Mr. Lawrence – Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

**13. Motion to approve advertising 2023 Road Paving Project Moore Ave. from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> and Elm St. from S. Central to Townview.**

Mrs. Bails made a motion to approve advertising 2023 Road Paving Project Moore Ave. from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> and Elm St. from S. Central to Townview. Seconded by Mr. Yorke.

No questions on the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Bell – Absent

Mr. Lawrence - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Yorke – Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

**14. Motion to approve Tunnels to Towers Race/Walk to be held September 9, 2023.**

Mr. Lawrence made a motion to approve Tunnels to Towers Race/Walk to be held September 9, 2023. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

No questions on the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Bell – Absent

Mr. Lawrence - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

**15. Motion to approve Resolution #05-2023 for 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Banners to be installed near 145 Adams Ave. and another near 333 W. Pike St.**

Mr. Severine made a motion to approve Resolution #05-2023 for 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Banners to be installed near 145 Adams Ave. and another near 333 W. Pike St. Seconded by Mr. Yorke.

Mr. Severine – That banner. Dave, how are you going do yours? Your Kennywood banner, where are you going to put that at?

Mayor Rhome – Where?

Mr. Severine – Well, they go them two places

Mayor Rhome – Same place

Mr. Severine – Would gonna keep, we're keeping these up the whole time?

Mrs. Bails – Yes

Mayor Rhome – Um, that's what Tina wants

Mr. Severine – Ok, so where are you putting yours?

Mayor Rhome – We won't have them

Mr. Severine – Ok. I just wanted to know cause he puts his Kennywood banners up every year, and if their banners are up I was wondering where they are putting their banners at. Ok.

Mr. Chandler – Alright. Any other questions?

No other questions on the motion

All in Favor. Motion carries.

**16. Motion to approve a handicapped parking space at 438 Chartiers Ave.**

Mr. Yorke made a motion to approve a handicapped parking space at 438 Chartiers Ave.

Seconded by Mr. Severine.

Mr. Lawrence – Is the parking space going to be on Chartiers or is it going to be on 2<sup>nd</sup> St.?

Mayor Rhome - On Chartiers

Mr. Lawrence – Ok, you know that corner is tied up pretty good there?

Mayor Rhome – So, we had the conversation I believe because you have a handicapped spot doesn't put it right in front of your front door, so it may have to move up several spaces. Once Brian, we'll grab Chief, and myself or you folks on public safety, we'll locate it

Mr. Lawrence – Ok. Just a concern. I think Eric brought it up last meeting too

Mr. Chandler – Yeah because there is a stop sign right there and on the other side you have the residents' driveway. So, between the stop sign, the person that is requesting the handicap, and the resident's driveway, that's going to be tight

Mayor Rhome – Like I said, it might move up two or three more spaces

Mr. Chandler – Ok

Mr. Severine – Remember, we got that yellow curb that they are parking on to

Mayor Rhome – So, I hate to do this, but if you're that adamant on all of those different things, we reject it tonight and revisit it again

Mr. Severine – Well it's up to you guys. What it is is there is now a truck now parking on the yellow curb, on that corner

Mr. Chandler – We gotta tag that

Mr. Severine – Because when you put the handicap in, above that

Mr. Yorke – We discussed this last week

Mr. Chandler – Yeah, so hold up. I think the police can address the car parking on the yellow curb

Mr. Severine – Then he can put the handicap in front of it because that's what's happening

Mr. Chandler – How ever they decide to do it. It's tight but however they decide to do it that's safe

Mr. Severine – Alright. So, should we just go ahead through with it?

Mr. Russo – Should we change it? It sounds like you're not going to put it in front of 438

Mayor Rhome – We have not said we were going to from the onset. We said that we would honor the request, but it might be in a different location. With the way it's set down there Rich

Mr. Russo – No, I'm just looking for clarification. So, we either need to change the motion so

that it's not guaranteed in front of 438, or if the applicant wants it in front of 438 they know that it's not going to be there. So, whoever made the motion if we can change that address to undefined or

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – At or near

Mr. Russo – Or near, whatever. So, I don't know who made that motion

Mr. Chandler – Yorke and John. Mr. Severine

Mr. Russo – Can you change that Ed?

Mr. Yorke – Yeah I'll change it. Whatever it takes. I could've sworn we discussed this last week

Mr. Russo – Well the motion reads at but we want to make it at or near

Mr. Severine – We're just changing the wording um Ed

Mr. Yorke – Ok

Mayor Rhome – We have been adamant that it would not be in front of 438, but that's where the request come from

Mr. Lawrence – As close to that piece of property that you can get to

Mr. Chandler – Ok

Mr. Yorke – You mind reading the motion how it is supposed to read?

Mr. Chandler – We are going to amend the motion

Mr. Yorke – How is it supposed to read so I have it clear in my head

Denise Lesnock, Borough Manager – Motion to approve a handicapped parking space at or near 438 Chartiers Ave.

Mr. Yorke – Ok. I made the motion

Mr. Chandler – Mr. Yorke made the motion

Mr. Severine – I'll second it

Mr. Chandler – Then John seconded it. Question on the motion

No questions on the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Lawrence - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Bell - Absent

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

**17. Motion to accept the application of Anne and Ryan Carl at 146 W. College St. for a lot consolidation based on the recommendation of the Planning Commission.**

Mr. Lawrence made a motion to accept the application of Anne and Ryan Carl at 146 W. College St. for a lot consolidation based on the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Seconded by Mr. Russo.

No questions on the motion.

All in Favor. Motion carries.

**18. Motion to reject the conditional use application of Harold Close for the property at 409 Perry Como Avenue/546 Euclid Avenue based on the recommendation of the Planning Commission.**

Mr. Yorke made a motion to reject the conditional use application of Harold Close for the property at 409 Perry Como Avenue/546 Euclid Avenue based on the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Severine.

No questions on the motion.

All in Favor. Motion carries.

**19. Motion to approve purchasing a playground gym set from Game Time (to be placed near the girls' softball fields) at a cost not to exceed \$35,000.00 (from Act 13 Fund).**

Mr. Yorke made a motion to approve purchasing a playground gym set from Game Time (to be placed near the girls' softball fields) at a cost not to exceed \$35,000.00 (from Act 13 Fund). Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

Mrs. Bails – Rich, does that include installation? I don't know if we discussed that

Mr. Russo – Uh

Mrs. Bails – The \$35,000 is that just for the playground equipment?

Mr. Russo - I think the quote was thirty-one some odd thousand. Denise, I don't know if installation is on that or not, but that's all we're spending

Mrs. Bails – That's all we're spending

Mr. Russo – Yeah

Mr. Chandler – Yep

Mrs. Bails – Ok

Mr. Russo – Did it say in there? It didn't say anything about installation

Denise Lesnock, Borough Manager – No, I didn't see anything

Mr. Russo – They will take care of install if it's not included

Mr. Chandler – Any other questions

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Bell – Absent

Mr. Lawrence - Yes

Mrs. Bails – Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

**20. Motion to approve a Subgrantee contract between the Borough of Canonsburg and Washington County regarding police training provided by Total Security International, LLC, contingent on Solicitor approval.**

Mr. Yorke made a motion to approve a Subgrantee contract between the Borough of Canonsburg and Washington County regarding police training provided by Total Security International, LLC, contingent on Solicitor approval. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence.

No questions on the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Bell – Absent

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Lawrence – Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Falconi Field Lease (had meeting with baseball association)
2. Chartiers Flood Control Project (Goatscape will have goats on location by the end of April)
3. Sale of property at 1<sup>st</sup> St./980 (getting assessed)
4. Borough Building Landscaping (waiting on design)
5. Public Works parking lot paving (waiting for the completion of the bond project)
6. VFW Parking Lot (Public Works will do drainage work)
7. Thornwood Circle paving (listed as an option on bid specs for 2023 Road Paving Project)

8. East End Playground Improvements
9. Public Works fence and gate
10. Stone project in front of Borough Building
11. Streetlights

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Repaving PNC Parking Lot
2. Jim Strahl Zoning Hearing Board Resignation

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Litigation

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Mr. Yorke to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 PM. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.  
All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Submitted by:

Melissa Graff