

BOROUGH OF CANONSBURG
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Milioto at 7:00 P.M.

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

IV. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Richard Russo, Paul Sharkady, Joseph Graff, Allen J. Williams, Joseph Milioto, Patricia Romano, Fran Coleman, George Coleman, and Michael Kazmarski

Others Present:

Borough Manager Terry Hazlett, Engineer Harvey Treschow, Attorney Patrick Derrico, Assistant Police Chief Harold Coleman, and Mayor David H. Rhome

Absent:

None

V. INTRODUCTION:

Mayor Rhome introduced Jonathan Raymond Cornell, the newly hired police officer, and reviewed his credentials with Council.

(Applause)

Officer Cornell was welcomed by all of Council.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were none.

VII. VOTING ITEMS:

A. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Williams motioned to approve the September 13, 2020 meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council.

Mr. Kazmarski seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

B. Resolution/Ordinance – Jordan Tax

Mr. Russo motioned to approve a Resolution/Ordinance approving Jordan Tax to collect delinquent garbage bills.

Mr. Graff seconded the motion.

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Remarks: Mr. Williams asked about the rates.

Mr. Russo explained that Jordan Tax will follow the Borough's previously approved guidelines for collection fees and filing fees. One of the guidelines is a 10% collection cost on delinquent accounts. That amount will not be charged against the Borough, but against the customer, who will pay the 10% over and above the amount due to the Borough.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

Richard Russo	Yes
Paul Sharkady	Yes
Joseph Graff	Yes
Allen J. Williams	Yes
Patricia Romano	Yes
Fran Coleman	Yes
George Coleman	Yes
Michael Kazmarski	Yes
Joseph Milioto	Yes

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

C. Resolution – Grant Application – Local Share Monies

NOTE: SEE ALSO NEW BUSINESS, Page 9, Item X-A

Mr. Graff motioned to approve a Resolution to submit a grant application for Local Share monies for renovation of the Borough Building.

Mr. Russo seconded the motion.

Remarks: Mr. Coleman made reference to the wording: “The Library is vacating two floors – 4,000 sq. ft. – in 2011 and the Borough of Canonsburg intends to use the vacant space for revenue generating.....for a music library”.

Mr. Coleman asked if the wording should instead be: to use a portion of the space for revenue generating. He said he feels all of Council is not convinced that all of the space should be used for a museum.

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Mr. Milioto explained that using the wording as is would enhance the Borough's chances of getting the grant.

Mr. Coleman stated that he is looking for clarification. Council voted the last time it met to offer office space, and the next day a letter was generated giving away the offices of the Chief of Police, Deputy Chief of Police, and other offices.

Mr. Graff stated that he believes the Police Department is more important than a music museum or hall of fame. He felt that the Police Department should come first.

Discussion was held as to which wording would be most advantageous to the Borough to obtain approval of the grant.

Mr. Russo stated that Council had talked about what the grant monies would be used for – some for renovation of the building to be a home for the museum, but another large piece of the grant application money is being used to acquire the Armory, which would be the Police Department's future home. This was left out of the Resolution. Mr. Russo felt that the four things Council had talked about should be part of the Resolution: A museum, additional administrative offices, additional police space, and acquisition of the Armory.

Mr. Hazlett explained that all four items are in the application. The Resolution can be reworded, but he feels the best shot of getting the money is to leave the Resolution as is. They are looking for economic generators to award the grant. The grant application gives equal space to everything.

Mr. Russo felt that the grant application and Resolution should read the same.

Mr. Hazlett replied that they made it very clear that the grants are being awarded for economic generators. By doing what the Resolution says, it starts a domino effect that moves people up to the Armory. The main reason for doing this is for an economic generator.

Further discussion was held.

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Mr. Milioto said that we're using the money for the renovation of this building. The fact that this building is being renovated and if Council wants to put in a museum, it strongly suggests that the police are going to have to move, and the Mayor, and Chief of Police will probably have to move. Mr. Hazlett has stated that he's going to incorporate all of those facts into the grant. Mr. Milioto said that they are not going to read just one page. They'll have to look at the entire process.

Mr. Hazlett added that they probably don't even look at the Resolution; they just want to make sure Council is in favor of what is being done.

Discussion was held pertaining to the fact that only the Building Committee had been given certain information.

Mr. Williams felt that it's fine to have a Building Committee, but this Council is responsible for every dollar that gets spent on the renovation of the Borough Building, the acquisition of the Armory, and whatever is done with the grant money. He said he has to vote on getting a grant, and he has no clue as to how the building is going to be broken up. Mr. Williams questioned why this is only being provided to the Building Committee and the rest of Council is left out.

Mr. Hazlett explained that the information in question is just the requests made by the various departments, and these notes were compiled by Mr. Dwayne Hayes.

Further discussion was held.

Mr. Milioto said that Council is talking about the Police Department, and he asked if the police would speak.

Mayor Rhome stated that they were asked to give a request of what they thought would be needed to make the Police Department move forward to the next generation. They submitted this information to the Borough Manager upon request, and it was turned over to Hayes. The Mayor's opinion was that all that's being done is trying to find the money. When it comes down to

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what Council wants to do with the building, that's a matter for the next meeting after giving the Borough approval to go get this grant.

Mrs. Coleman asked if the layout (provided to the Building Committee) is going in with the grant.

Mr. Milioto informed her that it is not.

Mr. Sharkady mentioned that some time ago he had asked Council for their ideas to bring to the Committee, but he has not gotten a response from any of them. They have an opportunity to submit their ideas now and have them incorporated with the others.

Mr. Coleman stated he has given his ideas to Mr. Sharkady verbally a number of times. Mr. Coleman's first concern has always been getting the Police Department out of the basement. He will give the information to Mr. Sharkady in writing.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

Michael Kazmarski	No
George Coleman	No
Fran Coleman	No
Patricia Romano	No
Allen J. Williams	Yes
Joseph Graff	No
Paul Sharkady	Yes
Richard Russo	Yes
Joseph Milioto	Yes

RESULTS OF THE MOTION: Four Yes, Five No. Motion denied.

Mr. Hazlett said they worked a week on the grant based on what Council asked him to do last week. He wanted to clarify the fact that the Borough is not submitting any grant request to the County this year.

Mr. Milioto replied that it just got voted down.

A suggestion was made that perhaps the Borough could apply

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for funds for another reason, but the grant deadline is this Friday. Mr. Sharkady mentioned that it would require a feasibility study. The restrooms are the biggest part of that. None of them are accessible.

Mr. Russo felt that the subject of acquiring the Armory is something that Council should continue to discuss, either now or during budget talks.

Discussion was held pertaining to this matter, including costs.

D. Motion – Reduce Apple Hill Phase 4 Bond

Mr. Russo motioned to reduce the Apple Hill Phase 4 bond by \$252,050, with a remaining bond of \$358,125.

Mr. Williams seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

Richard Russo	Yes
Paul Sharkady	Yes
Joseph Graff	Yes
Allen J. Williams	Yes
Patricia Romano	Yes
Fran Coleman	Yes
George Coleman	No
Michael Kazmarski	Yes
Joseph Milioto	Yes

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

E. Motion – Reduce Apple Hill Phase 6 Bond

Mr. Russo motioned to reduce the Apple Hill Phase 6 bond by \$248,177, with a remaining bond of \$15,000.

Mr. Graff seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

Michael Kazmarski	Yes
George Coleman	No
Fran Coleman	Yes
Patricia Romano	Yes

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Allen J. Williams	Yes
Joseph Graff	Yes
Paul Sharkady	Yes
Richard Russo	Yes
Joseph Milioto	Yes

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

F. Engineer's Report and Addendum

Mr. Russo motioned to accept the Engineer's Report and Addendum of October 4, 2010.

Mr. Williams seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

G. Borough Manager's Report

Mr. Williams motioned to accept the Borough Manager's Report of October 4, 2010.

Mr. Coleman seconded the motion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

H. Motion -- Cationic Polymer for Sewer Plant

Mr. Hazlett explained that this matter was discussed a month ago. They wanted to test it first. This has been done, and they are asking the Borough to accept the low bid.

Mr. Kazmarski motioned to accept the low bid of \$11,040 from New Solutions for cationic polymer for the sewer plant.

Mr. Russo seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

Richard Russo	Yes
Paul Sharkady	Yes
Joseph Graff	Yes
Allen J. Williams	Yes
Patricia Romano	Yes
Fran Coleman	Yes
George Coleman	Yes
Michael Kazmarski	Yes
Joseph Milioto	Yes

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

VIII. FINANCE REPORT:

A. Presentation of Bills for Approval – Richard Russo

Mr. Russo stated that the bills have been reviewed and approved, with the exception of one pertaining to the subdivision behind Geno's Restaurant.

Mr. Milioto stated that Council approved the subdivision, but Mr. Russo's question pertains to the bill.

It was decided to approve all the bills but the one in question, which needs further review.

Mr. Russo motioned to approve the bills, with the exception of the one pertaining to the subdivision behind Geno's Restaurant.

Bills being paid include the following:

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

Mr. Coleman seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

Michael Kazmarski	Yes
George Coleman	Yes
Fran Coleman	Yes
Patricia Romano	Yes
Allen J. Williams	Yes
Joseph Graff	Yes
Paul Sharkady	Yes
Richard Russo	Yes
Joseph Milioto	Yes

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

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IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Park Drive and Crosby – Brought up by Mr. Russo
Mr. Treschow reported that the men were measuring today, but he doesn't have costs yet. He should have them by next week.

Discussion was held pertaining to monies that have been allocated, as well as the remaining funds for two of the wards.

B. Committee Reports

1. Public Safety – Joseph Graff

Mr. Graff read the Fire Department Report for the month of September, 2010. There were 13 calls, and total damages were zero dollars.

C. Request for Executive Session – Allen J Williams

Mr. Williams asked for a brief Executive Session pertaining to the matter of property.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Grant – Local Shares Money – Brought up by Mr. Coleman
NOTE: This item was originally addressed under **VOTING ITEMS. SEE PAGE 2, ITEM VII – C.**

Mr. Coleman felt that all of Council agreed on everything in the Resolution except for one “Whereas”. He suggested changing that section to: “Whereas, the Borough of Canonsburg intends to use a significant part of the vacant space for revenue generating attractions, specifically a museum,” and address the other three areas that are in the body of the grant. Mr. Williams stated that this was the purpose of his request for an Executive Session, but it won't be necessary now that this matter is being addressed again. He urged the other members of Council who think they may have a change of heart within the next month to rescind their votes now, as the opportunity to apply for these monies will be gone. Further discussion was held pertaining to Mr. Coleman's

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suggestion to change the wording of the Resolution, and other Council members added their input/suggestions. Mr. Milioto asked Attorney Derrico if a new Resolution would be needed.

Attorney Derrico replied that it should be done that way. Discussion continued.

Attorney Derrico suggested that Council take a five minute Recess to work out a new Resolution.

Mr. Milioto asked Mr. Coleman to get together with Mr. Hazlett to work on this. Mr. Russo also joined them.

A Recess was held from 7:55 P.M. to 8:15 P.M.

Mr. Hazlett passed out a copy of the revised Resolution to each Council member and Borough officials.

Mr. Coleman read the Resolution, which covers all information and ideas discussed by Council.

The body of the Resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS the Washington County Local Share Account is seeking projects to support community and economic development through getting revenues and

WHEREAS Canonsburg Library is vacating two floors of the borough building in 2011 and

WHEREAS Canonsburg Borough intends to use a significant portion of the space for a music museum to have a regional as well as local economic impact and

WHEREAS Canonsburg is also in need of additional space for three areas as defined in the grant

CANONSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL strongly supports and sponsors this project for its ability to provide community and economic development

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to the municipality and strongly encourages the Local Share Account Review Committee, Washington County Commissioners and the Department of Community and Economic Development to look favorably upon this project for its positive regional and community impact.

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

Mr. Coleman motioned to approve the Resolution (as read) to submit a grant application for Local Share Monies.

Mr. Russo seconded the motion.

Remarks: Mr. Milioto asked Attorney Derrico if any additional information was needed for the Resolution.

Attorney Derrico replied that he has reviewed it, and nothing more is needed.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

Richard Russo	Yes
Paul Sharkady	Yes
Joseph Graff	No
Allen J. Williams	Yes
Patricia Romano	Yes
Fran Coleman	Yes
George Coleman	Yes
Michael Kazmarski	No
Joseph Milioto	Yes

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Coleman motioned to adjourn.

Mr. Kazmarski seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Mary A. Solomon

ATTACHMENT:

1. Resolution to Apply for Washington County Local Share Monies

