

Canonsburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, December 14, 2009
7 p.m.

The meeting was preceded by a ceremonial deed transfer of property at Jefferson Avenue and Murdock Street from the Washington County Redevelopment Authority to the Greater Canonsburg Library Board. President Dan Caruso Jr. presented the deed to Library Board President Susan Poore.

Meeting was convened at 7 p.m. by President Dan Caruso Jr.

Present: Mayor Anthony L. Colaizzo, Solicitor Patrick Derrico, Harvey Treschow of HMT Associates, Borough Manager Terry Hazlett and Council members Paul Sharkady, Jean Popp, A.J. Williams, Rich Russo, Joe Milioto, Ron Cianelli, George Coleman and Dan Caruso Jr.

Absent: Councilman Steve Lucas

Guests/Public Comments

- Library Board President Susan Poore thanked council for the deed transfer and announced that groundbreaking for the new library would be Friday, January 8, 2010.
- Washington County Redevelopment Authority representative Kerry Fox gave an update on items concerning Washington County Redevelopment Authority, and reminded council that the deed transfer to the library would have to be formally approved by Washington County Commissioners later this month.
- Mayor Colaizzo received a plaque from the police force for his 10 years of service as mayor. Sgt. Cross made the presentation.
- Canonsburg Fireman Dave Rhome invited all councilmen to the Firemen's Christmas Party Monday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m.

Executive Session: An executive session regarding personnel (non-uniform contract) was called by the council president.

Meeting was re-convened at 7:47 p.m. by President Dan Caruso Jr.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Colaizzo announced that he, the incoming mayor (David Rhome), Police Chief R.T. Bell and the police force had devised a 12-hour shift schedule that would save the borough overtime expenses and benefit the police force in various ways, including packaging more consecutive time off for police. The three-man shifts would be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. effective January 1, 2010. An 8-hour shift

would be inserted into the schedule to keep the two-week pay period at 80 hours.
General discussion was held.

Motion by Mr. Williams, Second by Mrs. Popp:

To approve a temporary, 12-hour shift for the police department, effective January 1, 2010:

Mr. Sharkady: Yes
Mrs. Popp: Yes
Mr. Williams: Yes
Mr. Russo: Yes
Mr. Milioto: Yes
Mr. Cianelli: Yes
Mr. Coleman: Yes
Mr. Caruso: Yes

8 Yes, 1 Absent

Mr. Colaizzo told council he enjoyed his 10 years as mayor, especially his efforts toward tourism and work with the police department. He said he was disappointed that council did not consult him on redevelopment projects and was not happy that council had permitted a cul-de-sac at Fort Pitt Business Park.

Motion by Mrs. Popp, Second By Mr. Coleman:

To approve the 2010 Canonsburg Borough Budget of \$3,960,275 with a general purposes tax of 30 mils, a special road fund of 2 mils, a debt service of 1.33 mils and a special fire department equipment fund of 3 mils for a total of 36.33 mils (No tax increase)

Mr. Sharkady: Yes
Mrs. Popp: Yes
Mr. Williams: Yes
Mr. Russo: Yes
Mr. Milioto: Yes
Mr. Cianelli: Abstain
Mr. Coleman: Yes
Mr. Caruso: Yes

7 Yes, 1 Abstain, 1 Absent

Motion by Mr. Sharkady, Second by Mr. Williams

To approve the 2010 Canonsburg Tax Ordinance:

Mr. Sharkady: Yes
Mrs. Popp: Yes
Mr. Williams: Yes
Mr. Russo: Yes
Mr. Milioto: Yes
Mr. Cianelli: Yes

Mr. Coleman: Yes
Mr. Caruso: Yes

8 Yes, 1 Absent

Motion by Russo, Second by Mr. Milioto:

To approve the 2010 CHJA operating budget of \$1,524,103

Mr. Sharkady: Yes
Mrs. Popp: Yes
Mr. Williams: Yes
Mr. Russo: Yes
Mr. Milioto: Yes
Mr. Cianelli: Yes
Mr. Coleman: Yes
Mr. Caruso: Yes

8 Yes, 1 Absent

Motion by Mr. Russo, Second by Mr. Milioto:

To approve a resolution for distribution of \$473,760 in Community Block Grant Funding as follows: \$100,000 for home rehabilitation; \$23,760 for code enforcement demolition; \$150,000 for the Little Joe's Market project and \$200,000 for street improvements, namely Franklin Avenue from Perry Como Avenue to Fifth Street.

Mr. Sharkady: Yes
Mrs. Popp: Yes
Mr. Williams: Yes
Mr. Russo: Yes
Mr. Milioto: Yes
Mr. Cianelli: Yes
Mr. Coleman: Yes
Mr. Caruso: Yes

8 Yes, 1 Absent

Motion by Mr. Williams, Second by Mr. Sharkady:

To stop all CDBG allocations prior to 2010, with transfer of money to 2010 budget (for Fountain and Crawford Street)

Mr. Sharkady: Yes
Mrs. Popp: Yes
Mr. Williams: Yes
Mr. Russo: Yes
Mr. Milioto: Yes
Mr. Cianelli: Yes
Mr. Coleman: Yes
Mr. Caruso: Yes

8 Yes, 1 Absent

Motion by Mrs. Popp, Second by Mr. Sharkady:

To approve November 9 and November 23 minutes of Canonsburg Borough

Council: (Voice Vote)

Mr. Sharkady: Yes

Mrs. Popp: Yes

Mr. Williams: Yes

Mr. Russo: Yes

Mr. Milioto: Yes

Mr. Cianelli: Yes

Mr. Coleman: Yes

Mr. Caruso: Yes

8 Yes, 1 Absent

Motion by Mr. Coleman, Second by Milioto:

To approve new closing hours at Town Park. Park will close at 6 p.m. November 1 through March 1 and at 9:30 p.m. the remainder of the year. (Voice Vote)

Mr. Sharkady: Yes

Mrs. Popp: Yes

Mr. Williams: Yes

Mr. Russo: Yes

Mr. Milioto: Yes

Mr. Cianelli: Yes

Mr. Coleman: Yes

Mr. Caruso: Yes

8 Yes, 1 Absent

Motion by Mr. Sharkady, Second by Mr. Coleman:

To approve resolution that the police employee contributions to the pension will be 0% of compensation from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. The obligation to pay participant contributions pursuant to Act 600 shall resume effective as of January 1, 2011.

Mr. Sharkady: Yes

Mrs. Popp: Yes

Mr. Williams: Yes

Mr. Russo: Yes

Mr. Milioto: Yes

Mr. Cianelli: Yes

Mr. Coleman: Yes

Mr. Caruso: Yes

8 Yes, 1 Absent

**Motion by Mr. Sharkady, Second by Mr. Williams:
To approve manager's report of December 7 (Voice Vote)**

Mr. Sharkady: Yes
Mrs. Popp: Yes
Mr. Williams: Yes
Mr. Russo: Yes
Mr. Milioto: Yes
Mr. Cianelli: Yes
Mr. Coleman: Yes
Mr. Caruso: Yes

8 Yes, 1 Absent

**Motion by Mr. Milioto, Second by Mr. Williams:
To hire Tim Barry & Associates for non-uniform employee negotiations**

Mr. Sharkady: Yes
Mrs. Popp: Yes
Mr. Williams: Yes
Mr. Russo: Yes
Mr. Milioto: Yes
Mr. Cianelli: Yes
Mr. Coleman: Yes
Mr. Caruso: Yes

8 Yes, 1 Absent

**Motion by Mrs. Popp, Second by Mr. Sharkady:
To offer to extend the non-uniform contracts for 90 days:**

Mr. Sharkady: Yes
Mrs. Popp: Yes
Mr. Williams: No
Mr. Russo: Yes
Mr. Milioto: Yes
Mr. Cianelli: Yes
Mr. Coleman: Yes
Mr. Caruso: Yes

7 Yes, 1 No, 1 Absent

Committee Reports: Mrs. Popp gave a Concerts in the Park report. She said \$6,000 remained for the 2010 season, and reminded council that the committee had purchased a state-of-the-art sound system, a storage facility and tents and tables.

Finance Report: Motion by Mrs. Popp, Second by Mr. Coleman

To pay the general fund, waste water plant operations, garbage service, firemen allocation and I&I bills for December:

Mr. Sharkady: Yes

Mrs. Popp: Yes

Mr. Williams: Yes

Mr. Russo: Yes

Mr. Milioto: Yes

Mr. Cianelli: Yes

Mr. Coleman: Yes

Mr. Caruso: Yes

8 Yes, 1 Absent

New Business:

- Mr. Milioto asked Mr. Treschow why contractors for Clearview Credit Union were not following the plan as approved by the planning commission. Mr. Treschow said that an explanation was given to council in October; that the property had to be elevated to handle water runoff.
- Mr. Coleman asked the borough manager to get a cost estimate for more detailed (word-by-word) minutes of both the council voting and agenda meetings.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Coleman, second by Mr. Sharkady, at 9:05 p.m.