

BOROUGH OF CANONSBURG
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 13, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER:

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

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

IV. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Steve Lucas, Paul Sharkady, Jean Popp, Allen J. Williams, Richard Russo, Joseph Milioto, Ronald Cianelli, George Coleman, and Daniel Caruso, Jr.

Others Present:

Borough Manager Terry Hazlett, Engineer Harvey Treschow, Attorney Patrick Derrico, and Mayor Anthony Colaizzo

Absent:

None

V. GUESTS:

A. Dennis D’Orazio -- Canonsburg Parks and Recreation Board

Mr. D’Orazio gave a report on what is happening at the park, which included the following items:

1. Ongoing Projects`
 - a. Early closing of pool for renovation;
 - b. Skateboard park
2. Future Activities
 - a. Grass cutters/grass cutting
 - b. Water system for softball field
 - c. BPW Shelter (BPW donated money to fix it up.)
 - d. Possibility of senior center/recreation center at the ParkDiscussion was held.

B. Nadeen Steffey – Main Street Manager

Ms. Steffey updated Council on the following activities:

1. Design Committee
 - a. Sign replacement at Alpha Structures
 - b. Future scaffolding at Jeffrey’s
 - c. Planters, hanging baskets and greening in Sarris and Jefferson Avenue lots

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2. Economic Restructuring
 - a. Humble Flooring opened on Pike Street.
 - b. Morgan Waldron Insurance relocated from Washington to Canonsburg and brought in ten jobs.
 - c. Cyber Café opened with staff of four.
 - d. A Chinese Massage Therapy will be opening at Simonin Building.
 - e. A doctor's office will be opening at 139 West Pike in Chartiers Cleaners Plaza
 - f. Activities of intern
3. Promotional
 - a. Activities of second intern
 - b. Articles/advertising projects in Canonsburg Magazine
 - c. Friday events
 - d. Farmer's Market
 - e. Web site
 - f. Ribbon cutting ceremony program (Partnering with Chamber of Commerce)
4. Tourism Task Force
 - a. Organization
 - b. Meetings/Campaigns
 - c. PA Downtown Center Statewide Annual Conference
 - d. State Budget
 - e. Art (Mascot for downtown district)

VI. VOTING ITEMS:

A. Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Popp moved to approve the June 8, 2009 Canonsburg Borough Council Meeting minutes.

Mr. Lucas seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

B. Delegate and Alternate – Washington County Earned Income Tax Collection Agency

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Mr. Lucas moved to appoint Terry Hazlett as delegate and Denise Lesnock as the alternate delegate to the Washington\ County Earned Income Tax Collection Agency.

Mrs. Popp seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

C. Resolution – Canonsburg 2010 Census Complete Count Committee

Mr. Lucas moved to approve the Resolution forming a Canonsburg 2010 Census Complete Count Committee.

Mr. Williams seconded the motion.

Discussion was held.

The motion was passed unanimously.

D. Digital Message Board – Valley Used Cars

Mrs. Popp moved to approve a digital message board for Valley Used Cars based on the recommendation, and with the stated conditions of the Canonsburg Planning Commission.

Mr. Lucas seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

Steve Lucas	Yes
Paul Sharkady	Yes
Jean Popp	Yes
Allen J. Williams	Yes
Richard Russo	Yes
Joseph Milioto	Yes
Ronald Cianelli	Yes
George Coleman	Yes
Daniel Caruso, Jr.	Yes

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

E. Borough Manager's Report

Mr. Williams moved to approve the July 6, 2009 Manager's Report.

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Mr. Lucas seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

F. Engineer's Report

Mr. Milioto moved to approve the July 6, 2009 Engineer's Report.

Mr. Sharkady seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A. Mr. Joseph Graff (no address given) approached Council in reference to the following items:

1. Conduct of Council at last few meetings and length of time a person can speak;
2. Employee's name brought up at meeting; should have been stopped by Council and brought up before the Mayor, Chief of Police, and Public Safety Chairman.
3. Has attended three meetings, and two citizens present again at tonight's meeting have not been helped.
Council should steer them in the right direction.

B. Ms. Mary Lou Caton, of 123 East College Street, informed Council that John Kosek, Sr. owns a house behind her (123 ½ East College Street) that is known in the area as a "crack" house. She has been informed by John Kosek, Jr. that St. Genevieve Church is being bought by the Elks. The church house (120 East College Street) next to it is empty, and John Kosek, Sr. intends to buy that house and turn it into the same type (\$75 week sleeping rooms) of house as the one across the street from her. Ms. Caton wanted to know if anything could be done to stop this.

Ms. Caton expanded on the numerous problems she is experiencing with the residents of 123 ½ East College Street. (Seven people currently live there.)

Discussion was held.

Mr. Milioto asked Attorney Derrico if anything can be done when

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a tenant moves out of one of the rooms to prevent it from being rented again.

Attorney Derrico will meet with Mr. Cianelli to review this matter. Mr. Caruso advised Ms. Caton to continue to call the police when there is a problem.

Ms. Caton's daughter (name not given) also informed Council of additional problems with the residents of 123 12 East College.

C. Mr. Dale Wagner, of 701 Fountain Street, has been told by the Code Enforcement Officer that there is a culvert under his barn. He said there has never been a culvert there; it's just an open pipe. When he moved in seven years ago, there was a ravine from that pipe to the top of the hill, and there was no parking there. Mr. Wagner said he took 60 feet of pipe, tapped into the open pipe, and took it straight up the hill. Water goes through where it's still open now.

Mr. Wagner has heard there were complaints, but he said there is no problem. He also heard people were complaining it caused a flood, but he said he had pictures to prove that this is not true. (Council viewed the pictures.)

Discussion was held pertaining to the fact that Mr. Wagner had been given approval in the past by an official to install the pipe, putting dye in the line, the Code Enforcement Officer's recommendation that the shed should be torn down, and the fact that Mr. Wagner did not secure a permit to build the barn/shed.

It was decided that the Engineer will check and TV the line, and the Code Enforcement Officer will come back to Council with a written recommendation.

- D. Mr. Joseph Dino (no address given) spoke with Council concerning various ongoing problems:
1. Mr. Wagner's shed, which Mr. Dino said borders Madonna's property – not Mr. Wagner's property;
 2. Flooding because of the pipe to which Mr. Wagner made reference (in Item C above) and who will be responsible

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- if and when it floods again;
3. Determination of property line/Borough boundaries;
 4. Code Enforcement Officer and Borough vehicles turn around in Mr. Dino's grass.

Discussion was held.

Mr. Dino said he was going to call Channel 4 News.

Mr. Dino has an upcoming hearing and asked that his papers be returned to him.

Mr. Lucas moved to survey and find out where the Borough property line is in relation to the borderline along Mr. Dino's property.

Mr. Coleman seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

George Coleman	Yes
Ronald Cianelli	Yes
Joseph Milioto	Yes
Richard Russo	Yes
Allen J. Williams	Yes
Jean Popp	Yes
Paul Sharkady	Yes
Steve Lucas	Yes
Daniel Caruso, Jr.	Yes

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

Further discussion was held.

VIII. FINANCE REPORT:

- A. Mrs. Popp advised Council of bills that needed further research:
 1. Mr. Hazlett stated that he talked with Mr. Treschow today about the bill that was pulled, and Mr. Treschow is going to look at it again.
 2. Chemical/solvent for Sewer Plant – Bill signed by Sewer Authority Engineer (Diane Altland) without approval of Plant Supervisor (Jim Dellorso)

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Mrs. Popp reported that she and Mr. Sharkady called both Ms. Altland and Mr. Dellorso in to the office to resolve this issue.

RESOLUTION: Ms. Altland took the bill (which was in excess of \$7,000), and it will be paid by the Sewer Authority. Mrs. Popp stated that Ms. Altland knows to never do this again.

Mr. Sharkady explained that this was a new chemical that the company (Sieman) said was better than the one that was being used. However, Mr. Dellorso did not agree. The company told Ms. Altland they would give it to them on a trial basis, but Ms. Altland had to order \$7,000 worth (instead of just a few barrels) in order to try it.

Mr. Hazlett informed Council that the money (which totaled approximately \$13,000) was coming out of the Operations Account, which is Borough money. Because it was ordered without approval of the plant supervisor and borough engineer, the money had to come out of the Sewer account. Mr. Hazlett said that Ms. Altland agreed to this.

Further discussion was held pertaining to the chemical. Mr. Hazlett informed Council that Ms. Altland was asked to return the remainder to the company.

B. Presentation of Bills for Approval

Mrs. Popp moved to pay the following bills:

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

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Mr. Coleman seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:

Steve Lucas	Yes
Paul Sharkady	Yes
Jean Popp	Yes
Allen J. Williams	Yes
Richard Russo	Yes
Joseph Milioto	Yes
Ronald Cianelli	Yes
George Coleman	Yes
Daniel Caruso, Jr.	Yes

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

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Meeting Pertaining to Streets – Brought up by Mr. Russo
This meeting will be held Monday, July 20, 2009.

B. Library – Brought up by Mr. Russo
Discussion was held pertaining to the following:

1. Changes Library wants to make to the deed
2. Letter from Michael Watson from Environmental Cleanup
 - a. Section 103 – Library considered non-residential property
 - b. Day care and cost of environmental problem

C. Verizon (FIOS Internet/Phone Package) – Brought up by Mr. Russo
Discussion was held pertaining to franchise fees and the Ordinance.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Mr. Hazlett reported on the following:

1. DCED Grants
2. Six Videos for Website

B. Trash Pile behind Junior High – Brought up by Mr. Milioto
Mr. Lucas will check on this tomorrow.

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- C. Damage to Reagan Street and Cecil Street – Brought up by Mr. Sharkady
Mr. Hazlett will look into this matter.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Resident Parking on East Pitt Street – Brought up by Mr. Sharkady
Discussion was held pertaining to complaints of a Smithfield Street resident parking there.
Mr. Sharkady will let the residents know why the police are unable to do anything about this.
- B. Second Street – Brought up by Mr. Lucas
Mr. Hazlett informed him that this will be done the right way the end of July.
- C. Condition of Roads—PA American Water-- Brought up by Mrs. Popp
Mrs. Popp reported that the Borough will be reimbursed for the work the road crew did that should have been done by the water company.
Mrs. Popp requested that a workshop be held with the utility companies to talk with them about permits, how they're going to pave, who will inspect the paving, etc.
Further discussion was held.
Discussion was held pertaining to permits and the Ordinance.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Executive Session pertaining to personnel began at 9:15 P.M.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:45 P.M.

Mary A. Solomon

ATTACHMENTS: None