

Canonsburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, March 14, 2016
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bell at 7:00 pm.

Moment of Silence called by Mr. Bell

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Mr. Paul Sharkady - Present

Mr. John Severine - Present

Mrs. Tina Bails - Present

Mr. Joe McGarry, Vice President - Present

Mrs. Fran Coleman - Present

Mr. Harold Bowman - Present

Mr. Richard Bell, President - Present

Others Present: Solicitor Mr. Patrick Derrico, Canonsburg Borough Manager Mr. Bob Kipp, Mayor David Rhome, Chief of Police Mr. Alex Coghill and Public Works/Fire Chief Mr. Tom Lawrence

GUESTS:

Mike Christ, Gary Sutherland (a Canonsburg resident) and LJ Kiehlmier (a Canonsburg resident) with Waste Management discussed the current contract, in particular utilizing small trucks due to the new pavement in the alleys throughout Canonsburg. Mr. Christ stated the company does have smaller trucks; however, they are not available to service Canonsburg. He stated the vehicle size has decreased from 31-32 yard vehicles to 25 yard vehicles C and G, which are lighter, quieter and more fuel efficient. He stated by using smaller trucks there would be changes to the cost structure such as an additional piece of equipment at a cost of \$300,000.00, plus additional 1 or 2 personnel, the labor, costs and the hours. With the smaller trucks, instead of doing one trip to the landfill, there would be two trucks, half the size, making trips to the landfill. Mr. Severine stated the whole town does not need a small truck. Mr. Christ stated that was correct, however, they service an estimated 1,000 homes. Mr. Christ stated that other municipalities have the same situation. He continued to state Boroughs, similar to Canonsburg's size, place everything on the front curb. Mr. Bell asked if this was attempted prior. Mr. Kipp stated he did not know. Mayor Rhome stated the residents were not in favor. Mr. Bell said that two thirds of the Borough place garbage on the street and one third does not. Mr. Bell stated the main concern is the condition of the alleys as they are newly paved and they do not want them destroyed. Mr. Bell stated even

the lightest and smallest truck may be too heavy for the blacktop. The max capacity of the current trucks being used is 50,000 pounds completely loaded. The smaller trucks would be half of that which would require extra trips to the landfill which could not be completed in one day. The smallest truck is a still a heavy truck around 25 to 30 thousand pounds loaded. Mr. Lawrence stated it is a lot of weight for an alley. Mr. Lawrence stated the biggest damage occurs when the truck is turning out of an alley as it damages the pavement. The alleys are small and tight and with cars parked adds to the difficulty. Some of the streets do not have parking or homes in the alley which allow the trucks to make wide swings out of the alley. Trucks have decreased in weight (prior was approximately 72,000 pounds) and currently they are 55,000 pounds fully loaded, not every street experiences a full load. Currently the truck for the East End is a two load truck, if a smaller capacity truck is used it will increase to four times which adds 40-45 minutes round trip resulting in an additional cost. Mr. Bell said it will increase the amount of time the trucks are in the alley with an extra turn in and out of the alley. Mr. Bell mentioned the cost of the blacktopping stating that if oil and chip would have been used it would have been packed down like cement making the streets better off. Mrs. Bails inquired about how many more trucks would be involved doing the additional alleys in the other wards. It was stated it would be more than doubling the number of trucks; currently there is one trash and recycle truck. The truck can hold four tons of trash; the current East End homes averages 1820 tons of trash every Friday. That would involve five trips which could not be completed in one day. The smaller trucks or "satellite trucks" can do very tight areas in town but they do not hold as much material. Mr. Bell asked if Council wanted to pursue using smaller trucks in East End which Mr. Bell stated he does not personally agree with as the town is being sectioned. Mr. Bell asked Mr. Christ provide a cost of the additional service to Council for review. Mr. Christ said he would provide a cost estimate with the additional service. Mr. Bell stated Council is happy with their service and happy with the projected contract in 2018 as residents will be paying thirty cents less than in 2013. Mr. Bell thanked Mr. Christ, Mr. Gary Sutherland and LJ Kiehlmier for attending the meeting and assisting Council with this issue. Mr. Sharkady inquired if the Borough was getting their fair share of the money from recyclables. Mr. Christ stated recyclables are a losing market and Waste Management is taking a loss. Mr. Sharkady stated he thinks they are getting the paper price and in turn Waste Management has aluminum cans, metal cans, glass and plastics and are getting more for those than paper. Mr. Christ said Mr. Sharkady was correct, but when the tonnage is averaged, they are paying for the glass disposal which overruns what they make on aluminum and paper. Mr. Christ stated they are covering their costs. Recyclables cannot be included with trash due to DEP regulations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Gary Matta, the Canonsburg Houston Joint Sewer Authority Solicitor, approached Council regarding the appointment process and the formation of the new Sewer Authority. Mr. Matta stated that several weeks ago, the Borough Manager contacted him regarding his opinion regarding the appointment process of the Sewer Authority. Mr. Matta stated it was not proper to provide his opinion as the Borough as a Solicitor, however, he did provide a letter to Council. Mr. Matta stated the memo explains the process that took place in establishing the current Municipal Authority for Canonsburg and Houston. The prior Operating Authority had Council have the final say. Two years ago, prior to Mr. Matta's firm being retained, the Municipal Authority and the municipalities came together wanting a freestanding Operating Authority, that could make all of the decisions instead of the two municipalities. One of the reasons was, per Mr. Matta's assumption, that financing was needed for approximately 50 million dollars. Under the other system, the municipalities would have had to be responsible for that debt. The reasons Municipal Authorities are established is to take debt away from Municipalities. The Municipal Authority has the ability to pay for that financing. That is why the two previous Councils made the decision to move to a freestanding Authority that would operate on their own. At that point, the former Solicitor for the Authority and the two solicitors for both municipalities formed a memorandum on how and what would have to take place and when. It needed to be completed by January 1, 2016. It lingered for various reasons, then Mr. Matta's firm was retained in late summer/early fall to get issues resolved and the Authority established. Last October and November, Council took an action to appoint members. Mr. Matta said the discussions he heard said that if any of the members that were previously on the Board wanted to still be involved; Council from both Municipalities were comfortable with that. Houston appointed the same member they had appointed previously and Canonsburg appointed four Board members, three of them were current CHJSA Board members, one of them chose not to be involved and Canonsburg appointed someone to replace that person. Mr. Matta said it was an appropriate process to use; it is a new Authority and has other duties that were written out by the action of Council over the last two and a half years. Mr. Severine stated that the previous Council appointed the one position with the term ending December 31, 2015. He further said that when Council voted on the one person, Mr. Bevec was still on the Board. Mr. Matta said that Board was dissolved and a new Board appointed. Mr. Severine stated it was not how it came across to Council and they were not informed the new Authority would start in 2015. Mr. Matta said the original document that Council signed two years ago said it had to be established by January 1, 2016. Mr. Severine said Council voted twice for the same position. Mr. Matta said when the new Board members were appointed and CHJSA was notified, that action dissolved the old Board. Mr. Matta further said they took action in Harrisburg, as per the articles of incorporation. Mr. Matta said he believes Council took an action prior to the Authority getting the document back from the state saying the articles were time stamped. Mr. Matta said he assumes the Borough Solicitor did the

right thing and made sure no one could say it was established before the articles were there, so Council took another action. Mr. Matta said it was appropriate and he would have done the same. Mr. Bell said it was voted on November 9, 2015 and again in December 2015. Mr. Sharkady said it was also voted on in October 2105. Mr. Severine stated that a person was voting on items when he wasn't in the position yet. Mr. Matta said there was never a time an individual attended a meeting until Council took action and although he was not agreeing with this, to calm fears, if someone wants to take the position that someone was not appointed when they took an action there were still four people and there was never a time when the Board had split on a vote, not since he has been there. Mr. Severine said he understood, however, this person was still there. Mr. Matta said they did not get the paperwork back with a time stamp so he and the Borough Solicitor had a discussion. Mr. Derrico was more comfortable to re-do the vote to make sure that there was not a question that if it was before or after the time stamped copy that it was clear. Mr. Matta said it was the appropriate thing to do and if anything it saved money in case somebody tried to make a frivolous lawsuit on one of those issues, he covered the base and a provided a safety net. Mr. Bell said the Borough Council voted on it three times with the same people. Mr. Matta was in agreement. He said there could have been an issue if on one of those votes you voted someone else. Mr. Sharkady said the problem is they never adopted the memorandum of understanding. Mr. Matta stated that was incorrect. Mr. Sharkady stated he was correct. Mr. Matta said it is signed by the President of Council and it was in the Board minutes. Mr. Sharkady said they never voted to accept it. Mr. Sharkady said John Bevec was a member of the Authority and he did not submit a resignation. Mr. Matta said he believes there was a verbal resignation and even if that was not the case, it was a new Board as the old Board was dissolved. Mr. Sharkady said it did not dissolve until December 31, 2015, when their terms expired. Mr. Matta said that he was incorrect; the memorandum between the Councils and the Authority said that the freestanding Authority had to be in place prior to January 1, 2016. When they went to the Department of State on October 15, 2015, that is when those positions were dissolved. Mr. Matta said Council took their Resolution action July 13, 2015 and on October 15, 2105 CHJSA went to the Department of State. Mr. Severine again inquired why they voted three times if it was dissolved. Mr. Mata said because there was an issue of submitting the documents and when they actually received a time stamped copy from the Department of State on November 12, 2015. Mr. Severine said that anything before November should not have counted. Mr. Matta said he never said that, He said business can be conducted if the documents were submitted prior to November 12, 2015. They wanted to make sure all bases were covered and completed appropriately. Mr. Matta stated for someone to say the document that started all of this was not approved, signed, or action taken by Council is ludicrous. Mr. Matta said this discussion was in more newspapers and more discussions at Council. The memorandum was signed on May 12, 2014 by the Borough of Canonsburg, the Borough of Houston and Mr. Alterio signed for the Authority. Mr. Bell asked if

everything is in order. Mr. Matta said everything was fine as CHJSA went through financing and are in the process of bidding the first phase of the project. Mr. Matta said the residents, the taxpayers and rate payers should applaud the Councils and Municipal Authority for what they have done. Mr. Matta said other municipality's rates are way over \$75 to \$100 a household per month. A lot of the financing will be paid for out of new rate payers and their tap in fee. The majority of the increases are through tap in fees for those building a new home, which is unheard of in the industry. Mr. Matta said he has not had one builder complain about the expansion project and how it would be funded. He said it is a sales tool to people moving into the area as their sewage rates will be a third of anybody else in Western Pennsylvania. Mr. Matta said it was a pleasure working with Mr. Derrico, referring to him as an icon. Mr. Matta said everything was done right, they worked with the Borough of Houston and Solicitors, got financing and the project is off to bid. Mr. Matta said Council is welcome to contact him if they have additional questions. Mr. Sharkady inquired if rates will increase. Mr. Matta said everybody's fees will go up but because of the financing they will not go up immediately. Mr. Matta said the rates will always be lower than the neighboring areas because of the infrastructure that is in place. Mr. Sharkady said he will be paying the same rate as a new home owner. Mr. Matta agreed saying everyone should pay the same rate; the builder will have to pay a higher tap in fee. Mr. Sharkady said he does not think the rate should be the same and those building a new home should be paying the bulk of the expansion project. Mr. Matta said the majority of the expansion and financing is going to be paid for by new home construction. Mr. Matta said even without new home construction the EPA and DEP would make the Municipal Authority do certain corrections to the plant. If no one built a new home, every current rate payer would have had to pay to upgrade the plant. Mr. Severine inquired about other towns, such as Hickory, were building a sewer plant. Mr. Matta said in DEP's letter, they said everyone is staying where they are.

Mr. Derrico said they are moving forward with their rehabilitation as the plant as been a great asset to the whole area. The plant was built in 1960 and has developed the casino, the race track, all the development in the area including North Strabane and Southpointe. Mr. Derrico said he may have made some minor mistakes over the last four to six months, because of the confusion as the Authority was already approved by the Department of State. The mistakes are harmless and they will go ahead and redo the building and be ready to develop the next twenty years. Mr. Matta said he does not believe there were mistakes, it was to make sure everything was handled cautiously and correctly.

Mr. Rob Luksis, Chairman of the Canonsburg Houston Joint Sewer Authority, approached Council. He stated that if Mr. Sharkady continued down this path, as Mr. Matta's paid time tonight is gratis, that he would be held responsible. Mr. Luksis said the Borough Solicitor is on board that this was done through proper protocol. Mr. Luksis stated that if Mr. Sharkady continues to threaten legal action of any type he

will be personally responsible. Mr. Sharkady asked where he heard the threat of legal action as it has not been mentioned here at all. Mr. Luksis stated he heard. Mr. Luksis stated if Mr. Sharkady goes down that path he better have deep pockets because it is coming out of his and it will not be covered by the Canonsburg Borough. Mr. Luksis stated he did that before and cost tens of thousands of dollars on a personal issue that he did not win, with Mr. Bevec and Mr. Russo. Mr. Sharkady stated he did not know what he was talking about. Mr. Luksis told Mr. Sharkady to follow the Canonsburg Solicitor who has said everything is proper. Mr. Sharkady stated he resented the personal attack by Mr. Luksis and does not know what he is talking about in regards to Mr. Russo and Mr. Bevec. Mr. Bell stated he never heard Mr. Sharkady threaten legal action.

Jake Mihalov, 303 Greenside Avenue, approached Council regarding the Fire Sirens going off at all hours of the night, 5:00 am one night and 3:15 another night. Mr. Lawrence stated there was a structure and house fire. Mr. Mihalov asked if it was a necessity to alerting everyone in Canonsburg other than the fireman. Mr. Lawrence said it is in place to notify the community they are on an emergency. Mr. Mihalov stated he does not want to put anyone's life in danger. Mr. Bell said this has come up before. Mayor Rhome said they had three structure fires the night Mr. Mihalov referenced, the first woke the Mayor up by the siren and he would not have heard it by pager. Mr. Lawrence stated he hoped someday Washington County and the state of Pennsylvania would use sirens to warn of hurricanes, tornados and some kind of system everyone knows. Mr. Lawrence said he will take this back to his office. Mr. Mihalov said again he would not want to put anyone's life in jeopardy.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Bell thanked the public for attending the meeting.

Mr. Bell addressed the heroin problem in Western Pennsylvania and in particular Washington County. The Federal Government and the U.S Attorney's Office has selected Western Pennsylvania as a key focus to work against heroin addiction and overdoses. The head U.S attorney, David Hickton (Mr. Bell read from an article) publicly acknowledged "the Canonsburg Police Department for their cooperation with the federal government and as a model of what we can do in law enforcement and health professionals to be aware of the issues and come together. Hickton went on to praise the department for their approach to treating and responding to this national heroin epidemic which has been centered in Washington County. Hickton cited Canonsburg Police for their response by carrying Narcan and treating every heroin overdose as a crime scene. Since the Department of Justice has put out a Standard Response Protocol for law enforcement, the departments regarding their response to heroin overdose cases which closely resembles those policies our department has already had in place." Mr. Bell said Mr. Hickton is the main person for

heroin addiction and overdoses in the United States. Mr. Bell said for Mr. Hickton to acknowledge the Canonsburg Police Department is an indication that Canonsburg is ahead of the game and something to be proud of. Mr. Bell commended the Mayor, Alex Coghill and the Police Department for this acknowledgement. Mr. Coghill and Mr. Bell stated Charles Tenney, with the Canonsburg Police Department, is so knowledgeable in this area that the U.S Attorney has made Mr. Tenney the key person with heroin addiction and overdoses in Western Pennsylvania.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Police Department monthly report provided to Council for review, the police responded to 560 calls.
2. Parking Enforcement Monthly report provided for review.
3. Mayor Rhome stated the need for foster grandparents in Canonsburg. There is only 1 resident in Canonsburg that serves as a Foster Grandparent. There are a lot of children that need help and the agency is desperate. Those interested can contact Mayor Rhome.
4. The Fire Department, in conjunction with the Red Cross, will be working on a campaign to supply and install, by volunteers, 1 to 3 smoke detectors in all resident's homes. The program takes place in May and June. Mr. Lawrence said it is an excellent program. The smoke detector has a ten year life pack.
5. Business License that was discussed at the workshop is being worked on.
6. Road closings for the July 4, 2016 parade and October Fest discussed. Mayor Rhome also discussed Community Moving Forward with the Washington County Drug and Alcohol Division. This a walk from St. Patrick's Church to the Municipal Building during the day of National Prayer Week, May 5, 2016. Mayor Rhome will apply for a permit through PennDot,
7. Civil Service tests were completed on March 11, 2016, 11 applications with 10 present for the test. The list will be updated soon.
8. Blaine Avenue - Mayor Rhome and Mr. Severine met with the residents who are now on board regarding parking and parking options.
9. Mutual Aid Agreement provided to Council for approval.
10. February training:
 - FTO (Field Training Officers) - 2 officers certified
 - Alice training - 2 officers completed training for the Active Shooter Program
 - CRASE - 3 officers trained for Critical Incidents
 - 100 Complacency Training Program - 5 officers trained
 - Crisis Management Training - 16 officers trained

Police 1 Online Police Academy - all officers trained
Mandatory Training - 4 officers trained
MCSAP Training - 24 hour training by MCSAP officer
Total training hours in February were 266 hours.

11. New SOP - Mayor Rhome will provide to Council for review, it is currently at the Wage and Policy Committee for their review.

Engineer's Report:

None

Solicitor's Report:

None

Committee Reports

1. Administration and Finance:

Mrs. Coleman reported that she and Mrs. Bails reviewed all bills and invoices and they are ready for approval. Mrs. Coleman made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. McGarry.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mrs. Coleman - Yes

Mr. McGarry - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Sharkady - No

Mr. Bell - Yes

6 Yes. 1 No. Motion Carries.

2. Code:

No Report

3. Public Works and Public Safety:

Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 26, 2016.

4. Facilities, Energy and Technology:

No Report

5. Parks and Recreation:

Mrs. Bails reported the monthly meeting was held Tuesday, March 8, 2016.

They held an election of officers with two year terms until 2017.

The access road near the Town Park ball fields to start in the next two weeks.

The Park and Recreation Committee will have a refreshment table at the Easter Egg Hunt.

The Parks and Recreation Committee is sponsoring a Fitness/Safety Day with the Wellness Center on June 24, 2016 with an emphasis on water safety.

Mr. Severine reported that the ladies room at the ball field is being considered for remodeling as there is an issue with plumbing and Port A Johns are being utilized. Also, the Parks and Recreation Committee is considering a Farmer's Market/Craft Day on Wednesday evenings on concert nights and night time swimming.

Mrs. Coleman thanked Mrs. Bails and Mr. Severine for the Parks and Recreation report.

6. Redevelopment:

Zoom discussed, owner needs financing. Mr. Severine discussed a resident calling regarding curbs going down Strabane Avenue; it is a state road. Mr. Kipp to draft a letter and send to PennDot.

7. Sewer Authority/Water/Sewage:

Mr. Sharkady reported he attended the February 25, 2016 CHJSA meeting. He stated they did send the bids out with bids being opened on May 16, 2016 at a public meeting which will probably be at the trailer at the Sewer Authority. Mr. Sharkday said that Mr. Matta said the members of the Authority did not have to be present at that time. The bids will be voted on May 26, 2016 at the regular CHJSA meeting. Mr. Sharkady said the office expenses for the previous month were \$64,176.00. Mr. Sharkday said the highest he has ever seen is \$20,000.00. Mr. Sharkady said Mr. Matta explained that as being caused by glitches, however, he did not elaborate on the glitches.

Meals on Wheels in Peters Township, (which comes services the Canonsburg Community) is looking for assistance the week of March 21, 2016 to April 25, 2016 from the hours of 10:30 am to 12:30 am.

It is Community's Champion Week. Their website is www.marchformeals.com.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. 11 acre parcel in Cecil Township owned by Canonsburg - Due to the stream and utilities there is not much interest.
2. Flood Control Grants Update (Manager) - will discuss when an Engineer Group is selected.
3. Water issue on 100 block of West Pike Street (Estimated \$55,000.00) - Need to develop specs/plans.
4. Zoom Update - Mr. Kipp emailed the owner and Kerry Fox last week. No response from either.
5. Bookstore - Looking into Section 108 Grants/Loans

6. Light Shields at Falconi Fields (Shields being ordered). Information is at HMT. Mr. Kipp said he needs the files.

7. Lease Space - has been advertised in the paper and on the marquee.

Mrs. Bails told Mr. Kipp to forget about sending the letter to Zoom giving them 60 days. Mrs. Bails said she was in contact with Mr. Fox and that is with Redevelopment. They are looking for a contractor and there is no time frame and it did not warrant a letter. She said the Borough has no say so with this issue. Mrs. Bails said there is already \$27,000 invested with the Bookstore and that is up to the individual to apply for grants and loans once they pay them. She stated it is not up to the Borough to apply for grants for the Bookstore. Mrs. Bails asked if all the new businesses in town have their permits in particular the Cohen Building. Mrs. Bails asked how many permits have been issued. Mr. Kipp said he signs many zoning permits a day. Mrs. Bails asked if Cohen has a permit. Mrs. Coleman said Code was already there. Mr. Severine said the papers should be in all the windows. Mr. Kipp said that does not come from Zoning, it comes from Building as they issue the Occupancy Permit. Mr. Kipp said when someone applies for the zoning permit it is written in bold letters that they need a building permit. Mr. Kipp said it has been a good process and is working well with the Fire Inspector.

Mayor Rhome inquired about an individual purchasing a business in the PNC Bank building and asked about the drainage issue on the backside of the building. Mrs. Coleman said as soon as the money comes in for Capital Projects that is to be done. Mr. Kipp said the LSA money comes in quarterly, the Act 13 money is down this year. Mr. Severine inquired if all were are on board for tapping in as one person did not want to do it. Mr. Derrico said that person is still not on board; however, it still will be done. Mrs. Coleman said they may end up taking the property.

Voting Items:

1. Motion to appoint Jeffrey Derrico to the Zoning Hearing Board for 2016-2018.

Motion by Mrs. Coleman to appoint Jeffrey Derrico to the Zoning Board for 2016-2018. Seconded by Mr. McGarry.

Mrs. Bails stated she learned at the workshop class (she stated she has nothing against Jeff or the Derrico family) and that it was her understanding that there cannot be two Solicitors from the same firm taking over two positions like this. Mr. Derrico said she was wrong. Mr. Bell said it is the Planning Commission and not the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Kipp verified that the motion is for Mr. Derrico to be a member and not the Solicitor, Holly Stabile is the Solicitor.

Roll Call:

Mr. Sharkady - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. McGarry - Yes

Mrs. Coleman - Yes

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

7 Yes. 0 No. Motion Carries.

2. Motion to approve Tentative Agreement with Teamsters 205 for Clerical and Public Works Departments for 2016-2018.

Motion by Mr. Bowman to approve Tentative Agreement with Teamsters 205 for Clerical and Public Works Departments for 2016-2018. Seconded by Mr. McGarry

Mr. Sharkady asked if the union and employees approved the agreement. Mr. Kipp stated he was given a verbal agreement on Friday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. by the clerical union steward that both bargaining units approved. Mr. Kipp has not reviewed the letter from John Winters. Mr. Severine asked about the 401k if it was in the agreement. Mr. Kipp stated it was.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mrs. Coleman - Yes

Mr. McGarry - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Sharkady - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

7 Yes. 0 No. Motion Carries.

3. Motion to approve the meeting Minutes of February 8, 2016.

Motion by Mrs. Bails to approve the meeting Minutes of February 8, 2016. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman.

Roll Call:

Mr. Sharkady - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. McGarry - Yes

Mrs. Coleman - Yes

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

7 Yes. 0 No. Motion Carries.

4. Motion to hire KLH engineering firm.

Motion by Mrs. Bails to hire KLH engineering firm. Seconded by Mr. Severine.

Mr. Kipp asked to make a motion after Executive Session as there is something that came to his attention that he needed to discuss with Council. Mrs. Bails asked why Council had to wait for Executive Session regarding the engineers and asked him to tell Council now. Mr. Bell said as long as it is not about personnel the issue can be mentioned openly. Mr. Kipp said he would not say anything.

Mr. Bell said that Council wishes to vote on the hire of engineers without an Executive Session.

Mrs. Coleman stated they should have an Executive Session.

Executive Session held from 8:30 p.m. to 8:31 p.m.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mrs. Coleman - Yes

Mr. McGarry - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Sharkady - No

Mr. Bell - Yes

6 Yes. 1 No. Motion Carries.

5. Motion to allow Mayor Rhome to further the permit with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for Pike Street for July 4, 2016, May 5, 2016 and Oktoberfest.

Mr. McGarry made a motion to allow Mayor Rhome to further the permit with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for Pike Street for July 4, 2016, May 5, 2016 and Oktoberfest. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

Roll Call:

Mr. Sharkady - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. McGarry - Yes

Mrs. Coleman - Yes

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

7 Yes. 0 No. Motion Carries.

6. Motion to approve the MOU with the Washington County Mutual Aid Agreement.

Motion by Mr. Severine to approve the MOU with the Washington County Mutual Aid Agreement.

Seconded by Mr. McGarry.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mrs. Coleman - Yes

Mr. McGarry - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Sharkady - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

7 Yes. 0 No. Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mrs. Bails inquired about the fee schedule on page 2 under Commercial. Mr. Kipp stated the fee schedule was obtained from HMT Engineering last year and adopted September 2015. Mrs. Bails said there were items that were not clear and marked out. She also asked about the Residential Schedule. Mr. Kipp said this was what was adopted in September of 2015 from HMT. Mr. Severine asked where the paperwork is. Mr. Kipp said it was on his desk and would be glad to show Mr. Severine at any time. Mr. Kipp said to look at Zoning as they are charging \$350.00 for a hearing which does not even cover the cost of the ad, the Solicitor, or stenographer. Mr. Kipp mentioned the charge of \$10.00 for a lien letter which does not cover an hour of his employee's wages. Mrs. Coleman stated it did not cover the costs of the Code Inspector. Mr. Kipp said when he first started working for the Borough, the fee schedule was only one page with six items. Mr. Kipp mentioned a fee schedule model from Cranberry Township. Mr. Kipp said the schedule is open for discussion.

Mr. Severine asked about cell towers in the Borough. Mrs. Bails said it was to be included in the new code book that they were not to be in the Borough. Mr. Severine asked about a message that was sent to him from Mr. Kipp. Mr. Kipp said anyone can ask for a variance for anything and it can be denied.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Held at 8:35 p.m. - 9:20 p.m.

Mr. Bell reconvened the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Mr. Bell stated two personnel matters were discussed in the Executive Session.

Mr. Bell asked if someone would like to make a motion, on the Borough Mangers original recommendation, to terminate Arlene Griffith.

No Motion.

Motion fails.

Motion to terminate Bob Kipp as Borough Manager of Canonsburg effective immediately.

Motion by Mrs. Bails to terminate Bob Kipp as Borough Manager of Canonsburg effective immediately.

Seconded by Mrs. Coleman.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mrs. Coleman - Yes

Mr. McGarry - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Sharkady - No

Mr. Bell - Yes

6 Yes, 1 No. Motion Carries.

Mr. Bell stated Mr. Kipp's telephone and Borough credit card would need to be turned over. Mr. Bell asked Mr. Coghill to accompany Mr. Kipp.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McGarry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bowman seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Enclosures:

1. CHJSA Meeting Minutes
2. Thank You letters from Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering and Senate Engineering Company
3. Memo from Bob Kipp regarding revised fee schedule for 2016
4. Washington County Mutual Aid Child Abduction Response Effort Agreement

Submitted by: Michelle LoBello