

Canonsburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday October 10, 2016
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bell at 7:01 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-Absent

Mrs. Fran Coleman - Present

Mr. Harold Bowman - Present

Mr. Richard Bell –President- Present

Others Present: Solicitor Mr. Patrick Derrico, Borough Manager Ms. Denise Lesnock, Mayor David Rhome, Chief of Police Mr. Alex Coghill and KLH Engineer Mr. Bob Robinson

GUESTS:

Eric Cersosimo was sworn in as the new part-time police officer hired for the Borough of Canonsburg. Mayor Rhome performed the Oath of Office. Council members congratulated and welcomed Officer Cersosimo.

Mr. Coghill provided background information regarding Officer Cersosimo stating he will be starting with the Canonsburg Police Department part-time, his age and that he holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice. He resides in Aliquippa, Pa.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Lee Wilson with the Cat Committee thanked the Police Department for their collaboration with the poisoning of cats. She stated she and the committee were very appreciative. Mr. Coghill stated the Police Department has a strong case with several pet cats being baited with poison. The Police Department is waiting on one last lab report. Ms. Wilson also thanked the Fire Department and EMTs for helping to save her pets during a fire. Mr. Bell thanked her and the Cat Committee for their efforts in the community.

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS:

Mr. Bell stated Council has been conducting committee meetings, during the week day, to address issues. He expressed his appreciation to Mr. Derrico and Council members.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

1. Police Department monthly report provided to Council for review.
2. Parking Enforcement Monthly report provided to Council.
3. Bridge on North Central was halted for two days due to Verizon causing delays. Brandon Neuman assisted with contacting Verizon. Target completion date is mid-November.
4. Triple A class for crossing guards to update them with new rules and regulations Mayor Rhome stated they are doing a great job.
5. Houston Pumpkin Parade- participation from Canonsburg

6. October 16, 2016 Pet Search Clinic from 10 am to 4 pm in the Fire Department
7. Fire Prevention Week- working in conjunction with the North Strabane Fire Department. They will be in the schools working with the students for the next four days.
8. Letter as pertains to traffic light study on 1st street is in progress with an update to be provided at next month's meeting.
9. Blessings In a Backpack- Canonsburg participated in this event at South Central School.
10. Survey status- Mayor Rhome stated Ms. Lesnock will provide an update.
11. St. Thomas Episcopal Church celebration with proclamation of their anniversary.
12. Domestic Violence Month with proclamation.
13. Breast Cancer Awareness Month with proclamation.
14. Vacant Home Ordinance in progress.
15. Bowling for Burritto-participation on September 25, 2016 in honor of young man that drowned in family swimming pool. This was a fund raiser to teach CPR within the community.
16. Mayor Rhome recommended Dale Scott Gailbraith as the Director of Emergency Management and Mark Mazzeo as the Assistant Director of Emergency Management.
17. Together We Can Walk participation in Washington.

Mr. Coghill announced Officers Jonathon Cowell and Thomas O'Rourke were selected for the Amen Corner Senator John Heinz Law Enforcement Award for preserving a life and their recognition the situation was a suicide case. Mr. Coghill read the letter of recognition. Mr. Coghill stated only 16 of these awards are given in a year. They are eligible for a National award as well. There will a luncheon honoring the officers on October 21, 2016 from 11:45am- 1:30pm at the Sheraton Station Square. The cost of the lunch is \$35.00. Mr. Bell said this in the largest award in South Western Pennsylvania in Law Enforcement, which is under Commissioner Larry Dunn. Mr. Bell said it is a great honor. Mr. Bell will be attending the lunch, other Council members are invited. Mr. Coghill also stated a movie is being filmed in Canonsburg and some of Canonsburg Police Officers will be extras in the movie.

Engineer's Report:

Mr. Robinson reported on the following:

1. 2015 Street Improvements Projects- Holbein completed all the work satisfactorily. Mr. Robinson will have the final invoice next month.
2. Flood Protection-
Chartiers Creek- will advertise next week for clearing trees.
Water Alley- HMT to receive bids on November 7, 2016.
McBurney- next spring will be able to bid, DCED \$36,000 reimbursement.
3. Water Issue 100 block West Pike Street- A meeting was held on September 15, 2016; it has been determined this is not a public project and is a private property owner project as there is no public sewer or right of way.
4. Cecil Street- Public Works received bids for milling and resurfacing. Pro-Tech was the low bidder at \$13,500.00. Mr. Lawrence recommends Pro-Tech.
5. Apple Hill Phase 4-met on September 15, 2016 to look at the sanitary manholes, 26 manholes with half of them (13 manholes) being buried. The other manholes had deficiencies which all need addressed. The Borough is not responsible for the Engineer fee for the repeated inspections.
6. Playground- the 2006 Developer's agreement shows an open space between two homes that is currently being used to dump grass clippings. There is a 15foot stone access in between the homes. Discussion held regarding \$20,000 donated to the Home Owner's Association. Mr. Robinson stated

more research is needed to determine if payment was made and who made the payment. Mr. Bell stated he would like to be sure the Borough is fulfilling their obligation.

Mayor Rhome discussed an issue on Rose Avenue with a tree that is on Borough property, however, the home is in Cecil. Mr. Robinson will contact the developer. Mayor Rhome made several attempts to solve this without return phone calls from the developers.

7. Senior Center evaluation- the evaluation is completed. A LSA grant was applied for in the amount of \$245,000 for building improvements.

Mr. Bell thanked Mr. Robinson for his assistance with the water issue on the 100 Block of West Pike Street.

Solicitor's Report:

No Report

Committee Reports

1. Administration and Finance:

Mrs. Coleman reported that she and Ms. Lesnock reviewed all bills and invoices last week and they are ready for approval.

Motion by Mrs. Coleman to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. Bowman.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. McGarry-Absent

Mrs. Bails-Yes

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mr. Sharkady-No

Mr. Bell-Yes

5 Yes, 1 No, 1 Absent. Motion Carries.

2. Code: Discussion regarding displaying permits for projects. Mr. Bell said the Borough needs to be more forceful with permits being displayed or fines will incur.

3. Public Works and Public Safety-monthly fire inspection report provided last week. Mr. Bell discussed the Fire Inspector conducted five fire extinguisher classes for business owners. Mr. Bell stated that is very appreciated. Mr. Bell also stated some businesses do not have fire extinguishers and/or do not know how to use them. Mr. Bell inquired if 2 businesses in town were new. Mayor Rhome and Mrs. Bails answered: one is a physician office and the other was a relocated business. Mr. Bell inquired about fines for those that fail to attend a scheduled or rescheduled meeting. The Fire Inspector will give a warning; however, it can be taken to the magistrate. Mayor Rhome discussed the Fire Extinguisher program with the Fire Department. Mr. Sharkady inquired if Council could receive a list of those that are deficient. Mr. Severine inquired about sign ordinances stating some businesses have painted signage on windows versus a business sign which makes the town non uniform. Mr. Bell said he would like the collaboration with Code, Planning Commission and the Zoning Hearing Board. Ms. Lesnock said there is a sign ordinance but is not specific. Ms. Lesnock to review further.

4. Facilities, Energy and Technology- No report

5. Parks and Recreation:

-Discussion held regarding excess monies from the concession stand and pool. Mr. Severine and Mrs. Bails asked if the monies could be in a fund for the betterment of the park. Ms. Lesnock stated that could be discussed at the budget meeting.

The basketball court is 98% funded; \$5,000 is still needed for the two hoops. Friends of the Park may

assist with the additional \$5,000.00. There may be deck hockey lines on the court. Discussion held regarding a pickle ball court which will be discussed at the budget meeting.

- The park will be closed by October 15, 2015.
- Pavilion rentals still occurring in October.
- Camp Splash budget report for next year almost completed.
- Items have been removed from the garage.
- Ash trees have been removed by a volunteer.

6. Redevelopment: Water Alley project discussed. Surveys completed, looking to have part of Jefferson and Arlington to qualify. Particular streets discussed. Council to review streets.

7. Sewer Authority/Water/Sewage: No report.

VOTING ITEMS:

1. Motion to approve the September 12, 2016 meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council.

Motion by Mrs. Bails to approve the September 12, 2016 meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

2. Motion to approve back pay to Manager for performing Manager duties from the last day of the previous Manager (3/14/16) until being promoted at the September 12, 2016 Meeting.

Motion by Mrs. Coleman to approve back pay to Manager for performing Manager duties from the last day of the previous Manager (3/14/16) until being promoted at the September 12, 2016 Meeting.

Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

Roll Call:

Mr. Sharkady-Yes

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mrs. Bails-Yes

Mr. McGarry-Absent

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. Bowman-Yes

Mr. Bell-Yes

6 Yes, 1 Absent, 0 No. Motion Carries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Zoom Corporation Update- Discussion held regarding the time limits of construction. It has been three years without completion. Ms. Lesnock met with the owners. Discussion held regarding Redevelopment's authority versus the Borough's authority regarding the financing of the construction. Mr. Derrico stated the Borough does not have the right to take back the money, however, the Borough does have the authority to state what kind of building and how it will be built as well as a time limit for construction. Mr. Bell and Mrs. Coleman stated the owner has not communicated with the Borough. Ms. Lesnock states he owns the property with a contingency; if the property reverts back, it reverts back to Redevelopment.

2. Senior Citizen's Building -LSA Grant was filed

3. Policy on banners- will set meeting an hour before the next budget workshop. Meetings set for 7:00 pm on October 18th and 6:00 pm on October 25, 2016 with the Chamber. The meetings will be

advertised.

4. Cecil Street will be milled and paved where pipe was installed. Protech was lowest bid at \$13,500. Mr. Robinson stated Protech and Holbein have been doing a good job with blacktopping.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to appoint Dale Scott Galbraith as the Director of Emergency Management and appoint Mark Mazzeo as the Assistant Director of Emergency Management, per the recommendation of the Mayor.

Motion by Mr. Bowman to appoint Dale Scott Galbraith as the Director of Emergency Management and

appoint Mark Mazzeo as the Assistant Director of Emergency Management, per the recommendation of the Mayor. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Executive Session held.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Bails to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. Seconded by Mr. Sharkady.

All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Enclosures:

A. Canonsburg Police Department/Parking Enforcement Report of September 2016

B. Canonsburg Fire Inspection Report of September 2016

C. Email from Sharon Evans Zoom Corp. regarding building updates

D. Suggested streets for DCED Street Surveys from Tom Lawrence

Submitted by: Michelle LoBello

