

Canonsburg Borough Council Meeting

Monday November 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 - Absent

Mr. Harold Bowman - Present

Mr. Richard Bell –President- Present

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

GUESTS:

Kristine Beaty, Out-Reach Representative with Phones for Seniors, discussed captioned telephone services for seniors. She stated the program is for hearing impaired seniors at no cost. The program is an ADA program which is funded by FCC tax funds. She said a representative will spend time with the person in their home to install and provide education on how to use the phone. A physician, audiologist or hearing physician needs to document the hearing loss. The phones are four times amplified as well as caption on the screen. Ms. Beaty provided her business cards for Borough members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Michael Alterio, 104 Woodcrest, Canonsburg, Pa, approached Council. He thanked the Police Department as well as those agencies that responded to the occurrence on Woodcrest. Mr. Alterio read the following:

“My name is Michael Alterio and I reside at 104 Woodcrest Drive.

I come here this evening to thank our Police Department and all those who answered the call to Woodcrest Drive on Thursday November 10, 2016.

I received a phone call from 911 at approximately 4:15 am and after an apology for calling so early was told that there was a situation on Woodcrest and we were to stay inside our home. Looking outside we saw several law enforcement officers combing several neighbor’s backyards including ours. Even at my age, I have never seen so many law enforcement officers, Police vehicles, Swat trucks, Bomb Squad trucks and many more such vehicles.

We saw a Swat Squad and five men walk up our sidewalk toward the scene. At approximately 7:00 am we were told to evacuate the premises, which we did. I noticed at one of the intersections on our way away from Woodcrest there was a volunteer fireman directing traffic. As I said before, I cannot thank all those involved to make sure my wife and I were safe. Our sincere condolences to the fallen officer’s family and to those who are part of his work family, namely our police department. We pray for the speedy recovery of Officer Jimmy Saieva. We lost our youngest son two years ago and I wear a wrist

band which says in his own writing “Peace and Strength” which I say to you. Thank You and God Bless”

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS:

Mr. Bell stated the police department has been overwhelmed with phone calls and donated food, which was given to the police officer’s families. He stated they have rooms filled with food and there has been so much public help from the community. Mr. Bell thanked Council members as they were out that day helping in any way. He also thanked the Borough office and support staff for helping as well. Mr. Bell mentined the Blue Stream Light beaming down the middle of Canonsburg for fallen officer Scott Bashioum.

Mayor Rhome stated there has been an out pour of love and care from the community and all around Pittsburgh. He said the police department has received calls from Oregon, California and the New York Yankees. Mr. Rhome gave his sympathies on behalf of the Police Department, the comrades that have passed, those that were injured, the female victim of domestic violence and her unborn child.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor Rhome stated he will postpone his report until next month due to the tragic events. He also stated he had an issue to discuss in Executive Session.

Engineer's Report:

Mr. Robinson reported on the following:

1. 2015 Street Improvements Project- all work has been completed, waiting for one invoice and the Maintenance Bond from Russell Standard.
2. Charters Creek-Motion for tree and debris removal tonight
-Water Alley Project- Motion to approve tonight the bid \$60,489.10
-McBurney- HMT delayed until Spring of 2017.
3. Apple Hill Phase IV- all punch list work has been completed, including half of the buried manholes. Developers requesting the Borough accept an 18 month maintenance bond. This will be on next month’s agenda. KLH has verified the Apple Hill Home Owner’s Association has received \$20,000 payment as required under the Developer’s agreement.

Solicitor's Report:

Mr. Derrico discussed the assessment appeals stating Shop N Save, two Sarris properties and the School Board have filed an appeal to make sure the amount is correct. The assessment has increased ten times.

Committee Reports

1. **Administration and Finance:** No report
2. **Code:** Mr. Severine discussed an issue with a home owner wanting to sell his home, however, is having difficulty due to a truck on a paper alley. Mr. Derrico stated it is a private legal issue with the homeowner and not a Borough issue.
Mr. Severine discussed resident’s burning beyond permissible days/hours. Ms. Lesnock stated that it is a police issue and the police should be called at the time it is occurring.
3. **Public Works and Public Safety**-report provided last week
4. **Facilities, Energy and Technology**- No report
5. **Parks and Recreation:**
Mrs. Bails reported on the following:

1. The water level was lowered for a leak repair
2. The President of the Park Board is on a Leave of Absence, if longer than 6 months she can no longer remain as the President but can still remain on the Board. The Park Board may have a re-election next month or leave the VP as acting president.
3. Plans to have Farmer's Market and Craft Fair next season
4. Basketball Court fencing is being installed. The hoops will be installed in the spring. Sports Court is ready to be installed.
- 6. Redevelopment:** Kerry Fox requesting streets that need work due by the end of the week.
- 7. Sewer Authority/Water/Sewage:** Report provided last week.

VOTING ITEMS:

1. Motion to approve the October 10, 2016 meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council.

Motion by Mrs. Bails to approve the October 10, 2016 meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council. Seconded by Mr. Severine.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

2. Motion to authorize the advertising for tree removal along the banks of Chartiers Creek as part of the Chartiers Flood Control Grant.

Motion by Mr. McGarry to authorize the advertising for tree removal along the banks of Chartiers Creek as part of the Chartiers Flood Control Grant. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

3. Motion to approve the 2017 tentative budget.

Motion by Mrs. Bails to approve the 2017 tentative budget. Seconded by Mr. Bowman.

Roll Call:

Mr. Sharkady-Yes

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mrs. Bails-Yes

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Absent

Mr. Bowman-Yes

Mr. Bell-Yes

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

4. Motion to remove Anthony Cancilla from probation.

Mr. Bowman made the motion to remove Anthony Cancilla from probation. Seconded by Mr. McGarry.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

5. Motion to award bid for flood control work on Water Alley to Slusarczk Excavating in the amount of \$60,489.10.

Motion by Mr. Severine to award the bid for flood control work on Water Alley to Slusarczyk in the amount of \$60,489.10. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Absent

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mrs. Bails-Yes

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mr. Sharkady-Yes

Mr. Bell-Yes

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Zoom Corporation Update- no update
2. Senior Citizen's Building -LSA Grant was filed and waiting for response.
3. Cecil Street will be paved the week of November 14, 2016 (where pipe was installed) by Protech.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Severine stated the Christmas trees have been donated by him and have been decorated. Mr. Bell thanked Borough employee Kim and her husband for decorating the trees, as well as, thanked Ms. Lesnock and the Borough employees for decorating the Borough building. Mr. Severine inquired about planting trees for Christmas. Ms. Lesnock to look into for next year.
2. Mrs. Bails stated a tree was donated in memory of a Borough resident.
3. Mr. Severine arranged for bows and ribbons for decorating poles for Christmas.
4. Mrs. Bails stated bows in honor of fallen officer Scott Bashioum will line the streets. The bows were donated by the Borough Council and made by local florist. The funeral procession was discussed, beginning at 1:15, anticipating approximately 600 to 1,000 Police cars and fire trucks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session held.

Motion for the Chief of Police and the Mayor to start the proceedings to hire a full-time Police Officer.

Motion by Mr. Sharkady for the Chief of Police and the Mayor to start the proceedings to hire a full-time Police Officer. Seconded by Mr. Bowman.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Mc Garry to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Enclosures:

- A. Planning Commission meeting minutes of November 3, 2016.

Submitted by: Michelle LoBello

