

Canonsburg Borough Council Meeting

Monday August 8, 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, Assistant Canonsburg Borough Manager Ms. Denise Lesnock, Mayor David Rhome, Chief of Police Mr. Alex Coghill, Public Works/Fire Chief Mr. Tom Lawrence and KLH Engineer Mr. John Mowry

GUESTS:

Rea A. Redd, Professor at Waynesburg University, addressed Council regarding installing a historical marker for Jonathan Letterman in front of the Borough Building. Mr. Redd stated he is a civil war enthusiast. Jonathan Letterman was a Canonsburg native growing up in the 1820's. He is buried in Arlington Cemetery as he is a United States veteran. Mr. Redd said he received permission from the Pennsylvania History and Museum Council to set up a road side marker for Jonathan Letterman. It would stand on a silver post 10 feet high. Mr. Redd is asking for Council to consider having the marker placed on the spot Mr. Letterman grew up, which is on the Borough lot. Mr. Redd referenced a letter signed by the Director of the Heinz History Center who is on the Pennsylvania Historic Society Commission stating this is a good marker. Mr. Redd provided information regarding Mr. Letterman such as attending Jefferson College Medical School. He then joined the United States Army serving in Minnesota, Florida, New Mexico and California. In September 1862 in Maryland, Mr. Letterman was chosen to be the doctor for 125,000 men. He picked out hospital sites, trained ambulances and removed 12,000 soldiers from the field within 24 hours. He did this in Maryland and Gettysburg. In 1864 he moved to California, became a coroner and eventually died in California. He has a fort in San Francisco named after him and a camp in Gettysburg named after him. Mr. Redd stated Jonathan Letterman created the idea of a medic traveling with the troops and created the triage concept. Mr. Redd referenced a letter provided to Council from David Price, Executive Director National Museum of Civil War Medicine. Mr. Redd said he has permission from the state for the marker and has the forms. The vendor of the monument is from the state, it is on a 10 foot pole, blue sign with yellow lettering. The cost for the post and the sign, including shipping, is \$1,700.00 with a contribution to help Council with the costs. It is approximately 90 days from order date for delivery. The monument could be installed before Veteran's Day. Mr. Bell stated Council will discuss and will be in contact. Mr. Bell also stated Council may have a committee to oversee this project if needed. Mr. Bell thanked Mr. Redd for his time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Jim Chimento approached Council regarding military banners being taken down from poles in Canonsburg. He asked who gave permission to remove the banners. Mr. Chimento stated they submitted their fees timely to the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Chimento referenced a letter from the Chamber of Commerce stating the hanging of banners will be placed by Memorial Day weekend with anticipation the banners will hang throughout the spring and summer. Mr. Chimento stated the banners were removed July 11, 2016. Mr. Chimento asked who gave permission and also stated there needs to be communication between the Chamber of Commerce and Council. Mr. Chimento stated the cost of a two sided banner is \$200.00 and one sided is \$150.000. Other veterans were present in the public as well. Mr. Bell stated the Chamber of Commerce is a profit organization. Mr. Bell stated the poles belong to the Borough and are used for other things during the year such as banners for Oktoberfest and concerts in the park. Mr. Bell referenced a form from the Chamber of Commerce dated April 13, 2016, "the banners will be displayed during the month of May, prior to Memorial Day, and will hang after Independence Day in July." Mr. Bell stated that is what happened this year. Mr. Bell referenced a letter from the Chamber of Commerce from April 2014 that banners will hang from the month of May prior to Memorial Day and displayed through Labor Day in September. Mr. Bell stated Mr. Chimento's letter from the Chamber of Commerce is different than the Boroughs letter. Mr. Bell said the Borough is responsible to make sure the banners for the concerts in park and Oktoberfest are displayed. Mr. Bell said the Borough was not sure of the date to remove the banners and in no way was there any disrespect to the veterans as the Borough is just as concerned.

Mr. Bell stated the banners should definitely be up longer than two months. He will have Ms. Lesnock to meet with the new Director of the Chamber of Commerce to discuss this. Mr. Chimento stated he would like to attend the meeting.

Discussion held that businesses pay up to \$1,000 for the banners. Mrs. Coleman stated it was a shame and very disrespectful the veteran banners only hung for a few months. Mr. Severine stated the Chamber of Commerce is separate from the Borough and is a for profit organization. Mr. Bell agreed the veteran banners should be displayed longer than two months. Mr. Milioto from the public audience spoke and asked who gave the directive to remove the banners. Mr. Bell stated the Borough authorized the banners to be taken down as the letter from the Chamber of Commerce indicated the banners can be removed after the Fourth of July. Mr. Lawrence stated there are approximately 100 poles and there are 198 veteran banners. Mrs. Bails and Mr. Lawrence stated that banners used to be staggered. Mr. Bell stated more poles may be needed.

Joe Mastrangioli representing Community Motors and Mike Walls representing Control Climate Systems addressed Council regarding preventing flooding issues on West Pike Street. Mr. Bell stated this was discussed at last week's meeting and it was water coming down from McBurney Road due to the recent rainy weather. Mr. Lawrence stated he met with Mr. Mastrangioli last week and there is another issue of water coming off the hillside creating water coming from two different areas. Mr. Bell said there is a grant between the Borough and Chartiers Township to take care of the issue. Mr. Mastrangioli stated he has spent thousands of dollars cleaning the water and mud that washed down from the hillside. Mr. Mastrangioli stated the debris, water and mud poured down the hillside clogging the storm sewers, between the Laundromat and Big House of Tees. He also stated a recent storm knocked two trees down as well. Mr. Mastrangioli stated he never saw mud coming down from the hillside before. Mr. Wall's employees are working around the clock to clean up to five inches of mud in his building. Mr. Mastrangioli said a heavy rain storm over powers the storm sewers. When debris covers the storm sewers, mud backs up into his business. He said this has been an issue for years. Mr. Walls asked if the Fire Department could assist to push mud around to keep his business moving. Mr. Bell stated if help is needed to ask, the Borough is limited on what they can do, however, they will do what they can to help. Mr. Bell suggested speaking with the Fire Department for assistance. Mr.

Lawrence stated he was unaware there was mud in their businesses; he knew it was in their parking lot. Mr. Mowry further discussed the grant money stating a proposal was received and the Borough should be able move forward with McBurney. Mr. Mowry stated the plans and specs are completed, if authorized, they can advertise in a month and begin work in early fall. Chartiers is on board with the McBurney Project. Mr. Bell stated they will try to have the work completed by winter. Mr. Lawrence stated he never forgot about them, this has been planned the last 1 ½ to two years. Mr. Mowry stated he was told upon hire that this was a priority and they have been instructed to take care of it.

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS:

Mr. Bell asked Mr. Lawrence about the road work on the streets in the Borough:

1. Pike Street from Central to Jefferson- Mr. Lawrence stated a 4 inch line was needed for the micro-brewery and should open up August 9, 2016.
2. Cecil Street Project- working in between the rain. Mr. Lawrence discussed an egg shaped pipe that was removed as it collapsed. Mr. Lawrence notified the Baseball association, however, he has not heard back.
3. South Central- discussion regarding signage not to make a left or right is needed when coming up East or West Pike Street.

Mr. Bell stated Mr. Lawrence was doing a good job and doing the work of forty people.

Mr. Lawrence discussed a 36inch pipe from Jefferson to Chartiers Creek that had a 5 foot plastic pipe stuck in the drain line with a structure build on top of it. Once it flooded it was cleaned out. Prior, they could not get it out and cleaned. When it was flooded, DEP arrived, said the pipe needed removed and it cannot be covered.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

1. Police Department monthly report provided to Council for review.
2. Parking Enforcement Monthly report provided to Council.
3. The Mayor stated he is getting caught up since being on vacation.
4. Mayor Rhome cautioned Council regarding an issue on Moore Avenue stating it is a civil issue. Mr. Coghill is involved with the neighbor dispute.
5. September 16th through the 18th closing of Pike Street for Oktoberfest.
6. Mr. Coghill would like to discuss a personnel issue in Executive Session.

Engineer's Report:

1. Street Improvements Projects-holding retainage from Russell Standard. KLH contacted Holbein Inc. to complete the punch list issues. They are to start within the next couple of weeks.
2. MS4 Program-Ms. Lesnock provided maps from the previous Engineer for Mr. Mowry’s review.
3. Flood Protection Project- letter from previous Engineer for McBurney and Water Alley grants. Mr. Mowry stated the prices and scope are reasonable; the grant money needs to be spent by June 30, 2017.
4. Chartiers Flood Project - the project is for tree removal in which some cross over the railroad. KLH is waiting to hear back from the railroad for the right to entry. The plans are finished with about one month’s worth of work anticipated once advertised and awarded.
5. Apple Hill Phase 4-Maronda notified Ms. Lesnock they have completed their work and would like the Improvement Bond released. KLH to inspect improvements so the Improvement Bond can be released, however, a Maintenance Bond should be in place before releasing the Improvement Bond. Ms. Lesnock received the developer’s agreement and plans from Maronda. Mr. Mowry to address this. Mr. Bell asked if Mr. Mowry is recommending moving forward with Water Alley and McBurney Road. Mr. Mowry stated yes.

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. 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-Fire Department report read at last week’s meeting.

4. Facilities, Energy and Technology-No report.

5. Parks and Recreation: Mrs. Bails reported on the following:

a. Benches were moved to access the delivery area near the pool as handicapped parking spaces were added.

b. Girls Baseball- no response from Mrs. Duke regarding the baseball field lease agreement.

c. Sunday afternoon concert is August 14, 2016. The Four Townsman as well as vendors from the summer craft events will be at Town Park. The vendors will be at the upper section where the old tennis courts were. There is plenty of parking. The event is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

d. The Park Board, at there meeting, discussed a Personnel issue for next year.

e. Pickle Ball Court-getting cost estimate to re-surface the parking lot

f. Basketball Court-moving forward with Pro Tech doing the work, projecting completion in October. Donations are being accepted for the basketball hoops which costs \$1,500.00 each.

6. Redevelopment: No report. Individuals who expressed interest in the Bookstore are no longer interested.

7. Sewer Authority/Water/Sewage: Report provided last week.

A woman from the public spoke regarding issues of individuals on her street, White Way, at 2:00 am without clothing. She also spoke about clean-up issues on her lawn, especially trees. She was reminded that the Public Comments portion of the meeting was over. She continued with her comments discussing her personal health, age, the clean-up of trees and billing the Borough for her clean-up work. She stated she has called the Police without satisfaction. Mayor Rhome stated the Police have addressed the issues, however, they have been unfounded.

VOTING ITEMS:

1. Motion to approve the July 18, 2016 meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council.

Motion by Mrs. Bails to approve the July 18, 2016 meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council.

Seconded by Mr. Bowman.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

2. Motion to advertise for bids for lawn/ground maintenance at Town Park and Gateway Gardens.

Motion by Mrs. Coleman to advertise for bids for lawn/ground maintenance at Town Park and Gateway Gardens. Seconded by Mr. Bowman.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

Bid samples provided to Council. Mr. Severine inquired about East End playground, it is included.

3. Motion to approve temporarily making Archer Street a two-way street and making parking only on the South side until construction on South Central Bridge is completed unless a problem arises; the Police Department will monitor and re-direct if needed.

Mr. Bowman made a motion to approve temporarily making Archer Street a two-way street and making parking only on the South side until construction on South Central Bridge is completed unless a problem arises; the Police Department will monitor and re-direct if needed. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

Mr. Severine stated there should be no parking on that street. Mr. Coghill stated that “no parking” would be an inconvenience to the resident’s on Archer: a two-way flow can operate with parking on one side. Mr. Sharkady inquired about notifying the residents on Archer street of the change. Mr. Coghill stated it will be placed on their Face Book page and the Police Department will personally inform the residents of Archer Street on August 9, 2016.

4. Motion to approve the Planning Commission’s recommendation to grant 1 year conditional use to Guy Gilbert of 211 Murdock Street for church or similar place of worship and related functions 3 days a week with maximum 25 people and without complaints including parking complaints.

Motion by Mr. McGarry to approve the Planning Commission’s recommendation to grant 1 year conditional use to Guy Gilbert of 211 Murdock Street for church or similar place of worship and related functions 3 days a week with maximum 25 people and without complaint including parking complaints.

Seconded by Mr. Bowman.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

Discussion regarding parking on the street as this is a residential area. Mr. Chandler with the Planning Commission was present stating the approval was contingent upon not exceeding 25 people. If it exceeded 25 people, he could no longer have church in his house. It was also contingent upon neighbors not complaining. Mr. Chandler stated there have been no parking complaints and Mr. Gilbert said he is able to park in the Payne Church lot as well as another church at the other end of the street. Mr. Chandler stated the church services have been held since January with just family members, without a complaint. Mr. Bell thanked Mr. Chandler for the information.

5. Motion to approve KLH Engineer’s recommendation to have HMT finish the McBurney and Water Alley Projects.

Motion by Mrs. Bails to approve KLH Engineer’s recommendation to have HMT finish the McBurney and Water Alley Projects. Seconded by Mr. Severine.

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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Water issue on 100 block of West Pike Street- Mr. Bell stated need to determine where the water was coming from and wants to make certain the \$55,000 project will fix the issue. There will be a committee to re-visit this project.
2. Senior Citizen's Building- Ms. Lesnock stated Chester Engineer completed an evaluation of every system. Mr. Mowry to review the evaluation and will provide a report at the September meeting. If there is an urgent need, Mr. Mowry to notify Ms. Lesnock. Ms. Lesnock said a new air conditioner at the cost of \$3,000 was supplied to the Senior Center this year. Mr. Sharkady mentioned discussing this with the Department of Aging as Council promised not tear down the building.
3. Parking lot lights- Mrs. Bails inquired about the 8-12 parking lot lights that were out. Mr. Lawrence stated this was due to Comcast knocking a wire off a 25 volt. Mr. Lawrence said Lum's Electric put a new breaker in and all lights are functional. Mrs. Bails asked if the Borough was responsible for the transistor to keep the lights functional as it was a deficiency. Mr. Lawrence said it was a deficiency with the manufacturer and not how the lights were installed. Mr. Severine inquired if Comcast was responsible for the cost of the breaker and repairs. Mr. Lawrence stated a claim can be filed against Comcast. Mr. Lawrence did notify the Borough's insurance carrier.
4. McCuen Avenue-blocking the roadway. Mr. Bell and the Mayor are meeting August 9, 2016 with a resident from Apple Hill and will try to meet with their Board one more time. Mr. Bell said this has been on-going and is moving along. Mr. Bell stated the issue in Apple Hill which was to be a through way street when the development was put in; part of the street turns into Cecil Township. Concrete barricades were placed along the road and they will not allow anyone to drive through, not even police cars or public safety vehicles. This has been on-going for two years. Mr. Derrico said he will have this recorded at the court house August 9, 2016. Mayor Rhome and Mr. Coghill will meet Mr. Derrico at the courthouse.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. September's Agenda Meeting (9/5 Labor Day) need to be re-scheduled.
All in agreement to re-schedule the meeting to Tuesday September 6, 2016.
2. Potholes filled with gravel are up heaving on Hawthorne and Plum, Mr. Lawrence to inspect.
3. Cecil Street will be an open ditch right now. The Borough removed the pipe as it was flooding the streets; it is the responsibility of Cecil to replace the pipe.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive session held from 8:30 pm to 9:07 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Enclosures:

- A. C.H.J.S.A. regular meeting minutes of July 21, 2016.

B. Police/Parking Enforcement Report July/2016.

C. Rea A. Redd Waynesburg University in regards to installing a historical marker for Jonathan Letterman in front of the Borough Building.

D. Budget Report July/2016.

Submitted by: Michelle LoBello

