

Canonsburg Borough Council Meeting

Monday February 13, 2017

6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bell at 6:30 pm.

Moment of Silence called by Mr. Bell.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Mr. Paul Sharkady-Present

Mr. John Severine-Absent

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, Borough Manager Ms. Denise Lesnock, Mayor David Rhome, Fire Chief/Public Works Mr. Tom Lawrence, Chief of Police Mr. Alex Coghill and KLH Engineer Mr. Bob Robinson

PUBIC COMMENTS.

1. Jessica Schmidt, 207 Munnell Street, Canonsburg, Pa addressed Council regarding the no parking barrels the length of her property. She stated this was spiteful. She contacted Mayor Rhome in which a meeting was set up next week to resolve the issue. She stated this has made parking worse for three families as they have nowhere to park as they cannot get into their driveway She stated neither she or her neighbors can have company due to the no parking signs. Mr. Bell stated there was a meeting in November as well as numerous visits from Council members and the Mayor and no one attended. Ms. Schmidt said her father was invited to several meetings but was unable to attend due to traveling for a living; he said she lives on her parent's property but does not have decision making. She said the road has been built up too high to get her car in the driveway. She stated her neighbor has the same issue. Mayor Rhome said there is a meeting scheduled for Friday the 24th with her father at 10:00. Ms. Schmidt said her husband and father will attend the meeting. Mrs. Bails said the Solicitor and road department supervisor inspected the berm. Ms. Schmidt discussed parking of her truck in her driveway to make room on the street for other cars. Ms. Schmidt asked if the no parking remains how will she be able to have company. She said there are alternatives to no parking such as limiting the speed limit to 15 miles per hour and making the street one way. She said this will make the street safer. Mr. Bell suggested to discuss those ideas at the meeting next week.

Ms. Lonnie Flood provided an update on the Farmer's Market. She sated she has 16-18 vendors such as a winery and Simmons Farms. Vendor applications are to be submitted to the Chamber by March 1, 2017. Ms. Flood thanked the Mayor and Council for their support. She stated it is for the betterment of Canonsburg. She stated the spots will be marked. The first Farmer's Market is May 5, 2017 from through September 8, 2016. Hours are from 3:30 pm to 7 pm. The Chamber is sponsoring the Farmer's Market and will cover vendors under their insurance. Ms. Flood discussed a possible fundraiser to recoup the insurance costs.

GUESTS:

None

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Bell stated he met with the Chairman of the Canonsburg Houston Joint Sewer Authority, Mr. Luksis, prior to this meeting. Mr. Bell invited Mr. Luksis to participate in the Committee reports if needed versus speaking as a guest. Mr. Bell thanked Mr. Luksis for his attendance.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Rhome reported on the following:

1. January's Police Report was included in the Board's package for review.
2. Parking Enforcement Report was included in the Board's package for review.
3. Police shooting techniques training provided with outside departments participating.
4. WTAE TV contacted Mayor Rhome and Mr. Coghill regarding a documentary of the domestic violence incident in November and how the Canonsburg Borough and Community responded, came together and survived. Mayor Rhome and Mr. Coghill met with representatives from WTAE. Mayor Rhome stated they would like to move forward with the documentary. Mayor Rhome stated there is written information for Council to review. Mr. Bell stated he will review the information and meet with WTAE representatives. Mrs. Coleman stated the Borough President and the Borough Manager should be included. Mr. Coghill said it will be all inclusive.
5. Reverse 911 is up and running as of 2-13-17. Mayor Rhome stated there are some learning curves. Mayor Rhome said that if in a year's time if 90% of the Borough were reporting their cell phone numbers for emergency announcements that would be good. Public telephone numbers listed in the phone book are already in the database. There will be letters sent to residents to provide telephone numbers and email addresses.
6. Mayor Rhome commended the Public Works department for the great job removing the snow from roadways during the recent snowfall.

ENGINEER REPORT:

Mr. Robinson reported on the following:

1. Chartiers Creek- bids were received on February 9, 2017 for the tree removal. The bids ranged from a low of \$7,400 to a high of \$106,500. The low bidder, Tall Tree Timber Experts, bid was incomplete as they did not complete the form for the bid document. Strnisha Excavation was the second low bid of \$16,000 and the bid is complete. KLH recommends awarding the bid to Strnisha Excavation. This was a second bid project as the first was \$92,000. Mr. Bell thanked Mr. Robinson.
2. Apple Hill Phase IV-the Borough has received a certified letter sent from Maronda Homes for the Borough accepting approving dedication of public improvements. Mr. Robinson reviewed the request and the public improvements have been substantiated and accepted. There is a maintenance bond in place. Mr. Robinson sent a letter to Mr. Derrico with specifics of the plan of improvements that are necessary to prepare for an ordinance for the roads, the storm sewers within the roads, sanitary sewers within the roads and easements. Mrs. Bails inquired as to why there were not sidewalks stating safety concerns for children especially when waiting for the school bus. Mr. Robinson stated sidewalks are not a requirement. Mr. Bell inquired about a tree that had fallen due to vibrating road equipment that needs removed. Mr. Robinson stated he has a picture and will forward it to Maronda Homes.
3. Canonsburg Houston Joint Sewer Authority- Mr. Robinson stated there were many questions at the last Borough meeting regarding rates and other issues that Mr. Robinson was unable to answer. Mr. Robinson said he has some written responses provided by KLH engineer Sean Rosensteel. Mr. Luksis,

Chairman of the Authority was present. No questions or comments for Mr. Luksis.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Flood Control Grant funding for Water Street- Mr. Derrico stated the property owner is not responding to a letter. A constable will be used to locate the owner.

Mr. Derrico discussed rejecting the Planning Commission’s recommendation for Extenet to install four small cell towers. Mr. Derrico recommends a committee to be established, consisting of two board members, the Solicitor, the Borough Manager and Cohen Law firm, to renew the ordinance or make amendments for wireless facilities. Cohen Law office will provide guidance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Administration and Finance:** Mrs. Coleman stated bills were reviewed and recommends paying bills.

Motion to approve Canonsburg Borough bills.

Mr. McGarry made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Mrs. Bails

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mrs. Bails-Yes

Mr. Severine-Absent

Mr. Sharkady-No

Mr. Bell-Yes

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

2. **Code:** Mr. Bell stated the current Code Officer is leaving within the next month and a new Code Enforcement Officer is needed. It was mentioned that Code is working with the DEP regarding a home on Bluff Street; the Borough is not involved.

3. **Public Works and Public Safety:** No report.

4. **Facilities, Energy and Technology:** No report

5. Parks and Recreation:

Mrs. Bails reported on the following:

1. The basketball hoops will be completed when the weather breaks.

2. Minutes from the last meeting were provided for Council’s review.

3. A fundraiser project will be implemented to pay for the replacement of picnic tables and benches.

4. Lum’s Electric will be contacted regarding old lines and lighting. Surveillance cameras are being considered for the basketball field, basketball court and ballfields. Mr. Coghill stated the security cameras are working fine, they mainly shine on the pavilions. The cameras are not monitored, however, if something happens the tapes can be reviewed.

5. There will be a fundraiser in the fall with the Texas Roadhouse.

6. The Park Board is moving forward with smaller projects such as trees.

Rich Russo, 300 Belmont Avenue, Canonsburg, Pa, with the Park Board provided an update for Council. Mr. Russo provided a handout for Council’s review. The following were discussed:

1. Ash trees continued to be removed, four trees were removed on 2-13-17. This will be the last Ash tree removal this year. The trees are dead and falling. The utility company and FITS group have helped with Ash tree removal.

2. Yoney Pavillion- a new roof is needed at a cost of \$8,000 which was approved by the Park Board.

3. Basketball Court- Mr. Lawrence offered to help install the poles and hoops, everything is paid for. The old ten foot poles around the court need removed. The new court is currently being used for deck hockey. Mr. Russo invited those that have not seen the new court to visit as it is a nice addition.
4. A meeting was held with Mr. Maceiko regarding grant monies (DCNR and LSA) for park projects such as the walking paths and bridges, the Woodland Entrance and field lights at the baseball field. The Softball Association and the Park Board are trying to coordinate lights for the ballfield. A ten-year-old estimate was over \$100,000.
5. VFW- Mrs. Bails contacted the VFW which helped with lighting the flag pole. They will be presented with a fountain or PBW Pavilion which needs renovated. The VFW said they will help with one of those.
6. Men's and Ladies room at the pool house need new floors, currently receiving bids.
7. FITs cleanup-inmates work program utilized for park projects.
8. Bathhouse lights have been approved, new light on the inside of the bathhouse.
9. Pool house roof on the Woman's side needs repaired.
10. Website for the Park/Pool- Ms. Lesnock stated the website is currently under construction. Mr. Russo said the website has been down for a while as the last minutes are from July of 2016.
11. Pool passes have increased by \$5.00 which will bring an additional \$6,000 in revenue.
12. Dinner at the pool in September.
13. Year End Budget ended good and is above budget.
14. Farmers Market- Mr. Russo asked about the plans for a Farmer's Market in town. Mr. Russo said Ms. Lesnock has a copy of all meeting minutes. Mrs. Coleman stated she would like to see the budget for the following year, in particular, the planned expenditures. Mr. Russo stated he will include in the Park minutes the on-going budget information and expenditures. Ms. Lesnock clarified the costs for Yoney Pavilion, the basketball court and utilities are from the budgeted line item of \$45,000. Mr. Bell stated the Borough had a kick-off party to discuss what all the other Boards are doing. Mr. Bell said Mr. Russo will be invited as well as other Park Board members to provide input. Mr. Bell also inquired about the LSA grant being eligible. Mr. Russo stated he spoke to Mr. Kerry Fox regarding the application in which he said the park was eligible. Ms. Lesnock said she had been informed that the park did not qualify for the LSA grant. Mr. Russo to follow-up with Mr. Fox. Mrs. Coleman asked if the VFW only participates with Park donations as there is something the Borough is going to request. Mr. Bell said the Borough will contact the VFW as the VFW has been very generous. Mr. Russo said the VFW has done a lot of good things for the Borough. New grass cutting contract in place. Mrs. Bails said the dumpster area needs more rock and bigger stone.

6. Redevelopment: No report

7. Sewer Authority/Water/Sewage: No report. Mr. Bell asked if Mr. Sharkady had any questions or wanted to review his questions or concerns from last month's meeting. Mr. Sharkady stated if he knew Mr. Luksis was attending he would have brought his material. He stated he would submit any questions in writing in which Mr. Luksis stated that was fine. Mr. Bell asked Mr. Luksis how the plant was coming along. Mr. Luksis stated the last time he was at the Borough meeting he invited Council to the plant. Mr. Luksis said there was a lot of activity and plans are moving along. No further questions.

VOTING ITEMS:

1. Motion to approve January 9, 2017 meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council.

Motion by Mrs. Bails to approve January 9, 2017 meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council.

Seconded by Mrs. Coleman.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

2. Motion to approve using approximately \$131,617 of I&I money to make sanitary repairs on N. Central, Elm Alley and Yoney Drive.

Motion by Mr. McGarry to approve using approximately \$131,617 of I&I money to make sanitary repairs on N. Central, Elm Alley and Yoney Drive. Seconded by Mr. Bowman.

Roll Call:

Mr. Sharkady-Yes

Mr. Severine-Absent

Mrs. Bails-Yes

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. Bowman-Yes

Mr. Bell-Yes

6 Yes. 1 Absent. Motion Carries.

3. Motion to award rebid on contract number 2016-1 Chartiers Creek Stream tree removal to Strnisha Excavation in the amount of \$16,000.

Motion by Mrs. Bails to award rebid on contract number 2016-1 Chartiers Creek Stream tree removal to Strnisha Excavation in the amount of \$16,000. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mrs. Bails-Yes

Mr. Severine-Absent

Mr. Sharkady-Yes

Mr. Bell-Yes

6 Yes, 1 Absent. Motion Carries.

4. Motion to reject Planning Commission's recommendation to allow Extenet to install 4 small cell towers in the public right of way.

Motion by Mrs. Bails to reject Planning Commission's recommendation to allow Extenet to install 4 small cell towers in the public right of way. Seconded by Mr. Bowman.

All in favor. Motion Carried.

5. Motion to erect a permanent "No Parking" signs on the East Side of Perry Como Avenue between Highland Avenue and Giffin Avenue.

Motion by Mr. Bowman Motion to erect a permanent "No Parking" signs on the East Side of Perry Como Avenue between Highland Avenue and Giffin Avenue. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

6. Motion to approve the installation of underdrain and spring box at 360 Euclid Avenue to address icing conditions on Patch Alley.

This not voted on as the Borough has not received a right of way entry sign from the property owner.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Zoom Corporation Update- Sharon Evans stated a retention pond is being considered. Harold Ivory stated this was not needed. Ms. Evans is to contact Mr. Ivory as well as pick up a building permit at the Borough.

2. Senior Citizen's Building -waiting to start.

3. Park By-laws- met February 13, 2017.

4. Vacant Building ordinance- work in progress.

5. Weight limits ordinance- Mr. Robinson stated some municipalities have weight limits ordinances, however, weight limits can be challenged. Mr. Robinson said PennDot Chapter 212 is the standard procedure to follow. The standard is core testing on the road. Mr. Robinson said the core testing is very costly. Mr. Lawrence said all the roads were being considered. Mr. Bell referred to Mr. Derrico. Mr. Derrico said the Borough roads are old. Discussion held that state roads cannot be involved. Mr. Derrico will discuss with the engineer to determine a preliminary survey of roads. Mrs. Bails discussed several streets. Mr. Bell asked if some streets of concern can have a weight limit ordinance. Mr. Lawrence to provide the engineer and solicitor a list of roads to be reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Mc Garry to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman.
All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Enclosures:

None

Submitted by: Michelle LoBello

