

Canonsburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday March 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-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, 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.

None

GUESTS:

Troy Lucas was introduced as the candidate for the Code Enforcement Officer.

Will Baker with Citizen's Bank provided Council with an annual update on the two pension plans. He provided booklets for Council's review.

Page 1 explained the volatile market in 2016 as well as the low interest rates. Interest rates were at a 220-year low. As interest rates increase, bond rates go down; this is temporary in nature. Rates increased 1% in a short period.

Page 2 described the volatile market

Page 6 provides a view of the Police pension plan. As of December 31, 2016, there was 5.7 million; the mandate is 60/40, 60% in equities and stocks and 40% in bonds and fixed income.

Page 8 describes the results for the last ten years.

Page 9 details the net gain. The net gain is 2.6 million dollars.

Page 10 Fixed Income Portfolio detailing bonds and maturity. Shorter term bonds were purchased due to low interest rates. The bonds are double A rating with no risks.

Page 23 is the Non-Uniform Plan; as of December 31, 2016, there was 4.9 million with 60/40 as with the Police pension plan.

Page 25 describes performance.

Page 26 Gains are 1.1 million.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Bell thanked Mr. Robertson for the tree being removed in Apple Hill. Mr. Bell also discussed the flags on Pike Street for the Veterans stating he and Mr. Severine are reviewing placing the flags on North Central Avenue. Last year, the Veterans were to have the flags hung from July to September. Mr. Bell stated Council is trying to take care of the Veterans.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Rhome reported on the following:

1. February 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. Grand Opening of Kang's Black Belt Academy last week with over 200 in attendance.
4. The Canonsburg Farmers Market begins May 5, 2017 located at North West Bank parking lot. The hours are 3:30 pm to 7 pm. This event will be every Friday through September. The insurance papers should be completed this week as well as the signed permits for signs that will be in place. Currently, there are 11-14 vendors.
5. Mayor Rhome is still working with the Park Board on the Dine in the Park fundraiser. This event was successful years ago. There will be a meeting next Monday and Tuesday to discuss the fundraiser.
6. Weavertown Project is ready to start soon.
7. Fire Prevention Week- change the batteries in smoke detectors.
8. St. Patrick's Church 5K run on Saturday March 18, 2017.
9. The Canon McMillan school district would like to post 5 signs for the state softball champs from 2013 at the entrances of Canonsburg. April 24, 2017 is the unveiling of the signs. The Mayor provided the certificate of insurance and the locations for the signs.
10. The Police Department is monitoring Apple Hill for speeding, courtesy citations are currently being given to those speeding.
11. Trauma kits for all police officers are in place.
12. Frank Sarris Library new entrance grand opening was attended by the Mayor and Mr. Severine. The new entrance is located on the Murdock side. The library was provided with a certificate.
13. Reverse 911- continually working on.
14. Munnell Street- Mayor Rhome stated he is satisfied with the current situation. Mr. Bell, Mrs. Bails and the Mayor reviewed the area. Currently there are 3 small cars that park in front of a residence. The car owners know where they are permitted to park. The parking is still under a 90 day trial period. They are to speak with the land owner for permission to remove dirt that is encroached on the road. Once this has occurred, Council will be updated.
15. Craft shows at the Frank Sarris Library on February 11, 2017 and March 11, 2017.
16. In February 2017, the Mayor attended a special lunch that was hosted by the children and staff at St. Patrick's Church in honor of those wearing blue.
17. Duquesne Avenue parking issue update- the 500 block is under a 90-day trial period. Mayor Rhome and Mr. Severine met with five families. There is a single-family home that was turned into four apartments which generates 6-8 more cars. Behind there is a 2-car garage that is being rented to others. The Code Officer said not much can be done as the residence is now apartments. No one is sure when the home was converted to apartments. Some of the tenants take up 1 and a half parking spaces. Mayor Rhome suggests painting white lines, on a trial basis to create parking spaces. On the upper end, there are 10-12 empty spaces.
18. Vacant Building ordinance should be ready within the next two months.
19. Multiple Sclerosis Society sent a thank you letter to Council and the Mayor.
20. Fix UR Cat are looking for a place to house cats after they have had surgery.
21. Crossing Guards have new coats.
22. Rose Avenue tree is gone.

Mayor Rhome excused himself from the meeting to attend a Peter's Township Council meeting. Mr. Sharkady inquired about lines on the street on Duquesne if that would be for private parking. Mr. Bell and Mr. Severine said it would not be private parking, it would be on one side and anyone can

park. An ordinance will be needed. Mr. Bell invited other Council members to visit Duquesne and Mr. Bell also stated a committee can be formed for ideas to rectify the parking issue. Mr. Bowman discussed a business owner who is losing business due to the parking issue.

Engineer's Report:

Mr. Robinson reported on the following:

1. Flood Control Project- Chartiers Creek Flood Project -Strnisha Excavation was notified they were the lowest bidder. KLH is in the process of having contracts signed. They are currently working on permission to secure a railroad permit.
2. Apple Hill Phase IV- Mr. Derrico is working on the ordinance for the acceptance of public facility.
3. North Central Avenue, Elm Alley and Yoney Drive Sanitary Sewer Repair Rehabilitation is up for bid with half a dozen plan holders that plan to bid on April 7, 2017. KLH will provide a recommendation at the next Council meeting. North Jefferson is to be paved by Penn Dot sometime in the year. Mr. Bell inquired about the 300 block of North Jefferson in regards to the yellow markings on the street. Mr. Robinson said yellow markings indicate gas, blue is water and green is sewer. Mr. Lawrence said he is not aware of what project is being done.

Solicitor's Report:

Mr. Derrico stated he is working with KLH Engineer on the ordinance adoption for Apple Hill. The ordinance should be ready by next month.

Mr. Severine inquired about the playground situation in Apple Hill. Robert Robertson said the developer provided \$20,000 to the Home Owner's Association. It is up to the Home Owner's Association to decide how to spend the money and it is not up to the Borough. The money is for the development of open space for the enjoyment of the community.

Committee Reports

1. **Administration and Finance:** Mrs. Coleman stated bills were reviewed and made a motion to approve paying bills.

Motion to approve Canonsburg Borough bills.

Mrs. Coleman made a motion to pay the bills. Second 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-** No report.

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

5. Parks and Recreation:

Mrs. Bails reported on the following:

1. The Park Board had their monthly meeting
2. The electrical work and lighting has been completed in the pool house.
3. New floor in the men's and lady's locker room.

4. Yoney Pavilion will be getting a new roof.
 5. Dine around the Pool is September 6, 2017. Texas Roadhouse is sponsoring the event and providing a prime rib dinner. Rusty Gold Micro Brewery donated \$2,500 of beer. Also, a wine facility in McDonald to serve wine. A disc jockey will provide entertainment. Sponsorship is available for \$1,000 which includes 2 banners, at the pool and another in the middle of town. Tickets are \$50 per person or \$90 for a couple. This will be the only fundraiser. Information will be provided during the July 4, 2017 parade for community awareness. Mrs. Bails said volunteers are needed to help on various committees.
 6. Pickle Ball-cost for the lines on the new basketball court is costly, the Park Board is looking for ways to raise the money
 7. Drainage on the hillside, Mr. Lawrence has added stone
 8. Grant writing for LSA
 9. Trees removed and looking at applying for grants to replace the trees.
 10. Drainage at the Woodland Playground.
 11. Considering camera for the Basketball court and lighting for the baseball field throughout the park.
 12. Seeking sponsors for the concerts in the park.
- 6. Redevelopment:** Mr. Severine discussed the home improvement project and the need to get the information to the public. Mr. Bell said the information can be added to the newsletter.
- 7. Sewer Authority/Water/Sewage:** report provided last week.

VOTING ITEMS:

1. Motion to approve February 13, 2017 meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council.

Mr. Sharkady made a motion to approve February 13, 2017 meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

2. Motion to approve donating a family pool pass (\$180 value) to the Central Assembly of God Church for 1st Responder Banquet.

Mr. McGarry to approve donating a family pool pass (\$180 value) to the Central Assembly of God Church for 1st Responder Banquet. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

Roll Call:

Mr. Sharkady-Yes

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mrs. Bail-Yes

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. Bowman-Yes

Mr. Bell-Yes

7 Yes. 0 No. Motion Carries.

3. Motion to submit application for a road closure permit for the following: Memorial Day Parade (May 2017), July 4th parade (July 2017), Octoberfest (September 2017), and the Saint Patrick's Church 5K/Run (March 18, 2017).

Motion by Mr. McGarry to submit application for a road closure permit for the following: Memorial Day Parade (May 2017), July 4th parade (July 2017), Octoberfest (September 2017), and the Saint Patrick's Church 5K/Run (March 18, 2017). Seconded by Mr. Sharkady.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

4. Motion to hire Troy Lucas as Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer.

Mr. Bowman made a motion to hire Troy Lucas as Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer. Seconded by

Mrs. Coleman.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

Discussion held regarding Mr. Lucas' experience. Mr. Lucas worked for the McDonald Borough Code Enforcement. He had good recommendations. Mr. Bell said he was pleased to have Mr. Lucas and welcomed him.

5. Motion to increase the salary of the Fire Inspector in the amount of \$4,246 due to him taking on more duties (code enforcement safety inspections).

Mr. Severine made the motion to increase the salary of the Fire Inspector in the amount of \$4,246 due to him taking on more duties (code enforcement safety inspections). Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

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.

Mr. Bell said the Fire Inspector is doing a good job, getting access to certain areas.

6. Motion to put jack o lanterns on the street and to put up 2 signs for the softball association.

Mr. Mc Garry made a motion to put jack o lanterns on the street and to put up 2 signs for the softball association. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

7. Motion to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the application of George DiLeo for a conditional use to establish a coffee/retail so and community room at 117 West Pike Street.

This item was removed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Zoom Corporation Update- Mr. Robinson said a storm water management plan is required. Mr. Robinson said there are many options such as a pond. It is up to the engineer representing Zoom to design the storm water management plan. However, the Borough Engineer will review the plans and Council has the final say.

2. Senior Citizen's Building -Mary Lynn Spilak announced that there is an additional \$20,000 from the state to install a fire detection system. Mr. Bell stated Council appreciates the grant. The Mayor continues to work with the Senior Center.

3. Park By-laws- being worked on.

4. Vacant building ordinance- the ordinance is complete except for setting fees. A meeting is scheduled for this week.

5. Weight Limits ordinance- Mr. Lawrence is working with Mr. Robinson.

6. Amendment for cell tower ordinance- Natausha Horton from Cohen Law Group is working on this, this should be ready by next meeting. Extenet was denied.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Coghill discussed the Annual Dinner on March 25, 2017. There are five Police Officers nominated as Officer of the Year. Tickets are \$40 at the Cool Springs facility. Mr. Coghill read an article in the newspaper which read Police Officers will be riding in memory of Officer Bashioum.

Donations can be made.

2. May 12, 2017 is Police week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Mc Garry to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman.
All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Enclosures:

None

Submitted by: Michelle LoBello

