

## Canonsburg Borough Council Meeting

Monday May 8, 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. Jeff 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:**

Mayor Rhome and Council President, Mr. Bell acknowledged the Canonsburg Middle School Hockey Team for claiming the Middle School Championship which is the first time ever for Canonsburg and the Canon McMillan school district which includes North Strabane, Cecil Township and the Borough of Canonsburg. The team’s coaches were present and acknowledged as well:

Head Coach Dan Morgan

Assistant Coach Joe Lombardi

Assistant Coach Chris Patnesky

Assistant Coach Ken McLaughlin

Team Manager Michelle Jenerad

Mr. Morgan thanked the Mayor and Council for having the team present at the Borough meeting. He stated the team worked hard and worked together. Mr. Morgan said many of the kids will be moving on to JV in the fall. Coach Morgan presented the Mayor with a championship shirt.

Mayor Rhome, on behalf of Council, Canonsburg Borough, North Strabane and Cecil, and the Mayor presented Mr. Morgan with a Certificate of Accommodation:

“Whereas as on March 30, 2017, the Canon McMillan School Hockey team won the Middle School One Championship by defeating Franklin Regional 2-0. Whereas the coaches, players, parents and supporters worked together to make this championship team. As the Mayor of Canonsburg and the Borough of Canonsburg, we wish to commend the Canon McMillan Middle School One Hockey Team for their phenomenal season and outstanding accomplishment.”

The Mayor and Mr. Bell presented each player with a Certificate of Accommodation with recognition from each Council member:

Cole Holland

Johnny Jendral  
Joey Lombardi  
Jacob Lombardi  
Adian McLaughlin  
Corey Passieu  
Nick Price  
Benton Scott  
Blake Stanton  
Mario Eafarti  
Nathan Arnold  
Ian ODonahue  
Austin Roe  
Braiden Rotello  
Logan Houston  
Dan Morgan  
Tyler Greenleaf

**PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS:**

Mr. Bell thanked the Hockey team, coaches and parents for their attendance and congratulated them.

**MAYOR’S REPORT:**

Mayor Rhome reported on the following:

1. March 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. April 29, 2017 was the Drug Take Back program. 511 pounds collected and disposed properly.
4. May 6, 2017, the Mayor with Brandon Neuman held the Document Shredding Program at Mr. Neuman’s office, 14,000 pounds collected.
5. Parking meters on the Jefferson Avenue lot are being reviewed with Public Works.
6. Mayor Rhome stated an Executive Session was needed.
7. Duquesne Avenue and the 500 block of Chartiers parking discussed. Mayor Rhome stated he and Mr. Severine have spent a lot of time on Duquesne Avenue trying to rectify parking. They have spoken to the residents on Duquesne and created additional parking spaces. The spaces created are now filled by others. Mayor Rhome said there is a 7 house stretch that is trying to be neighborly and one that does not want to be neighborly. Mayor Rhome stated there are more cars than parking spaces on Chartiers Avenue. Mayor Rhome said this is a safety issue. He stated the owner of the apartment building is not working with him. Mr. Severine stated the apartment owner is not utilizing the parking spaces he has available. Mr. Severine said a business has to provide parking and the owner of an apartment building is considered a business. Mr. Derrico said an apartment building is required to have parking spaces for tenants. Mr. Severine stated they have parking and do not use it. Mr. Derrico stated he will contact the owner. Mayor Rhome said he met with the owner and thought he would be cooperating. Mr. Severine discussed alleys on Duquesne (Euclid and Chartiers) and whether it was owned by the Borough. Mr. Severine said if they are owned by the Borough then perhaps gravel could be used to make the alleys usable. Mr. Bell said the Borough may have given the alleys to homeowners. Mr. Derrico, Mr. Robinson and Ms. Lesnock to work together to determine a plan for the alleys.
8. Beautification Program- planting flowers, cleaning throughout the Borough  
Mr. Severine mentioned a pole that was knocked down by a driver speeding on 980. Mayor Rhome stated the driver was intoxicated.

### **Engineer's Report:**

Mr. Robinson reported on the following:

1. Flood Control Project- Chartiers Creek Flood Project -Strnisha Excavation has completed the work. Mr. Robinson visited the area on this date and stated Strnisha did an admirable job. Mr. Robinson will schedule a final walk through with Strnisha. Mr. Lawrence will prepare the close out documents.
2. North Central Avenue, Elm Alley and Yoney Drive Sanitary Sewer Repair Rehabilitation- the contract documents are executed and a notice to proceed will be forwarded to Roto-Rooter. The HOP permit for North Central Avenue is being worked on and will finish prior to notice to proceed. Penn Dot is scheduled to pave North Central Avenue. The repairs need to occur prior to the paving.

### **Solicitor's Report:**

Report was provided last week.

### **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. Mrs. Coleman commented on the new Code Officer's report stating it was "thorough". Mr. Severine asked why the addresses of businesses requiring another inspection were not shown on the Fire Inspection report. Mrs. Coleman said she didn't think it was necessary. She also stated the addresses would be provided if asked. Ms. Lesnock stated the new program will be installed for the Fire Inspector so their reports will be uniform. The Code Officer used the report off of the new program.

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 basketball court is in use. The court is being heavily used.
2. Pool-valve leak in the filter room. The pool was drained and cleaned. A volunteer painted and repaired the fountain. The pool will be filled by the end of the week.
3. The floors in the men's and lady's locker room are completed.
4. Two surveillance cameras for the basketball court and Yoney Pavillion were approved to purchase.
5. Pool opens Memorial Day weekend.
6. Pickle Ball-temporary lines and looking to add permanent lines

7. Rob Maceiko assisting with grants and LSA grant for this year and next year.

**6. Redevelopment:** report provided last week.

**7. Sewer Authority/Water/Sewage:** no longer a committee

**VOTING ITEMS:**

**1. Motion to approve April 10, 2017 meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council.**

Mrs. Bails made a motion to approve the April 10, 2017 meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council. Seconded by Mr. Sharkady.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

**2. Motion to approve purchasing two 111A ballistics vests (for Code Enforcement Officer and Fire Inspector) at approximate \$900 each.**

Mr. Severine made the motion to approve purchasing two 111A ballistics vests (for Code Enforcement Officer and Fire Inspector) at approximate \$900 each. Seconded by Mr. McGarry.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Sharkady-No

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mrs. Bails-Yes

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-No

Mr. Bowman-No

Mr. Bell-Yes

4 Yes. 3 No. Motion Carries.

Mr. Sharkady inquired if the meter maid needed a ballistic vest. Mr. Bell stated she asked for a vest and it was requested by two departments.

**3. Motion to approve handicap parking sign at 415 Spruce Street.**

Mr. McGarry made a motion to approve handicap parking sign at 415 Spruce Street. Seconded by Mr. Bowman.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

**4. Motion to approve handicap parking sign at 532 Duquesne Avenue.**

Mr. Severine made a motion to approve handicap parking sign at 532 Duquesne Avenue. Seconded by Mr. McGarry.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

**5. Motion to approve Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the application of George DiLeo for a conditional use to establish a coffee/retail shop at 117 West Pike Street.**

Motion by Mr. Bowman to approve Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the application of George DiLeo for a conditional use to establish a coffee/retail shop at 117 West Pike Street. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

Mrs. Bails stated the fire escape is in poor condition; she asked if Code and the Fire Inspector were involved. Ms. Lesnock stated there was a meeting with the Fire Inspector present. She stated the second floor is not planned to be utilized now. Mr. DiLeo was present. He thanked Council for allowing him to speak. He stated on March 2, 2017 the Planning Commission approved the plan unanimously. Mr. DiLeo said at the Planning Commission meeting it was discussed that the building will have limited use and will not be used for rehab meetings. He also stated recently he has met with the Fire Inspector as well as the Zoning Board. There will be a 27-seating capacity with a frontal escape. Mr. DiLeo said he speaks with the Fire Inspector and Code and he is working hand and hand with both departments. There will also be a community room that will seat ten to twelve people. Mr. Severine stated there is no exit

in the back if the fire was in the front of the building. Mr. Severine also stated there is not a handicap accessible front door. Mr. DiLeo stated he is working with the Fire Department to make sure this is addressed. Mr. Bell said the Code and the Fire Inspector are aware and working with Mr. DiLeo with each step of the process. Mr. Bell also said the second floor will not be utilized at all. The opening is anticipated by the fall. Mr. Severine stated he hopes they get permits for parking.

**6. Motion to approve Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the application of AT&T for conditional use to install antennas and radio equipment on the roof of the Canonsburg Housing Authority building located at 121 North Central Avenue conditional upon AT&T's compliance with all Canonsburg Borough ordinances and payment of all required fees.**

Motion by Mrs. Bails to approve Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the application of AT&T for conditional use to install antennas and radio equipment on the roof of the Canonsburg Housing Authority building located at 121 North Central Avenue conditional upon AT&T's compliance with all Canonsburg Borough ordinances and payment of all required fees. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Mr. Severine asked if they abide to the conditions set forth previously. Mr. Derrico stated that was a different business; it is AT&T putting antennas on the Senior Citizen's building. Mr. Severine asked if this group falls into the same category in which Mr. Derrico said "no" because this is not for the use of a right-a-way. Mr. Severine inquired about paying permits and suggested having this added to the motion. Mr. Severine asked if AT&T were installing new antennas or replacing antennas. Mr. Derrico said they were new antennas. Mr. Derrico said permission was granted four years ago, and it was never done and they are coming back for the same approval they received years ago. Mr. Severine said he thought it was in the Code that permits were necessary. Mr. Derrico said that condition could be added to the motion; Mr. Bell re-iterated the same. Mr. Derrico will determine if there is an ordinance.

**7. Motion to approve Planning Commission's approval to re-execute the re-presented Mylar of John Fink/Glenn Valley plan of lots #2 due to the loss of the original Mylar. The project was approved previously in 2014.**

Mr. Severine made a motion to approve Planning Commission's approval to re-execute the re-presented Mylar of John Fink/Glenn Valley plan of lots #2 due to the loss of the original Mylar. The project was approved previously in 2014. Seconded by Mr. McGarry.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

Engineer Mr. Krider was present stating the plan was approved in 2014 and was signed. Mr. Fink lost the Mylar and this is a re-execution of the approved plan. Mr. Krider reviewed the plan with Council members.

**8. Motion to approve Planning Commission's approval of Ron Bozick's application to subdivide 1 acre from the existing 3 acres of the Bozick tract to convey to the adjoining property owners, John and Deborah Lombardo.**

Mr. Severine made a motion to approve Planning Commission's approval of Ron Bozick's application to subdivide 1 acre from the existing 3 acres of the Bozick tract to convey to the adjoining property owners, John and Deborah Lombardo. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

Engineer Mr. Krider was present and shared plans with Council. Mr. Krider stated this is vacant land and there are no construction plans.

9. Motion to approve a \$1.50 raise for the Camp Splash Camp Director and .25 camp counselors. Mr. McGarry made a motion to approve a \$1.50 raise for the Camp Splash Camp Director and .25 camp counselors. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

**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. Zoom Corporation Update- applied to Zoning and building permits
2. Senior Citizen's Building – cleared of asbestos.
3. Park By-laws- almost complete.
4. Vacant building ordinance-the ordinance is complete which will be presented to Council in June.
5. Weight Limits ordinance-Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Robinson are working together
6. Amendment for cell tower ordinance- needs to be approved by Planning Commission.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Mr. Bell mentioned a telephone pole that is leaning on Jefferson Avenue. Verizon to eliminate the pole next week.
2. Mr. Sharkady discussed South Jefferson and the issue with speeding after school is dismissed. Mr. Sharkady inquired about parking on both sides to slow down speeding. Mr. Sharkady discussed the safety concern of children walking. Mr. Coghill agreed with the problem and added Elm and Richland have speeding issues after school is let out. Mr. Coghill stated the Police keep officers in the school zones. Mr. Coghill stated the Police Department has more complaints about Richland Avenue. Mr. Severine discussed speed bumps. Mr. Robinson discussed Penn Dot's definition of "traffic calming." Mr. Robinson stated adding parking to a street is a method Penn Dot initiates to calm traffic. Mr. Robinson also stated to use speed humps there needs to be policies and procedures which the Borough would have to establish as well as traffic studies. Mr. Robinson to obtain a copy of Penn Dot's policy on traffic calming. Mr. Bell stated that school is almost out for the summer; therefore, Council will have time to review. Mr. Derrico said if two-sided parking is added back, it could create upset with the town. Mr. Sharkady said there are two blocks that have not been addressed with parking. Mayor Rhome stated two things that can be done immediately is to alleviate speeding: add a stop sign coming down Richland and to contact the Superintendent of the school to speak to the High School students.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Mc Garry to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.  
All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

**Enclosures:**

None

**Submitted by: Michelle LoBello**



