

# Canonsburg Borough Council Meeting

Monday June 12, 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 office Ms. Kim Cecchine, Mayor David Rhome, Fire Chief/Public Works Mr. Tom Lawrence, Chief of Police Mr. Alex Coghill and KLH Engineer Mr. Bob Robinson.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

Bernie Price, 615 Highland Avenue, Canonsburg, 15317, approached council. He stated he received a letter in the mail today from Code regarding grass being cut at 603 McNary. Mr. Price stated the letter cited codes, 62 and 422, which cannot be found. He asked the height limit for grass. Mr. Severine stated it was 11 inches. Mr. Price asked if there were any other landscaping ordinances. Mr. Bell stated to check with Code Enforcement.

## **GUESTS:**

Mayor Rhome introduced fourth grader Emma Ledger to Council. Ms. Ledger won first place for the Law Day Book Mark Contest at Trinity South. Mayor Rhome and Council recognized Ms. Ledger on her accomplishments. On behalf of the Borough, Mayor Rhome congratulated Ms. Ledger and provided her with a plaque for a job well done. Ms. Ledger said her theme was an umbrella in the rain which represented the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment, both of which are to protect everyone. She said the rain droplets represented “No person shall deny any person equal protection of laws”. The umbrella is the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment. Council members individually congratulated Ms. Ledger. Ms. Ledger had bookmarks for Council members.

## **PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS:**

Mr. Bell stated there is a lot going on in town: East End traffic is moving along, festivals and farmer’s market.

## **MAYOR’S REPORT:**

Mayor Rhome reported on the following:

1. May 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. McDonald’s area and Weavertown is now blocked off for construction.
4. Abandoned building ordinance will continue to be worked on.
5. Rusty Gold grand opening is June 13, 2017.
6. St. Patrick Church festival is Thursday, Friday and Saturday
7. Mayor Rhome thanked Goldman Sachs of Southpointe for their beautification project and donation at Town Park. Twenty-five people assisted with the beautification project on May 22, 2017. Mrs. Bails said the pool area was included as well.
8. All Clad Days were held on Pike Street with over 100 seniors fed on May 19, 2017.
9. Gail Scott Galbraith is the EMA Director.
10. Pool- meeting held with the Park Board for the Dining in the Pool event. There were complaints from residents from Alpine Drive regarding foul language and loud music on the new basketball court. If continues, possible solution is to reduce the hours on the basketball court. The residents of Alpine Drive will monitor the area. The police department to patrol the area more often.
11. Belmont Avenue and Spruce Street- Mayor Rhome stated they would like to add a sign stating to slow down ahead. Mayor Rhome has discussed this with the Council members from this ward.
12. May 26, 2017 was the D.A.R.E graduation at Southpointe. Almost four hundred children were educated on the D.A.R.E process. This is on-going and done year after year.

12 Executive Session needed for personnel reasons.

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

Mr. Robinson reported on the following:

1. Senior Center received a \$75,000 grant; engineer will proceed with engineer plans. There will be a kick-off on June 22, 2017.
2. North Central Avenue, Elm Alley and Yoney Drive Sanitary Sewer Repair Rehabilitation- Pre- construction meeting is June 20, 2017, will wait until after July 4, 2017 to start the work.
3. Drainage on Patch Alley/Liberty Lumber- Patch Alley, a public street, drains on both ends leading to the middle low point. The low point cuts through the Liberty Lumber property and connects to a private storm sewer system. The private storm sewer system on Liberty Lumber property has a 12 inch pipe that has deteriorated and does not have the capacity for most storms causing flooding at Liberty Lumber. Liberty Lumber received a cost proposal to upgrade the 12 inch, 210-foot pipe from Strnisha Excavation for \$9,840. They are asking the Borough to contribute half of the cost or \$4,900. Mr. Robinson stated he advised against using public funds to improve a private storm sewer system. Mr. Robinson stated a drainage analysis could determine the amount Liberty Lumber and the Borough are contributing to the problem. Discussion held regarding an easement plan to make it a public storm sewer system. Mr. Lawrence said it is difficult to determine a percentage of water that is coming from Patch Alley or Liberty Lumber. Mr. Bell asked if this issue would hinder Liberty Lumber from selling the property if they wanted. Mr. Robinson stated the area is the low point and no one would build on it. Mr. Bell stated the water has run through Liberty Lumber property for years, Mr. Lawrence agreed. Mr. Bell inquired about building a drainage system around Liberty Lumber property. Mr. Robinson stated that would be very costly. Mr. Derrico stated an easement makes sense, as well as not using public monies to improve private property. He further stated an easement serves two functions: it helps the drainage for the private land owner and serves the public by eliminating the water in that area with the Borough controlling it. The money spent would be for a public system. Mr. Derrico said an easement has a side effect of assisting the private land owner as that is what a public system does. Mr. Lawrence stated it would be difficult to determine the percentage of repair for the Borough and a percentage for Liberty Lumber. Mr. Derrico said Liberty Lumber must agree to the easement so the Borough can control it. Mr. Robinson to discuss the option of an easement with Liberty Lumber with a shared cost. Mr. Lawrence stated when he met with Liberty Lumber, they suggested splitting the cost fifty percent. Council in agreement for conversation with Liberty Lumber with an update to Council.
4. Mid-town parking lot at Sarris. Mr. Robinson stated there is money in the budget to resurface and re- line. Formal bids needed to repaint and re-line. Dead line to receive bids is Monday, August 7, 2017 by noon.
5. On-line electronic secure bidding-KLH uses Penn Bid agency to set up the secure on-line bidding. The Borough incurs no cost nor the bidders that are unsuccessful. The prior on-line system required a fee from all bidders. Penn Bid makes money by receiving a percentage from the successful bidder. Most KLH municipal clients agree to the on-line bidding process. It is the wave of the future. All bids, including rejected bids, are published at the time of the bid. KLH has to review the responsiveness of the bid. Mr. Robinson to arrange a demonstration for Council. Council in agreement to use the on-line electronic secure bidding system for the Mid-town project.
6. PennDot Traffic Calming Manual- three copies made for Ms. Lesnock, Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Bell.

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

Mr. Derrico stated he prepared a draft form for Mr. Severine to use for extra millings. Mr. Severine to review the draft. Mr. Derrico continues to review the Vacant Building Ordinance.

Mr. Severine and Mr. Lawrence discussed streets in the 2016 Project.

### **Committee Reports**

1. **Administration and Finance:** Mrs. Coleman stated bills were reviewed and ready for payment.

#### **Motion to approve Canonsburg Borough bills.**

Mrs. Bails 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-** report provided last week.

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

**5. Parks and Recreation:**

Mrs. Bails reported on the following:

1. Concert in the Park on June 1, 2017 featured Shades of Time. The concert had a good crowd. Mrs. Bails said there was a comment on seeing more Council members attending the concerts. Mrs. Bails and Mr. Severine attended the concert. July 6, 2017 features Street Level who is well known in the area; they are new to the Park concert event.

2. Deck- Engineer reviewed and advised to install steps. Mr. Robinson stated the steps could not be used as the grade is 32% of the slope and should not have more than 8.33% grade. Mr. Robinson stated it is dangerous. Mrs. Bails thanked Mr. Robinson and stated the Park Board will take care of it.

3. Yoney Pavillion- needs shingles

4. Rental of the pool pavilion-concerns of people renting the pool being in and out of the concession stand area. This area will be closed during rentals. Guests renting will need to supply own coolers and ice. A temporary agreement was drafted for renters signature.

5. Dining in the Pool-updates after July 4, 2017.

6. Camp Splash- Mr. Severine stated there are ten spaces for children. Working on advertising for Camp Splash.

7. Froggy Radio to broadcast live at the park is in the works. This is a new event for the park.

8. Pool looks great and receiving a lot of compliments. Washington area residents utilizing the pool.

**6. Redevelopment:** No report at this time.

### **VOTING ITEMS:**

**1. Motion to approve May 8, 2017 meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council.**

Mr. McGarry made a motion to approve the May 8, 2017 meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council. Seconded by Mrs. Bails. All in favor. Motion

Carries.

**2. Motion to approve advertising to solicit bids to repave Midtown Parking Lot.**

Motion by Mr. Severine to approve advertising to solicit bids to repave Midtown Parking Lot. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman.

**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.

**3. Motion to approve advertising to solicit bids to repave unnamed road between East Pike St. and Lou Bell Dr. (will be paid from Capital Projects.)**

Motion by Mr. Severine to approve advertising to solicit bids to repave unnamed road between East Pike St. and Lou Bell Dr. (will be paid from Capital Projects.) Seconded by Mr. McGarry.

**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.

**4. Motion to approve removing Patrolman Dennis Cole from probation and placing him as a regular full-time police officer effective Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at midnight.**

Motion by Mr. McGarry to approve removing Patrolman Dennis Cole from probation and placing him as a regular full-time police officer effective Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at midnight. Seconded by Mr. Bowman.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

**5. Motion to approve cancelling July 3, 2017 agenda meeting (will not be rescheduled) due to the holiday.**

Motion by Mr. McGarry to approve cancelling July 3, 2017 agenda meeting (will not be rescheduled) due to the holiday. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Zoom Corporation Update- broke ground
2. Senior Citizen's Building -Mary Lynn Spilak announced there is an additional \$20,000 from the state to install a fire detection system. She is working with the Fire Inspector.
3. Park By-laws- almost complete.
4. Vacant building ordinance-will be presented to Council in August.5. Weight Limits ordinance-Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Robinson working on
6. Amendment for cell tower ordinance (needs to be approved by Planning Commission) - still in progress.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The cancellation of the July 3, 2017 Agenda meeting will be advertised next week.
2. Mr. Severine discussed the Zoning Hearing Board's approval to reduce the 2-parking space requirement to one space for Iryna Katsevich for Arcadia Place. Mr. Severine inquired about the approval and when Council can vote on this. Ms. Cecchine stated this does not come to Council as the Zoning Hearing Board is an autonomous board; they voted and it is approved. Mr. Derrico stated the topography is very tight and it is very expensive to grade to provide the spaces required for the ordinances. Mr. Derrico further stated the apartments will be single dwelling therefore there is no need for extra parking. Mr. Derrico stated the owners also own TownView Health and Rehabilitation Center; therefore, they have plenty of parking spaces. Mr. Derrico further stated that both owners stated clearly that if there are any issues, they can move the parking to the other side. Mr. Severine inquired if the owners were building condominiums in the future. Mr. Derrico said it was not discussed. Mr. Lawrence agreed with Mr. Severine stating if the tenants park on Govern Street it is small and narrow making this area very congested. Mr. Lawrence inquired if there were designated parking spaces in the TownView property. Mr. Derrico stated the owners are very cooperative and will be accommodating. Mr. Derrico also stated no issues were raised during the Zoning Hearing Board meeting. Mr. McGarry stated Ben Katsevich, owner, would be accommodating. Mr. Derrico concurred stating they seemed willing to do anything that was asked. Mr. Derrico suggested Mr. Lawrence speak to the owners regarding 7-8 parking spots being reserved on TownView's property for the apartments. Mr. Bell would like to be present to review the plans. Plans have yet been supplied. Mr. Severine discussed the owners are making four parking spaces wider, which is not needed when they should have added two handicap parking spaces. Mr. Derrico stated saving a foot here or there does not add up to additional handicap spaces. Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Bell to review the plans when submitted.
3. Mayor Rhome stated that with the assistance of Representative Brandon Neuman, the July 4, 2017 parade will have a fly-over from the US military July morning in honor of the first responders.
4. Ribbon cutting for Rusty Gold at 3:00 for Council, open house for the public from 4-8 pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Held from 7:26p.m to 8:53 pm. regarding personnel issues.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Mc Garry to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Bails. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

**Enclosures:**

- A. Zoning Hearing Board Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2017
- B. Park Board Minutes of June 1, 2017.

**Submitted by:**  
**Michelle LoBello**