

**Canonsburg Borough Council Meeting**  
Monday July 10, 2017  
6:30 PM

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bell at 6:33 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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. Bernie Price, 615 Highland Avenue, Canonsburg, Pa addressed Council regarding his questions from the previous month's meeting. He stated the Code Enforcement Officer informed him there are no codes for the length of grass; it is at the discretion of the Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Price asked for a copy of the ordinances; Ms. Lesnock to provide and it is on-line as well.

Gene Cargnoni, 1121, McCuen Avenue, Canonsburg Pa addressed Council regarding the amount of traffic on his road. He stated it is a 26-foot road heavily trafficked with large trucks such as United Van Line trucks, car carries and cement trucks. Mr. Cargnoni stated the traffic begins at 8 am with the noon hour the worse. He also stated on the weekend, the bars are open late causing late night traffic. Most traffic is traveling to Southpointe. Mr. Cargnoni said neither stop signs nor speed bumps will remedy the issue. The fifteen ton limit is not adhered to in his opinion. He further discussed the difficulty of getting out of his driveway. Mr. Price discussed an option of closing the road as Cecil did with Apple Hill. Mr. Lawrence stated there is a lot of traffic with small children on the street. Mr. Bell stated the Borough will consider this matter, he knows it is a problem. Mr. Bell asked if there were petitions from other residents on his street. Mr. Price stated he was not aware of any petitions at this time. Mayor Rhome stated that the Mishap officer will enforce the weight limits on trucks. Mr. Coghill stated there is a study to make 1 weight limit in the Borough which will make it easier to adopt. Mrs. Coleman agrees to close the road.

**GUESTS:**

A representative from the Sarris Library was present to review some of the programs. She stated June was a very busy month with 34 summer programs with 1,016 patrons, 5,542 checked out items, checked in 5,222 items and 1,726 renewals for a total of 12,490 June transactions. July will continue with Summer Reading Camps for two weeks serving kindergarten to 7<sup>th</sup> graders. The Summer Reading Camp is followed with a field trip. The field trip cost is \$5.00 to ensure attendance. Last month it was a trip to the zoo. This month the field trip is to the Science Center on July 28, 2017. Discussion held regarding transportation to the field trips. A school bus is rented from GG & C Bus Company located

in Washington; the cost is approximately \$400. The school district bus cannot be rented due to children from other school districts attending the programs. Sarris Library participated in the Canonsburg Parade for the first time. Mr. Bell stated he appreciated the update on the programs.

Rich Russo, with the Park Board, addressed Council. He reviewed the following:

1. Security Camera for the Basketball and Softball fields- Electricity is present and quotes have been obtained for the cameras. There are two network cameras in the Borough. One is for the bridges and streets and the park. The newer camera is for the building. Mr. Russo reviewed and tested both systems. Mr. Russo asked Mr. Coghill for his opinion. Mr. Coghill said the newer system is much clearer and can zoom in on license plates and there is no question on the generation of cameras. Mr. Coghill stated it did not matter which system the camera was connected to but recommends centralizing. Mr. Russo stated the Park Board will move forward and will cover the expense of the cameras and installation of three cameras, one at the basketball court and two at the softball field. Comcast will be the provider. There will be a recurring monthly bill in which the Friends of the Park will pay half and the Softball Association will pay half.
2. LSA Grant Application- Ms. Lesnock stated the Borough has applied for the LSA grant for the Senior Center. Mr. Russo stated the Friends of the Park are applying as well for four to five projects. Mr. Russo did not want to duplicate applications.
3. Emergency issue- the roof in the woman's restroom has a hole. Mr. Lawrence is aware. This is leading to an issue with the newly installed floor such as slipping and falls. The installers of the floor will be in to inspect the flooring. Mr. Russo stated the men's room flooring may have a slightly better texture. However, the water issue needs to be eliminated first.
4. Lum Electric- Will be installing hand dryers in the restrooms.
5. Pool Manager- Will be looking for a new pool manager next year. Mr. Jim Reynolds has been the manager for 15 years and is retiring. Mr. Bell stated he has done a good job. Mr. Russo agreed. Ms. Lesnock to work on a job description.
6. Park Board Meeting-July 13, 2017. The Park Board likes to meet two times a month during the summer.
7. The revenue is on budget.

#### **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:**

1. Mr. Bell stated the Borough office is closed on June 19, 2017 for Canonsburg Day at Kennywood Park.
2. Mr. Bell stated the monument/state marker, for Jonathon Letterman will be displayed in an area showing respect. The location of his home is in front of the Borough Building. The Mayor and Mr. Bell continue to meet with a professor from Waynesburg to discuss this.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Rhome reported on the following:

1. 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. Champion Christian Center, located on Belmont Avenue, would like to have a crosswalk placed on Pike Street from Belmont. The Mayor will refer them to Penn Dot if the Borough agrees. Council in agreement. Champion has a dark area on Belmont and are requesting additional lighting for 109 Belmont, which would be a cost to the Borough. Council will look at the area.
4. Handicap parking requests for 400 Greenside Avenue, 215 Spruce Street and 513 Chartiers. The 400 Greenside request is permanent and has limited parking. All documents have been signed and Mayor

Rhome reviewed. The Mayor did visit each space.

5. Parking Meters on Jefferson Avenue have been a work in progress. Mr. Lawrence said it is completed. There are four permanent parking spaces and the others are metered. Two are handicapped spaces for a total of three handicap parking spaces. If Council has concerns, the Mayor will address those concerns.
6. July 4, 2017- Mayor Rhome thanked the Fourth of July committee, Police and Fire department, EMS, and Public Works. The town was cleaned of debris and garbage hours after the celebrations. Mayor Rhome stated it was a “picture perfect day”
7. A letter from the Department of Justice dated June 27, 2017, regarding a 27-year-old dealing with drugs, was sentenced to five years to life in prison.
8. Washington Hospital project is moving along. Mayor Rhome said it will be an asset to the town. The project should start in September.
9. Mayor Rhome credited Council and the Borough for taking a company from Cincinnati Ohio around town, showing them twelve projects. The first project they were shown was the First Street School which is currently under contract with the goal for beautiful, affordable senior apartments. The school will be replaced immediately, it will not be an empty lot.
10. June 13, 2017 Rusty Gold held a grand opening. Mayor Rhome stated it is an asset to the community and exciting to see people out in town in the evening.
11. Battle Arena, across from Jeffrey’s Drugstore celebrated a grand opening on July 13, 2017 at 10:30 am. Battle Arena has nerf games for different age groups.
12. Basketball Court- added several patrols as requested by Council and the Park Control. If the language and behaviors do not change, this will be revisited. McDonald closed due to language. Mrs. Bails stated alcohol is not permitted in Town Park.
13. July 12, 2017, the new motorcycle for the Police Department, donated by the Barnes Brothers, delivered. Officer Cross will be the rider and receive training. Media release on July 12, 2017 at 2:00 pm.
14. Bluff Street-Mayor Rhome asked Council to review Hutchison to Bluff on the left side as a safety issue due to parking up to the intersection. Three trucks are parked on the street. Parking is along an empty lot. Council to review and discuss next month. The Mayor suggested no parking in that section.
15. Kennywood day for Canonsburg is July 19, 2017.
16. Vacant Building Ordinance- the Solicitor is working on. Mr. Derrico stated he is still working on this.

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

Mr. Robinson reported on the following:

1. Senior Center roof replacement-the specifications are complete and will get it out to bid in a few weeks.
2. North Central Avenue, Elm Alley and Yoney Drive Sanitary Sewer Repair Rehabilitation-A pre-construction meeting was held. Roto-Rooter to start in mid-July.
3. Mid-town parking lot and public alleys – Bids to be received by August 10, 2017. 8-10 bids received already. KLH will have a recommendation at the August meeting.
4. MS4(Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems)-Mr. Lawrence was contacted by PADP for a meeting to determine the progress and compliance with MS4 standards. The meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2017 at 10:00 am. HMT has completed some of the work and they are gathering the documents. KLH does not want to duplicate work by HMT. Mr. Robinson said he is not sure how far along the Borough is yet.
5. Pool House roof- the Structural Engineer reviewed and will send a memo on how to repair.

6. Liberty Lumber- issue with storm water draining in which Liberty Lumber would like to upgrade from a 12 inch to a 15-inch pipe. Liberty Lumber originally contacted the Borough to share fifty percent of the costs. Mr. Robinson and Mr. Lawrence met with Liberty Lumber discussing making it a public drainage easement and contributing 50% subject to Borough Council approval. Liberty Lumber stated they would take care of the upgrade on their own. Mr. Robinson is not sure of what they are considering. Mr. Bell asked what the Borough can do with the runoff water. Mr. Robinson said it is the natural layout of the ground, it is the low point. The Borough does not have any lines there. The topography of Patch Alley remains the same. The Borough is willing to work with Liberty Lumber making a public drainage easement, however, Liberty Lumber is not interested at the present time.

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

Mr. Jeff Derrico reported the following:

1. Canonsburg Pickers-working with Code Enforcement and resolving the issue. Mr. Derrico has been in contact with the landlords. An agreement has been drafted. Hoping for cooperation and effort by the tenant. There is a timeframe for order of possession.
  2. Campbell property- Mr. Derrico called Mr. Kerry Krider with HMT Engineers to clarify letters dated June 28<sup>th</sup> and June 29<sup>th</sup> from Attorney Josh Carroll, who represents Houston Borough. Mr. Derrico stated Mr. Krider said the building is being built in Houston, therefore, needed to comply with Houston rules and codes. Mr. Carroll's letter indicated an engineer went to the site and determined the actual construction of the building is taking place in the Canonsburg part of the property. The Code Enforcement officer is up to date on the issue. Mr. Bell said the issue in one resident in Houston who complains about the property but does not own it. He goes to the Houston Borough who states they do not have anything to do with it. He has come to Canonsburg Borough as well in the past.
  3. Working on ordinances.
  4. Office has been busy.
- Mr. Bell thanked Mr. Derrico.

### **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:** Mr. Bell stated downtown will be brightening up with different lighting due to the increased activity in town. There is a tester light in place.

3. **Public Works and Public Safety-** Mr. McGarry reported the following:

For the month of June 2017, the Canonsburg Volunteer Fire Department responded to 29 calls which consisted of :

14 emergency

- 1 structural fire call
- 2 alarm calls
- 2 assisted calls
- 4 grass calls
- 4 public service calls
- 2 rubbish calls

An average of 7 men per call, spending an average of 44 minutes per call, no reportable damage

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

**5. Parks and Recreation:**

Mrs. Bails reported on the following:

1. Installed new roof and gutters on Yoney Pavilion.
2. Hand dryers to be installed in restrooms in the pool house by Lum Electric.
3. The pool house had an emergency as there was almost a fire as a light was blown out. This will have to be looked at by the Park Commission or combination of the Parks and Recreation and the Borough for improvements. There is also a major hole in the roof of the Woman's Room. Mr. Lawrence and the Borough engineer inspected this on this date. The building is a historical landmark, an anticipated repair cost of \$18,000-\$20,000. A quick fix is being considered. The leak could cause damage to the newly installed floor as well. Another issue is the building is 82 years old with old wiring. Mrs. Bails asked for a permanent repair to the roof in next year's budget. Mrs. Bails also discussed the walls bowing as the walls are separating. Mr. Robinson said the structural engineer is reviewing and will provide a report. Mr. Lawrence said the water is pushing the walls out. Friends of the Park are aware. Mr. Severine stated it is part of the Borough and not separate. Mrs. Bails stated Lum Electric has been helping all day.
4. Softball Field– the Softball Association is doing a good job; they are maintaining the fields. They purchased a separation field and committed to paying part of the Comcast bill for the WIFI for the cameras.
5. Park meeting July 13, 2017. Lum Electric will have quotes on repair for the wiring.
6. Mrs. Bails wanted to acknowledge Susan Pacante for the float in the parade as well as her marketing the events at the park.
7. Dine in the Park-September 9, 2017. Texas Roadhouse is providing a full prime rib dinner. All Occasions are providing the table linens, tables and chairs. EJ with Rusty Gold Brewery is providing beer. JD Winery will split profits of wine sold. Black Craft Whiskey donated whiskey. Shop N Save has committed. Signage will be displayed at the pool with more signs as businesses sign up.  
\$1,000 table of 8 and a banner, signage in the program, sign in front of the Borough building.  
\$500 table of four  
\$90 couple  
\$50 a person  
The event is limited to 200 people. Tickets go on sale the first week of August 2017. Discussion of a photo booth.  
Ms. Coleman and Mr. McGarry commented Ms. Bails is doing a good job.

**6. Redevelopment:** No report. Mrs. Bails stated in September they will solicit for trees for the streets and alleys.

Mr. Bell asked about gas work on Jefferson. Mr. Lawrence stated his understanding is the crew will stay on Jefferson Avenue. Mr. Bell said it is good to have notice ahead of time in the paper or online.

**7. Sewer Authority/Water/Sewage:** Will be removed from Agenda

## **VOTING ITEMS:**

**1. Motion to approve June 12, 2017 meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council.**

Mr. McGarry made a motion to approve the June 12, 2017 meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

Correction required for the spelling of Liberty Lumber.

**2. Motion to approve A&S Building #2 based upon recommendations from the Planning Commission.**

Motion by Mr. McGarry to approve A&S Building #2 based upon recommendations from the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

Mr. Sharkady commented the building is on a radiation site and should not be preparing food for off-site. Mr. Sharkady stated he secured a copy of the deed and there are many restrictions as to what can go on the property. Mr. Sharkady said he spoke to DEP who said there should not be any occupied structures on the site. Mr. Sharkady said they can have some occupied structures, however, he is not sure why. Mr. Sharkady read portions of the deed. Mr. Sharkady said he cannot understand a Planning Commission approving a warehouse to prepare food. Discussion held regarding the site was for warehouse purposes and was not to have utilities. Mr. Sharkday said his main concern is for health and welfare of employees working at a radiation site and more so for individuals who may be eating food prepared on the site. Mr. Sharkady stated Mr. Bilsky had a copy of the deed. Mr. Chandler, of the Planning Commission, stated he voted "yes." He said based on the information just presented, he would have voted "no." He also stated this information was not provided at the recent Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Chandler said he had no knowledge of the deed Mr. Bilsky had. Mr. Chandler said he was aware of the property across the street. Mr. Bell said the sale of the property was approved by a prior Council. Discussion held regarding the removal of contaminated material from the site. Mr. Derrico stated he did not think the state would sell property with the potential to build on it if it poses a radioactive threat. Mr. Bell said the state should monitor the area periodically. Mr. Bell asked Ms. Lesnock to check to see if the state is monitoring and to have the state come in to see what is being done on the property. Mr. Bowman said the property is owned by the state. Mr. Severine said that is not the only issue, the other issue is the plan was to be a warehouse without utilities. Mr. Bell asked to contact those responsible for the property. Mr. Bell said Council cannot approve until this happens. Mr. McGarry withdrew his motion as did Mrs. Bails. Mr. Derrico said Council needs a motion that additional information is needed prior to approval. Mr. Derrico said the owner of the property has the right to change his mind of what he wants to build, whether or not it is approved is another issue.

**Motion that the application will not be considered without additional information being submitted that addresses the threat of radiation issue and the limitations of use which may be set forth in the deed for the property and any other environmental concerns.**

Mr. McGarry made a motion that the application will not be considered without additional information being submitted that addresses

the threat of radiation issue and the limitations of use which may be set forth in the deed for the property and any other environmental concerns. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

6 in favor. 1 No. (Mr. Sharkady). Motion Carries.

Mr. Sharkady said he is not in favor of anything being built.

**3. Motion to approve Resolution #01-17 authorizing the disposition of public records in accordance with the Municipal Records Manual.**

Motion by Mrs. Coleman to approve Resolution #01-17 authorizing the disposition of public records in accordance with the Municipal Records Manual. Seconded by Mr. McGarry.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

**4. Motion to approve a handicap parking space at 400 Greenside Avenue.**

Mr. McGarry made a motion to approve a handicap parking space at 400 Greenside Avenue. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

All in favor motion Carries.

**5. Motion to approve a handicap parking space at 215 Spruce.**

Motion by Mr. McGarry to approve a handicap parking space at 215 Spruce. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

**6. Motion approve a handicap parking space at 513 Chartiers Avenue.**

Motion by Mr. McGarry to approve a handicap parking space at 513 Chartiers Avenue. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Zoom Corporation Update- Have broken ground.
2. Park By-laws- Almost complete
4. Vacant building ordinance-The ordinance is complete and being reviewed by the Solicitor.
5. Weight Limits ordinance-Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Robinson are working together on the Weight Limits Ordinance.
6. Amendment for cell tower ordinance-The Solicitor is working on.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. \$6,000 donation for Camp Splash made by the Meadows.
2. Mrs. Coleman stated there is an article in July Borough News magazine regarding Mr. Tim Solobay. Mr. Solobay mentioned the Canonsburg Borough Council's support of the Fire Department and that other fire Departments may not be in the same position.
3. Bargaining Unit Committee- will consist of Mr. Bell, Mr. McGarry and Mrs. Coleman. Letter from the Police to start discussions.
4. Scott Bashioum- Mr. Coghill said there is a personal bio on Officer Scott Bashioum in a magazine.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

8:20 pm to 8:44 pm. Discussion on previous issue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Mc Garry to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman.

All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

**Enclosures:**

- A. Monthly Police Report and Parking Enforcement Report of June 2016.

**Submitted by: Michelle LoBello**





