

Canonsburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday December 11, 2017
6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Moment of Silence called by Mr. McGarry.

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- Absent

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Christina Hollinsworth, 344 Park Drive, Canonsburg, Pa addressed Council. She stated she was present on behalf of her children and other children on Park Drive that utilize the Skate Board Park. She inquired as to why the Skate Board Park was closed as there are children that use it daily. She stated she could see it as a possible safety concern when the weather turned, however, the weather has been unseasonable warm. She asked could it be closed under certain conditions such as ice.

Jeff Ocorn, 287 Castle Road, Washington, Pa addressed Council. He stated he is a prior resident of Canonsburg. He stated he agreed with Ms. Hollinsworth. He asked if something could be worked out when the weather is not severe and said the Skate Board Park keeps kids out of trouble. Mr. Lawrence said the decision to close the Skate Board Park was at the discretion of the Park Board, which was when the weather turned due to a public safety issue. Mr. Lawrence said there is not a way to monitor what days the park could be opened or closed. Therefore, the decision was to close for the winter for public safety. The Skate Board Park is metal and freezes and becomes icy. Mrs. Bails stated it closed December 1, 2017. Mr. Hollinsworth stated other areas of the park are open. Mr. Lawrence stated the difference is the Skate Board Park freezes. Ms. Hollinsworth stated previous years it remained opened in which Mrs. Bails stated it was unseasonable warm in prior years. Mrs. Bails discussed the liability and liability expense should an injury occur, especially due to the metal surface. Mrs. Bails mentioned the Park Board is looking into a new concrete Skate Board Park as well as relocating it by the basketball courts in the valley. She referenced other communities that have closed their skate board parks in the winter. Ms. Hollinsworth asked if “use at your own risk” or “closed if under 40 degrees” signs would protect the Borough from liability. Mrs. Bails stated it would not. She stated there are three cases of incidents that the Borough is dealing with as far as liability. Mr. McGarry said safety is the number one priority. Further discussion that the park is not closed for the winter, people walk dogs, however, the Skate Board Park is a safety concern.

GUESTS:

None

President's Comments:

Mr. MGarry acknowledged and thanked Mr. Paul Sharkady for his 13 years of work for the Borough.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Rhome stated prayers are being said for those from the Borough family that are currently in the hospital. 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. November 10, 2017 was the bridge dedication and vigil for Officer Scott Bashioum. This was a well-attended event. Mayor Rhome thanked those who helped with the dedication and vigil.
4. November 11, 2017 was the dedication for Dr. Letterman at the Municipal Building. This was well-attended; Mayor Rhome thanked those involved.
5. November 2017, the Amen Corner inducted Officer Scott Bashioum into the Hall of Valour.
6. November 4, 2017, Mayor Rhome attended a Veterans Day Program at the Greek Church- 75 veterans were recognized. In the evening, Mayor Rhome attended the Baptist Church Veterans Day Program.
7. December 13, 2017, 2:00 at the Municipal Building, in recognition of Michael Maceiko; several friends and employees purchased two benches for dedication in Michael Maceiko's honor.
8. November 9, 2017, the Police Department was awarded the Platinum Award/Triple A Award. This is the highest award to achieve. Mayor Rhome attended the award ceremony. The award is in the Police Department.
9. December 2, 2017 was Canonsburg Light Up Night and fundraiser for Noah. Mayor Rhome said there were a lot of people involved that made this a success.

Mayor Rhome, on behalf of his family and the Police Department, wished all a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

Engineer's Report:

Mr. Robinson reported on the following:

1. Senior Center roof replacement-A pre-construction meeting was held in November. Shop submittals have been returned to the contractor and waiting for the construction schedule. They have 90 days to complete the project from notice to proceed. If they request a time extension, KLH will review the request and advise the Borough.
2. North Central Avenue, Elm Alley and Yoney Drive Sanitary Sewer Repair Rehabilitation-Roto-Rooter completed the work in November. There was cost over runs due to buried manholes that were brought to surface, a brick manhole fell apart and was repaired and several segments that needed repair. Instead of repairing several small sections, it was decided to extend the limits and repair a larger section. Final payment to Roto-Rooter is \$141,781. Included in the final payment is the Change Order for \$39,381.
3. Midtown Parking Lot improvements are completed.
4. MS-4-Violations received. KLH is working on a response to the violations. The response will be by the end of the year.
5. Apple Hill 4, Lucia Drive. The Borough accepted Lucia Drive as their road network. There is an 18-month maintenance bond that expires in April 2018. Mr. Robinson looked at areas on the asphalt that he believes may be garbage trucks breaking and sliding causing pushing on the asphalt. Mr. Robinson notified Daniel Wolfe under the maintenance bond; Mr. Wolfe stated it will be taken care of in the Spring. Mr. Robinson will respond via letter.

6. CDBG 2018 Street Improvement Cost Estimates- The list is based from the surveys. Streets are Marple Avenue, Second Street, Murdoch Street, and Iron Street to mill and resurface and ADA ramps where necessary. KLH is preparing cost estimates and mapping for the CDBG.

Mr. John Mowry with KLH announced Mr. Robinson's retirement the end of 2018; he will still be involved in the paving projects next year. Ms. Veronica Bennett will be handling municipal clients. Mr. Mowry said both he and Ms. Bennett will be attending the Borough meetings. This meeting may be Mr. Robinson's last meeting. Mr. Robinson will be available if any issues arise. Mr. Mowry thanked Mr. Robinson. Mr. McGarry thanked and congratulated Mr. Robinson as well as welcomed Ms. Bennet.

Solicitor's Report:

Mr. Derrico reported on the following:

1. Cell Tower Ordinance-Finished and is submitted for the January 2018 Voting Items.
2. Paper Alley inquiries with White Lane and McShane. Mr. Derrico is looking into those matters.

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. Seconded by Mr. Bowman.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mrs. Bails-Yes

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mr. Sharkady-No

Mr. Bell-Absent

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

2. Code: No report.

3. Public Works and Public Safety- Report provided last week.

4. Facilities, Energy and Technology- Provided last week.

5. Parks and Recreation:

Mrs. Bails reported on the following:

1. Park Board meeting was held last week.

2. Working on new signage for the park.

3. Two signs were placed in the park from a prior commitment from grants.

4. Cameras at the softball field are recording and not on the internet yet. Comcast will be adding a line.

5. Considering disposing of light poles at the ball field and replacing.

6. Looking for a historical designation for the pool house. Waiting to hear LSA grant decision, possibly by the end of the month.

7. Looking to hire a Pool Manager.

8. Skate Board Park-Mrs. Bails addressed the woman in the public suggesting she start a committee to monitor the Skate Board Park. The Park Board would like to relocate the Skate Board Park. Mrs. Bails said she is open to the Skate Board Park being open year-round; however, it would need monitoring.

9. Public Works and Mr. Russo finishing storing items at the pool house.

10. Public Works scheduled a meeting with Columbia Gas to address the storage of items/equipment.

11. January 2018, the Park Board will have a meeting to discuss hiring a Pool/Park Director.
12. Upper parking lot signage to be placed.
13. Pathway and bridge renovation throughout the park is planned.
14. Columbia Gas deposited dirt creating more land for a possible dog park.
15. Looking for a sponsor for renovation of small pavilion.
16. Moving the dumpster is planned.

6. Redevelopment: Code Officer, Troy Lucas reviewed a development rendering planned in town: The old Pittsburgh Bridge Works building on 135 Meadow Street. There was a Planning Commission Meeting on December 7, 2017 in which plans were reviewed and passed without any issues. There are talks of a subdivision; however, the property may already be subdivided. However, the Mylar was not filed timely with the county and subdivision did not go through. A new application through Zoning will be filed for the subdivision. Mr. Lucas reviewed the rendering. The development is by Mr. Robert Halpin from Chicago. He will rehab/reskin the building; old brick will become a glass section. There is a tenant ready to move in by the end of August. Mr. Halpin is currently looking for other tenants. Mr. Halpin is meeting this week to discuss other properties in Canonsburg that he is interested in. Meadow Lane and Four Coins will be connected.

VOTING ITEMS:

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

Mrs. Bails made a motion to approve November 13, 2017 meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman.

No questions on the motion.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

2. Motion to approve 2018 Tax Ordinance #1334.

Mr. Bowman made a motion to approve Tax Ordinance #1334. Seconded by Mr. Bails.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mrs. Bails-Yes

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mr. Sharkady-No

Mr. Bell-Absent

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

Ms. Lesnock stated this included 1/10 of a mill increase.

3. Motion to approve 2018 Salary Ordinance #1335.

Mrs. Coleman made a motion to approve 2018 Salary Ordinance #1335. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mrs. Bails-Yes

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mr. Sharkady-No

Mr. Bell-Absent

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

4. Motion to approve 2018 Budget.

Mrs. Coleman made a motion to approve 2018 Budget. Seconded by Mr. Bowman.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman-Yes
Mrs. Coleman-Yes
Mr. McGarry-Yes
Mrs. Bails-Yes
Mr. Severine-Yes
Mr. Sharkady-No
Mr. Bell-Absent

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

5. Motion to approve purchase of 2014 Ford F150 for Code Enforcement use in the amount of \$27,600 (4-year lease to own)

Mr. Severine made a motion to approve purchase of 2014 Ford F150 for Code Enforcement use in the amount of \$27,600 (4-year lease to own). Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman-Yes
Mrs. Coleman-Yes
Mr. McGarry-Yes
Mrs. Bails-Yes
Mr. Severine-Yes
Mr. Sharkady-No
Mr. Bell-Absent

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

6. Motion to approve advertising for amendment to the Property Maintenance Ordinance #1211 (adopting the 2018 International Zoning Code).

Mr. Severine made a motion to approve advertising for amendment to the Property Maintenance Ordinance #1211 (adopting the 2018 International Zoning Code). Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

No questions on the motion.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Park By-laws/Hiring a Pool Manager. Committee will meet in January 2018.
2. Weight Limits Ordinance-Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Robinson are working on this.
3. Amendment for Cell Tower Ordinance-This is complete and will be in the January 2018 packet.

NEW BUSINESS:

A special Voting Meeting on December 28, 2017, 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Coleman to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Enclosures:

- A. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2017.
- B. Park Board Minutes of December 7, 2017.
- C. 2018 Budget
- D. 2017 Year-to-Date Budget Report.

Submitted by: Michelle LoBello

