

## Canonsburg Borough Council Meeting

Monday May 14, 2018

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. Eric Chandler-Present

Mr. John Severine-Present

Mrs. Tina Bails – Absent

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. Lesnock, KLH Engineer Ms. Veronica Bennett, Fire Chief/Public Works Mr. Tom Lawrence, Mayor David Rhome and Chief of Police Mr. Alex Coghill.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. Ronnie Martin with the Lions Club International, visiting from Texas, discussed the Lions Club on a national and local level. He stated the local club only has four active members in Canonsburg. Annual dues are \$35. Mr. Martin discussed some of the benefits of membership. He stated the Club, two times a year, awards grants up to \$100,000 which can be used for parks, police dogs, purchasing of buildings to better the community and working with the Fire Department. They have a two-million-dollar liability policy when sponsoring grants. Mr. Martin said membership is a partnership with the Borough. Applications for membership were available.

2. Robert Humble, 345 West Pike Street, Canonsburg discussed the noise level of the Last Call which is across the street from his home. He provided a handout to Council. He discussed the previous owners of the building/establishment and that he did not have issues with prior owners. He stated he gets conflicted information regarding the Noise Ordinance: told there was nothing he could do about the noise, told the noise was decibel based and told no time limit on noise ordinance. He stated the Last Call has two doors open and asked if one could be kept closed. He stated he was told to call 911 in which he prefers not to do. Mr. Humble has not contacted Code Enforcement. Mr. Bell suggested Mr. Humble call Code Enforcement. Code Enforcement is available until 4:30 pm, after 4:30 pm any issues are a 911 issues. Mayor Rhome stated he spoke with the Code Enforcement officer, which the noise Ordinance is from 7 am to 11 pm. Mayor Rhome informed Mr. Humble previously his next step is to call 911. Mayor Rhome stated he also informed Mr. Humble he could also go to the magistrate. The decibel base part of the ordinance discussed. A meter is available. Mr. Humble inquired if the PA Noise Ordinance supersedes the Borough Noise Ordinance. Mr. Derrico stated it is a sample ordinance that the Borough Association modifies for the community. Mr. Derrico stated the Borough Ordinance has to be enforced. Mr. Derrico further said if there is a state law that covers the same subject matter then it would supersede the Borough's ordinance, however, he does not think the state has a noise law. It is left to the local community. Mayor Rhome suggested meeting with Mr. Humble and Mr. Orsi, owner of the Last Call.

3. Devin Orsi, owner of the Last Call Bar and Grill and owner of Peak Precision Roofing Concept

approached Council. The Last Call is a restaurant with a bar. Mr. Orsi said he chose to come to Canonsburg and does not plan on going elsewhere. He stated he has increased business 20% each year. When he started the Last Call Bar and Grill sales were 70% liquor, currently it is 70% food sales. He said he brings business to Canonsburg and is happy to be a part of Canonsburg. He stated the noise complaint is ridiculous. He has the doors closed at 10 pm only for Mr. Humble. He stated they are a non-nuisance establishment; he does not have 911 calls. Chief Coghilll agreed and said it is run excellently. Doors were open for ambience. The areas is a business area, cars and motorcycles are louder than his establishment. Mr. Orsi is attempting an outside seating venture in town for food. He purchased the home next to the Last Call with plans for expansion. He is interested in purchasing more property in town. His goal is more life into town. He is present to compromise but not what Mr. Humble is requesting. He said there are no problems with his establishment. Mr. Bell said he is glad to have the Last Call but has to address concerns. Mr. Orsi stated he is speaking with investors interested in town. Mr. Orsi stated he appreciated the support of the town. He stated at times he does not feel welcome, such as with the current complaint from one individual. Mayor Rhome to meet with both parties and another Council member tomorrow.

Mr. Humble responded to Mr. Orsi's comments stating the outside seating is not his concern; it is the noise level at night.

4. Steve Pitzarella, 522 Chartiers Avenue, Canonsburg addressed Council regarding parking. He stated he attended a prior meeting regarding parking and the concerns were not addressed. He stated a petition was signed by all but three people regarding the lack of parking on Chartiers Avenue. He stated two handicap parking spaces were designated. He also stated the residents were informed to park in their back yard, in which he does not want to ruin his back yard. He stated there is seven feet of sidewalk and willing to pay to have the sidewalk moved back to five feet. He said he understands the need for an emergency vehicle to be able to move on the street, however, he asked when the last time someone died in a fire because a fire truck could not go down Chartiers. Mayor Rhome said he will not compromise the safety of the town. Mayor Rhome said the scenario happened on the 400 block of Duquesne Avenue which had parking on both sides. The driver pulled up short to allow an officer out then moved forward so the driver could get out. This occurred one and a half years ago in which the Mayor said is one time too many. Mayor Rhome said he cannot have a sensible conversation with Mr. Pitzarella as he gets upset all the time. Mr. Severine said there are eleven units of rental property on the street. Mr. Severine said a plan needs devised for the rental properties to have parking on their lots. Discussion held regarding the parking and the number of parking spaces on the street and behind houses.

5. George Sylvester 511 Chartiers Avenue, Canonsburg addressed Council stating Council did not prepare the residents well enough to the parking changes. Mr. Severine stated it is a 90-day trial and the changes have only been a month. He also said the landlords should have been notified to have tenants park in the back of their property. Mayor Rhome stated parking on the other side is permissible, with police notifications, for holidays and parties. Discussion held about rental properties installing private parking in the back of the houses. Mr. Derrico stated he is not sure if this is feasible. Mr. Bell suggested the Street Committee have a meeting to discuss concerns and suggestions. Discussion about removing grass area to add parking. The engineer will review.

#### **GUESTS:**

Rich Russo, Town Park Board member, was present to update Council on the following:

1. New Slide for the pool- There were two slides in the pool. The old slide has an on-going legal issue. The new slide is an enclosed slide, commercial slide which several municipalities use. The insurance carrier stated the slide is insurable. The slide will be installed by a certified, professional installer. The

slide will be installed where the other slide was located, on the other side; however, the drop is closer to the water. Mr. Bell stated he prefers the insurance carrier and Mr. Derrico approve. Mr. Derrico stated if the insurance will cover the slide, it is professionally installed and the life guards are trained on who can use the slide, he is fine with the slide being ordered. Discussion held having weight restriction signage as well as signage the slide is for children. Ms. Lesnock to call the insurance carrier for verification. The slide will be paid for by the Park Board Budget Fund.

2. Grants- Mr. Russo asked if there could be a uniform Letter of Support from the Borough for grant requests. Discussion held regarding previous grants applied for: LSA, DCED and DCNR.

Mr. Chandler stated the Park report was good, however, he asked if there could be a detailed report providing progress updates of projects. Mr. Chandler suggested a Snap Shot spreadsheet with items such as time frames and cost of projects.

### **Presentation by Mayor Rhome and Chief Coghill:**

Mayor Rhome and Chief Coghill recognized three Canonsburg Police Officers, Sergeant Don Cross, Officer Thomas O'Rourke and Officer Anthony Casilla, for saving the life of a 65-year-old entrapped in a fully enflamed house fire on April 16, 2018. The accommodation is "for exceptional and professional effort resulting in the preservation of life, Mayor Rhome and Canonsburg Council presented the accommodation for distinguished accommodation on April 16, 2016." "The officers are commended for thier efforts for exemplifying the highest standards of the Canonsburg Police Department." Chief Coghill presented the accommodations.

Mr. Bell and Council congratulated each officer.

### **President's Comments:**

Mr. Bell stated this is the beginning of his second year.

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

Mayor Rhome reported on the following:

1. Mayor Rhome stated there was a good meeting in the hallway with the residents of Chartiers. Mayor Rhome stated they did not understand the police have given the latitude to park on the other side of the road on holidays and with notice to the police department.
2. Bi-Annual Drug Take Back in April with the Police Department with 450 pounds turned in and disposed of properly so it does not end up in water supplies.
3. April 16, 2018 Drug Summit at the Canon McMillan Senior High School with 1,200 children spoken to about the drug epidemic.
4. On-going review of the Ordinances continues with great movement. Mr. Bell appreciated the work.
5. May 28, 2018 is the Memorial Day Parade.
6. Armory Youth Center has five youth volunteers to clean areas of town.
7. Al-clad with 35 people to plant flowers, mulch and weed on May 18<sup>th</sup>. They will also feed the seniors at the Canon House.
8. Council meetings are posted on the electronic board.

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

Mrs. Bennett reported on the following:

1. Senior Center Roof replacement-The new roof has been installed. Due to the weather delay, the contract was extended; a motion is needed to extend the contractor's completion date to May 31, 2018. A motion is needed to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$1,700 for the removal of shingles. Total project costs \$74,400.

2. LSA Grant for the Senior Center electrical upgrade-The estimate for total upgrades is \$56,000. LSA Grant awarded \$44,000, Borough matched \$15,000 with a surplus of \$3,000, an option is to replace doors and windows. Critical upgrades include the utility service and main distribution panel, adding lighting to the attic stairs and storage and kitchen GFCI devices totaling \$29,500. Other upgrades being recommended are two branch panels and conduit that need upgraded and a branch panel in the manager's office that should be upgraded, adding GFCI devices in the attic and HVAC room, adding 6 receptacles and upgrading with additional cost of \$26,500.

3. McBurney Road Flood Issues-HMT will have the permit submitted this month and the plans and specs for the original flood project: adding inlets on the Family Dollar side to connect to the outlet on the other side of the road. HMT to provide KLH with these documents. The Conservation District reviewed the DGLVR Program and felt the required work was outside of the right away and would not qualify for funds. Another option is to remove water flow from the residential side and pull to the other side of the street which allows diverting water flow.

Mr. Severine discussed the water flow from the Chartiers side. Ms. Bennett discussed piping and inlets.

4. College Street Culvert Sidewalk Replacement-The sidewalk collapsed due to deterioration from water damage. The construction cost estimate to replace the sidewalk is \$80,000 with additional engineering costs of \$9,500. Options discussed such as not replacing a full sidewalk and using a guide rail for safety reasons.

Mr. Severine inquired if this scope fell under bridges. Ms. Bennett said it is a culvert and not a bridge. Further discussion regarding the options on eliminating the sidewalk and the safety aspect as well as eliminating the water issue. There is minimal pedestrian use of the sidewalk. Mr. Lawrence said the water issue needs to be reviewed on the other side was well.

5. Greenwood Village-No update.

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

Mr. Derrico reported on the following:

1. Contract drafted for the lease of the Pool concession stand.
2. Ordinance Review Committee Meetings-Everyone working hard to make progress. Mr. Chandler stated the meetings are productive.
2. A Verizon representative, Mr. Gallagher, offered to be a resource for the Borough if Verizon issues arise. He is willing to attend Borough meetings.
3. Mr. Bove requesting Mr. Derrico to act quicker regarding Crawford Street. Mr. Derrico unable to commit the time on this one issue, per Mr. Bove. Mr. Derrico suggested Mr. Bove call him.

#### **Committee Reports:**

1. **Administration and Finance:** Mrs. Coleman stated bills and invoices were reviewed with Ms. Lesnock 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. McGarry.

No questions on the motion.

#### **Roll Call:**

Mr. Bowman-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mrs. Bails-Absent

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mr. Chandler-Yes

Mr. Bell-Yes

6 Yes. 1 Absent. 0 No. Motion Carries.

**2. Code:** Mr. Severine reported on the following:

1. Complaints regarding garbage pickup on several streets, one issue due to a basketball hoop preventing garbage truck access. Ms. Lesnock has not received calls from residents.

2. Mr. Severine provide a handout listing grant money opportunities.

**3. Public Safety-** April 2018 the Canonsburg Voluntary Fire Department responded to 12 calls consisting of:

1 Rescue

3 EMS calls

4 false alarms

1 good intent

1 service call

2 structure calls

There was an average of seven men per call spending an average of thirty-one minutes per call.

\$75,000 damage due to severe structure calls.

Discussion regarding calls this year compared from last year. Mr. Lawrence said the first of the year, they went to an automatic alarm, anytime there is a structure fire call they are going into North Strabane and Cecil. This is the same for the other fire departments responding to Canonsburg. Mr. Chandler asked if there is a pattern to the cause of fires. Mr. Lawrence said the number one cause is electrical.

**4. Public Works-** Mr. McGarry stated the report was provided at the Agenda Meeting. Mr. McGarry thanked Mr. Lawrence for his work. Mr. Lawrence provided street updates. NPL and Columbia Gas willing to conduct a Town Hall meeting to discuss projects and progress of current and future projects. The swimming pool is empty and ready to be cleaned. Mr. Lawrence said without a cover on the pool, it will need drained every year. Water issue on Central Avenue discussed.

Mrs. Coleman thanked Mr. Lawrence for handling issues immediately.

**5. Facilities-** Ms. Bennett provided an update in the Engineer's Report and Mr. Russo provide an update on Town Park.

**6. Parks and Recreation:**

Mr. Russo provided an update.

**7. Redevelopment:** Mr. Chandler provided a handout for review regarding quarterly town hall meetings and community conversations. Goal is to schedule a two-hour meeting in June. Notification would be emails, electronic board, Face Book. Mr. Orsi from the public stated he can assist with business participation.

### **VOTING ITEMS:**

**1. Motion to approve April 9, 2018 meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council.**

Mr. McGarry made a motion to approve April 9, 2018 meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman.

No questions on the motion.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

**2. Motion to approve advertising to solicit bids for electrical upgrades at the Senior Center (LSA Grant)**

Mr. Chandler made a motion to approve advertising to solicit bids for electrical upgrades at the Senior Center (LSA Grant). Seconded by Mr. Bowman.

No questions on the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Chandler-Yes

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mrs. Bails-Absent

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. Bowman-Yes

Mr. Bell-Yes

6 Yes. 1 Absent. 0 No. Motion Carries.

**3. Motion to approve the application of Fukui Architects, PC for the renovation of 135 Meadow Lane, subject to a final presentation of plans and contingent upon the completion of the road based upon the recommendations of the Planning Commission.**

Mr. Severine made a motion to approve the application of Fukui Architects, PC for the renovation of 135 Meadow Lane, subject to a final presentation of plans and contingent upon the completion of the road based upon the recommendations of the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. McGarry.

No questions on the motion.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

**4. Motion to approve the purchase of a new 2018 Ford Interceptor in the amount of \$37,075 (3-year lease to own).**

Mr. McGarry made a motion to approve the purchase of a new 2018 Ford Interceptor in the amount of \$37,075 (3-year lease to own). Seconded by Mr. Bowman.

No questions on the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Bowman-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mrs. Bails-Absent

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mr. Chandler-Yes

Mr. Bell-Yes

6 Yes. 1 Absent. 0 No. Motion Carries.

**5. Motion to approve the School Resource Officer Agreement between the Borough and the Canon-McMillan School District for the term of August 27, 2018 through June 30, 2023 contingent upon the Canon-McMillan School District passing the same at their next regular meeting.**

Mr. McGarry made a motion to approve the School Resource Officer Agreement between the Borough and the Canon-McMillan School District for the term of August 27, 2018 through June 30, 2023 contingent upon the Canon-McMillan School District passing the same at their next regular meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Chandler.

No questions on the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Chandler-Yes

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mrs. Bails-Absent

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. Bowman-Yes

Mr. Bell-Yes

6 Yes. 1 Absent. 0 No. Motion Carries.

**6. Motion to approve a handicap parking sign at 434 Bluff Street.**

Mr. McGarry made a motion to approve a handicap parking sign at 434 Bluff Street. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman.

No questions on the motion.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

**7. Motion to approve closure of Pike Street for the Memorial Day Parade.**

Mr. McGarry made a motion to approve closure of Pike Street for the Memorial Day Parade. Seconded by Mr. Chandler.

No questions on the motion.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

**8. Motion to approve closure of Pike Street for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.**

Mr. McGarry made a motion to approve closure of Pike Street for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Seconded by Mr. Severine.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

**9. Motion to approve a stop sign being placed at Fourth Street and Weaver Avenue.**

Mr. Severine made a motion to approve a stop sign being placed at Fourth Street and Weaver Avenue. Seconded by Mr. Chandler.

No questions on the motion.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

**10. Motion to approve allowing Headstart to use the Yoney Pavilion on June 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 1 pm free of charge for graduation services.**

Mr. Chandler made a motion to approve allowing Headstart to use the Yoney Pavilion on June 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 1 pm free of charge for graduation services. Seconded by Mr. Severine.

No questions on the motion.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

**11. Motion to approve a new 5-year collective bargaining agreement between the Borough and regular full-time Police Officers.**

Executive Session held from 8:37 pm -9:14 pm

Mr. McGarry made a motion to approve a new 5-year collective bargaining agreement between the Borough and regular full-time Police Officers. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman.

No question on the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Chandler-Yes

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mrs. Bails-Absent

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. Bowman-Yes

Mr. Bell-Yes

6 Yes. 1 Absent. 0 No.

Mayor Rhome thanked the Borough.

**12. Motion to approve extending CLV contract for the Senior Center Roof completion period until May 31, 2018 based on KLH's recommendation.**

Mr. McGarry made a motion to approve extending CLV contract for the Senior Center Roof completion

period until May 31, 2018 based on KLH's recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Bowman.

No questions on the motion.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

**13. Motion to approve CLV Change Order #1 for the Senior Center Roof in the amount of \$1,700.**

Mr. McGarry made a motion to approve CLV Change Order #1 for the Senior Center Roof in the amount of \$1,700. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman.

No questions on the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Bowman-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mrs. Bails-Absent

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mr. Chandler-Yes

Mr. Bell-Yes

6 Yes. 1 Absent. 0 No. Motion Carries.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Park By-laws/Hiring a Pool Manager-Adam Manion is the new manager. Mr. Manion to attend the next meeting.
2. Weight Limits Ordinance-The committee continues to review.
3. 2018 Fee Schedule- The committee to review changes one more time.
4. Ordinance Review-The committee continues to review.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Chamber of Commerce Annual Car Cruise June 10, 2018 from 3 pm to 7 pm at the United Presbyterian Church.
2. The Re-Development team to meet with an individual interested in purchasing the PNC building.
3. Suggestion from Mr. Severine for the Borough website to list the Borough's businesses. Ms. Lesnock stated she will work on it possibly with the Chamber of Commerce.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Held 8:37-9:14.

See Voting Items #11

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Mr. McGarry to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 pm. Seconded by Mr. Chandler.

All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm.

**Enclosures:**

- A. School Resource Officer Agreement between the Borough of Canonsburg and the Canon McMillan School District.
- B. Letter from Headstart requesting to use the Yoney Pavilion June 5, 2018.

**Submitted by: Michelle LoBello**





