

**Canonsburg Borough Council Meeting**  
Monday June 11, 2018  
6:35 PM

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Coleman at 6:35 pm.

**Moment of Silence** called by Mrs. Coleman

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Eric Chandler-Present

Mr. John Severine-Present

Mrs. Tina Bails – Present

Mr. Joe McGarry -Vice President-Absent

Mrs. Fran Coleman - Present

Mr. Harold Bowman - Present

Mr. Richard Bell –President- Absent

**Others Present:** Solicitor Mr. Jeff Derrico, Borough Manager Ms. Denise 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. Bernie Price, 615 Highland Avenue, Canonsburg, Pa addressed Council regarding a car parked on Highland Avenue and the potential safety issue when driving up the hill. Mr. Price stated the car has been parked in the same spot every day for the last week. The Mayor has been attempting to reach the owner of the vehicle. Mr. Severine suggested no parking on that side of the street due to being unable to see when turning on the bend of the street. Mr. Price said he will sue the Borough if his vehicle is hit by another vehicle when going up the hill. Mr. Price said Police or Code Enforcement should be able to address the safety concern. The car is not parked illegally. Mr. Price said the car is in a dangerous spot. Mr. Severine agreed and again suggested a “No Parking” sign on that side of the street. Discussion held to send a letter to the owner or run plates on the vehicle. Mayor Rhome said it will be rectified by next week. Discussion held regarding the traffic on the street and possible signage of “No parking”. The rest of the street is “No Parking” on that side. Mrs. Coleman stated she will rely on the Mayor to resolve the issue in a week. Mayor Rhome said it is a priority.

**GUESTS:**

None

**PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS:**

None

**MAYOR’S REPORT:**

Mayor Rhome reported on the following:

1. The monthly Police Department and Parking Department reports provided to Council.
2. Farmer Market opens June 15, 2018 from 3:00pm to 7:00pm at the Masonic Hall on Pike Street.

**Engineer's Report:**

Mrs. Bennett reported on the following:

1. Senior Center Roof replacement- A few items need addressed with the downspouts and gutters.
2. LSA Grant for the Senior Center electrical upgrade- KLH is working on finalizing the specs.

Mr. Chandler stated he drove on Crawford Street and commended Mr. Lawrence on the barriers. Mr. Chandler inquired if a core sample was obtained. Ms. Bennett stated she has not received anything.

Mr. Severine stated Vocelli's Pizza owner spoke to him regarding the pipe between the two pizza shops as Vocelli's Pizza has water entering the building. Mr. Lawrence stated there was to be an agreement for a solution. Mr. Derrico stated there was a time frame to install a pipe to divert the water from the sidewalk to the curb and then to the street. This repair was to be done months ago. Mr. Derrico will review and will follow up with Mr. Lawrence.

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

No report.

### **Committee Reports:**

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

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

Mrs. Bails made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. Severine.

No questions on the motion.

#### **Roll Call:**

Mr. Bowman-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. McGarry-Absent

Mrs. Bails-Yes

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mr. Chandler-Yes

Mr. Bell-Absent

5 Yes. 2 Absent. 0 No. Motion Carries.

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

1. Landlord meeting- no one attended. Ms. Lesnock did not send notices of the meeting as she was not aware of the day or time of the meeting. Mr. Severine would like to meet with landlords of buildings to discuss parking. Another meeting to be scheduled.

Mayor Rhome provided an update on Chartiers Avenue. Mr. Bowman, Mr. Severine and Mayor Rhome had a workshop with 3-4 residents of Chartiers who had parking concerns. The residents have some suggestions which were turned over to Mr. Lawrence. Mayor Rhome stated one sided parking on Chartiers has been extended an additional 90 days.

Mayor Rhome said the landlords are important to the parking concerns; there are 22 extra spaces behind the homes that can be parking spaces. Mr. Derrico is researching to see if the Borough can require the Single-Family Residence homes that were turned into duplexes/triplexes to be required to add parking. Mr. Derrico said according to the tax records, half of the addresses are listed as Single-Family Residences. Mr. Derrico stated the next step is to see if the proper procedures were made to convert from a Single-Family Residence to a Multi-Unit Building through the Zoning Hearing Board and the Planning Commission. Mayor Rhome said there will be another workshop. Mr. Derrico suggested meeting with landlords individually to see when and how they converted from a Single-Family Residence to a Multi-Unit Building. Mr. Derrico will send a letter to each landlord. Mr.

Chandler said he has been on the Planning Commission for four years and there have been very few requests/documentation for conversions from Single-Family Residence to Multi-Unit Building. Discussion regarding this could change taxes for a rental property versus a residence. Additional discussion held regarding the landlords providing parking and the Borough providing a “pass” if the landlord did not follow proper procedure for conversion.

Mr. Severine stated a Code Report was not provided the last two meetings. Ms. Lesnock to address. Mr. Severine discussed a business that has been waiting a week for Code to inspect his changes and is getting “the run around.” Mrs. Coleman said the owner should have called the Borough Manager. Mr. Lawrence stated it is a scheduling issue.

**3. Public Safety-** May 2018 the Canonsburg Voluntary Fire Department responded to 19 calls consisting of:

- 3 Rescue/EMS
- 3 Hazardous Conditions
- 2 Good Intent
- 4 Service Call
- 6 False Alarms
- 1 Equipment Fire

There was an average of seven men per call spending an average of 27 minutes per call. Zero-dollar loss in property damages.

**4. Public Works-** The Fire Department Report provided to Council.

Mr. Lawrence provided a street update:

- June 18<sup>th</sup> Jefferson and Glen Avenue will be completed by the end of the week
- Mr. Lawrence contacted the contractors with Pa American who is working on West Pitt and North Central Extension with goal of completion by the end of this week.
- NPL continues on West End.
- North Central Avenue is a state road, there was discussion with PA American and Penn DOT on restoration. Mr. Lawrence suggested reaching out to Senators or Penn DOT garage for completion timeframe of the road.
- Smithfield Street will have sidewalks and sewers completed. McGowan Street discussed in regard to the patched repairs in various areas. Mr. Lawrence said some of the work is the gas company and some of it is the water company. There is no more work scheduled.

**5. Facilities-** The engineer provided an update on the Senior Center.

**6. Parks and Recreation:**

Mrs. Bails reported on the following:

1. Mrs. Bails apologized for her absence last month
2. The new Pool Director is working out well.
3. Public Works has been doing a great job.
4. Summer concerts discussed. The first concert was cancelled due to rain and storms. The concert was rescheduled for June 24, 2018 from 6:30 pm to 8 pm with the country and western band, The Stickers. There will be concerts on the following dates: Jeff Jimerson/Airborne July 8, 2018, Shades of Time August 12, 2018, and Washington Jazz Orchestra September 9, 2018.
5. July 11, 2018, there will be bands or a DJ in the Park during night swim. Night swimming will continue until closing of the pool.
6. Parties are booked.
7. A group from the jail cleared trees and restoration services to the park.
8. There was a complaint voiced, from a resident on Alpine, during the Park meeting regarding the loud and inappropriate music at the basketball court. New signage is throughout the park. The suggestion

was for the signage to read “excessively loud continuous music.” Mrs. Bails said a tree line was placed to reduce noise and the Park Board voted to purchase a sound proof curtain at the basketball court at a cost of \$2,000. Chief Coghill said the problem is that it must be called to the police in real time, as it is happening. There is a group that plays music out of their vehicles around 9:00-9:30 pm. Mrs. Bails said other residents on Alpine are not having issues. Mr. Severine said the ball field is just as noisy and there are no complaints. The video cameras are in place. Residents with concerns are encouraged to attend Park Board and/or Borough meetings. Mayor Rhome said if a time frame is established, the police can monitor. The resident did have a video of the foul language. Chief Coghill said the resident who complained is welcome to speak with him.

9. Mayor Rhome said he knows of 80 hours of time the Girl Scouts can volunteer at the park.

10. A float in the July 4, 2018 parade is being considered.

11. Mr. Lawrence was thanked for taking care of the roof. Ms. Lesnock to receive a check for half of the roof repair.

12. The lifeguards will have appropriate swim wear.

13. The Fourth of July Committee buys out the pool for the day. Concerns about inappropriate swimwear from last year. Extra signage will be posted regarding appropriate swim attire.

14. A priority is replacing the fountain area.

A community resident complimented Mrs. Bails on the advertisement for the concerts.

**7. Redevelopment-** Mr. Chandler announced the first Community Conversation, July 12, 2018 at the Sarris Library from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The theme is, “Getting to Know your local government.” The goal is to introduce Council and for the residents to know what ward they are in.

#### **VOTING ITEMS:**

##### **1. Motion to approve May 14, 2018 meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council.**

Mrs. Coleman made a motion to approve May 14, 2018 meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council. Seconded by Mr. Chandler.

No questions on the motion.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

##### **2. Motion to adopt the Municipal Police Intra State Mutual Aid Compact Agreement for the DUI Task Force for the year 2018.**

Mr. Bowman made a motion to adopt the Municipal Police Intra State Mutual Aid Compact Agreement for the DUI Task Force for the year 2018. Seconded by Mr. Chandler.

No questions on the motion.

##### **Roll Call:**

Mr. Chandler-Yes

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mrs. Bails-Yes

Mr. McGarry-Absent

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. Bowman-Yes

Mr. Bell-Absent

5 Yes. 2 Absent. 0 No. Motion Carries.

##### **3. Motion to approve the application of Sean Maloney of 2310 Shamrock Lane requesting to subdivide the existing lot 10FT and convey 2566 sq ft to lot 10-R1-R per the recommendations of the Planning Commission. No new lots are being created on this plan.**

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recommendations of the Planning Commission. No new lots are being created on this plan. Seconded by Mr. Bowman  
No questions on the motion.  
All in favor. Motion Carries.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Park By-laws- Committee to meet again. Discussion the new pool manager is doing very well.
2. Weight Limits Ordinance-The committee continues to review.
3. 2018 Fee Schedule- Another meeting to be scheduled on the same day as the Ordinance review.
4. Ordinance Review-The next committee meeting needs to be scheduled.

Mr. Severine inquired if a meeting was scheduled with North Strabane Township. In July, the Borough will attend their meeting. In August, North Strabane can attend the Borough meeting.

The Sewer Authority would like to discuss the 537 Plan on June 28, 2018. Mrs. Coleman, Mr. Chandler and Mr. Bowman are attending the meeting. Mrs. Bails said she is receiving calls about rates tripling. Discussion held about the rates. Mr. Derrico said the rates must be across the board. Mrs. Bails said she thought Canonsburg and Houston would not be affected by a rate increase. Mr. Derrico said the Board and attorney from the Joint Authority have always been willing to meet with the Borough at any time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The July Agenda meeting will be combined with the Voting Meeting on July 9, 2018 due to the activities of July 4, 2018. Ms. Lesnock will advertise the meeting date and time.
2. College Street Bridge- Discussion regarding applying for a LSA Grant. Ms. Bennett said she is working with her structural engineer on the bridge. She stated the majority of the \$80,000 is to fix the issue with the sidewalk being a small portion of the cost. Ms. Bennett recommends applying for a grant. Mr. Lawrence said the area must be stabilized. If LSA Grant is approved, the money would not be available until June 2019. Ms. Bennett will discuss with the KLH structural engineer regarding stabilizing the area. Ms. Bennett will research funding/grants for an emergency.  
Mr. Severine asked why the area is not considered a bridge. Ms. Bennett explained the difference between a bridge and a culvert.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Mr. Bowman to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm. Seconded by Mr. Chandler.  
All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

**Enclosures:**

- A. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2018.
- B. Frank Sarris Public Library Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2018.
- C. Mutual Aid Agreement for the county-wide DUI Task Force.
- D. Park Board Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2018.



