

**Canonsburg Borough Council Meeting**  
Monday October 8, 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 – Present

Mr. Joe McGarry -Vice President-Present

Mrs. Fran Coleman - Present

Mr. Harold Bowman – Absent

Mr. Richard Bell –President- Present

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

**PRESENTATION:**

Six officers with the Canonsburg Fire Department were recognized for their 40 years of active service with the Canonsburg Fire Department.

Mayor Rhome stated it is a historic moment in Canonsburg as six fire fighters are being recognized for their 40 years of volunteer service to the community through the Canonsburg Fire Department. On behalf of Council and the Mayor, their forty years of achievement of active service is being honored. Mayor Rhome said his goal forty years ago was to achieve 20 years of service. Under the leadership of the department, the department has upheld the values of the fore fathers of the fire department. Mayor Rhome stated he was proud to stand along side the other five men that have served the community for forty years.

Mr. Bell said Council was glad to be part of the recognition as Canonsburg has the best fire department. Mr. Bell said it is a lot of work especially for not being paid. Mr. Bell recalled a moment years ago when he saw Mayor Rhome, late at night, running down a hill in snow, in his slippers at night answering a fire call.

Fire Chief Tim Solobay thanked Council for the recognition; he said they do this from their heart. Chief Solobay started in October 1978. There will be an article in the Canonsburg Magazine and the Observer Reporter regarding the Fire Department. Fire Chief Solobay stated it is a dangerous profession, during the 40 years, there has been one line of duty death, Assistant Chief Bob Smith. Fire Chief Solobay stated Canonsburg has its first female fire fighter, Rebecca Scott. He said 52 firefighters put in over 2000 years of service to the community which would equate to 150 million dollars of service to the community. The current active fire fighters would equate to 2 million dollars of service back to the community. Fire Chief Solobay recognized fire fighter Mike Nixon, who passed away this year.

Keith Flood stated he joined the Fire Department the same night as Fire Chief Solobay. He stated he and the others being recognized tonight thank Council not only for the award but for their support all year. Mr. Flood is also the Chaplain at the fire station.

Ken Flood stated he has great co-fire fighters.

Beth Nixon, the wife of the late Mike Nixon, was present to accept the award in honor of her husband's service.

Mayor Rhome thanked the fire fighters being recognized as well as the other fire fighters present and the families for attending the recognition.

Presentation of the Canonsburg Service Award by Mr. Bell and Mr. McGarry to the following for their 40-year volunteer service on the Canonsburg Fire Department:

Kenneth A. Flood

Keith A Flood

Carl Thomas Lawrence III

Fire Chief Timothy Joseph Solobay

In honor of Michael A. Nixon accepted by his wife

Mayor David H. Rhome

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No Public Comments

**GUESTS:**

No guests.

**President's Comments:**

Mr. Bell commended Ms. Lesnock and the Department Heads for presenting a balanced budget to work with. Mr. Bell stated he and Council appreciate their efforts.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Rhome reported on the following:

1. The monthly Police Department and Parking Department reports provided to Council. Five hundred and forty-five 911 calls and over 5,000 miles patrolled in the month of September.
2. Mayor Rhome thanked the public in attendance.
3. Mayor Rhome thanked Council for the awards to the Fire Department stating it is a historical moment.
4. October 11, 2018 there will be an 8 am annual meeting on Strabane Avenue with the Department of Energy regarding the capsule. Mayor Rhome invited Council members to attend.
5. October 21, 2018 will be the last concert for the Four Townsmen.
6. October 27, 2018 will be the Semi-Annual Drug Take Back Program at Shop-N-Save from 10 am to 2 pm. Canonsburg is aggressive with keeping drugs out of landfills and water tanks.
7. October 27, 2018 is the Jack O Lantern Run which benefits the High School Seniors.
8. Christmas Program project in progress
9. A large donation is being made to the police department to provide body cameras for the police officers.

**Engineer's Report:**

Mr. Coldren reported on the following:

1. Various layouts for the pool house being developed.
2. College Street-The project is out to bid with a recommendation next month.

**Solicitor's Report:**

No Solicitor report.

### **Committee Reports:**

1. **Administration and Finance:** Mrs. Coleman stated she and Ms. Lesnock reviewed bills and invoices and 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-Absent

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mrs. Bails-Yes

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mr. Chandler-Yes

Mr. Bell-Yes

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

2. **Code:** Mr. Severine requested an Executive Session regarding personnel issues.

3. **Public Safety**-No Report.

4. **Public Works**- Mr. McGarry stated Mr. Lawrence and the department continue to do excellent work.

5. **Facilities**- Mr. Bell said KLH is working on a five-year plan for the pool property. He stated a lot of money has been spent on repairs. Engineer report to analyze whether to repair or build new buildings. All other Borough properties are good.

6. **Parks and Recreation:** Mrs. Bails reported on the following:

1. The Bonfire was successful with over 100 people. The bonfire was a “thank you” to the community from the Park Board and Council.

2. A meeting will be held with the Pickle Ball group for the lease of the Passante parking lot.

3. Leak at the pool still needs repaired.

4. New water fountains installed.

5. Pavilion rentals continue until Thanksgiving.

6. Basketball Court-Decrease in disturbances/complaints. The Park Board continues to consider a sound wall barrier and watchman to keep noise at a minimum.

7. **Redevelopment**- Mr. Chandler discussed the following:

1. Next Community Conversations is Thursday, October 11, 2018 from 6pm-8pm at the Frank Sarris Public Library. The Code Enforcement Officer and Fire Inspector will present an overview of code enforcement and fire inspections. Small light refreshments will be served.

2. Mr. Chandler stated the Fire Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer continue to do a “great job” and assist those working to rectify issues.

Mr. Severine inquired about the list of streets for Re-Development. Ms. Lesnock said there is a list of streets and this will be completed.

Mr. Bell mentioned the Christmas Celebration and stated those wanting to volunteer can contact the Borough or Chamber of Commerce.

### **VOTING ITEMS:**

1. **Motion to approve September 10, 2018 meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council.**

Mrs. Bails made a motion to approve September 10, 2018 meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council. Seconded by Mr. Chandler.

No questions on the motion.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

**2. Motion to approve the appointment of Eric Chandler to the Frank Sarris Public Library Board with a term expiring 12/31/2020.**

Mr. McGarry made a motion to approve the appointment of Eric Chandler to the Frank Sarris Public Library Board with a term expiring 12/31/2020. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

No questions on the motion.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

**3. Motion to approve setting Halloween/Trick or Treat to be held 10/31/18 from 6pm-8pm.**

Mr. McGarry made a motion approve setting Halloween/Trick or Treat to be held 10/31/18 from 6pm-8pm. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman.

No questions on the motion.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

**4. Motion to approve giving the Friends of the Park \$10,000 from the Capital Projects Fund as part of their 2019 LSA Grant Match contingent upon Friends of the Park receiving the grant.**

Mr. McGarry made a motion to approve giving the Friends of the Park \$10,000 from the Capital Projects Fund as part of their 2019 LSA Grant Match contingent upon Friends of the Park receiving the grant. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

Mrs. Coleman asked if the matching money is contingent upon the Friends of the Park receiving the grant. Mr. Derrico stated the contingency can be added to the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Bowman-Absent

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mrs. Bails-Yes

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mr. Chandler-Yes

Mr. Bell-Yes

6 Yes. 0 No. 1 Absent Motion Carries.

**5. Motion to approve Resolution #06-18 (2018 Police Pension contribution.)**

Mr. McGarry made a motion to approve Resolution #06-18 (2018 Police Pension contribution.)

Seconded by Mrs. Coleman.

No questions on the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Bowman-Absent

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mrs. Bails-Yes

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mr. Chandler-Yes

Mr. Bell-Yes

6 Yes. 0 No. 1 Absent Motion Carries.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Park By-laws- The committee continues to review.

2. Weight Limits Ordinance-The committee continues to review.

3. Ordinance Review-The committee will schedule another meeting.

4. Establish a policy to prohibit individual elected officials or employees from contacting Borough outsourced professionals (e.g. Building Inspector, Engineer, Solicitor or Labor Attorney) without

contacting the President of Council or the Borough Manager. This continues to be worked on.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Special meeting of Council will be held on October 29, 2018 at 1pm to possibly approve the Planning Commission's recommendation on the Canonsburg Lofts Project.
2. Budget Workshop- another meeting will be scheduled.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Executive Session held from 7:12 pm-8:07 pm  
Discussed Personnel issues with no motion/vote.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Mr. McGarry to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm. Seconded by Mr. Chandler.  
All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

**Enclosures:**

- A. Police and Parking Enforcement Report of September 2018.
- B. Fire Inspection Report of September 2018.
- C. Year-to-Date Budget Report.

Submitted by:

Michelle LoBello



