

Canonsburg Borough Council Meeting

Tuesday
November 13, 2018
6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bell at 6:31 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 – Present

Mr. Richard Bell –President- Present

Others Present: Solicitor Mr. Jeff Derrico, Borough Manager Ms. Lesnock, KLH Engineer Mr. John Mowry, Public Works Mr. Tom Lawrence and Chief of Police Alex Coghill.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No Public Comments from those in attendance.

GUESTS:

No guests.

President's Comments:

Mr. Bell stated there will be an Executive Session to discuss finance issues.

Canonsburg Christmas Celebration discussed as 45 volunteers as well as the Chamber of Commerce, Council members and community members decorated for the December 1, 2018 celebration. There will be decorating and preparation this weekend on Saturday, November 17, 2018. The Hallmark Corporation has expressed interest in the Christmas celebration. They will have a video crew present to film the day. This may lead to yearly involvement. They will have a stand for holiday cards. Mr. Bell thanked the volunteers and said more are needed this weekend at 10 am. Mr. Bell said this is good for the community.

Mr. Bell congratulated Bernie Price for being a new member on the Canon McMillan School Board.

Mr. Bell asked for a moment of Silence for Officer Scott Bashoum who died one year ago in the line of duty. The Police Department honored Officer Bashoum yesterday. Mr. Bell also honored the other officers involved in the incident.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Rhome was unable to attend the meeting.

Chief of Police Alex Coghill discussed the following:

1. The school district is asking for an amendment for the School Resource's contract for access to a rifle in the school in a secure area. Chief Coghill stated he agreed. The school district is asking for the School Resource Officer to secure and maintain a cabinet which will be secured/mounted to the floor in a mutually agreed location in the school only accessible to the Canonsburg Police Department

personnel. Other school districts have the same agreement. Chief Coghill stated a motion is needed. Mr. Derrico stated it is necessary to have the rifle in a secure location.

2. Chief Coghill stated he has an officer on sick leave for a few months and another part-time officer that may be hired for the Pittsburg Police Department. Chief Coghill will pursue and possibly have a candidate next month for a part time officer. Chief Coghill stated this will eliminate potential over time and is not an additional position.

Ms. Lesnock said on Saturday, November 24, 2018 from 10 am to 1 pm the Canon McMillan Robotics Team is having a recycling event in the Borough lot for car seats. The team uses the metal for robotics and the rest is recycled. There is a \$10 fee for a donation to the Robotic team.

Engineer's Report:

Mr. Mowry reported on the following:

1. Flood Control Project-KLH has not received information from the previous engineer. KLH will review and provide Council with other options as this has been on-going for a while.
2. Senior Center Electrical Upgrades- A notice to proceed was issued on October 30, 2018. Equipment is being ordered.
3. College Street Culvert Sidewalk Replacement-Two bids were received and opened on October 22, 2018 with the low bidder being John T Subrick. The bids were much higher than expected, therefore, KLH recommends Council to reject all bids by motion. KLH will revise the scope to reduce the costs. KLH will notify the low bidder that the bid was rejected due to budget constraints.
4. The Pool House Design-KLH took measurements and will develop conceptual designs for remodeling the inside of the pool house.

Solicitor's Report:

Mr. Derrico discussed a proposed draft of an escrow agreement to Mr. Terry Bove regarding the Greenwood Village Development in North Strabane. Mr. Bove has not responded, therefore, Mr. Derrico sent him an email. Mr. Derrico said he received a letter from the developer's attorney indicating they were filing an action against the Borough on the basis Council blocked them from developing property by putting concrete barriers at the top of Crawford Street. They are claiming they have lost the use of their property to the cost of \$5 million dollars. In addition, the group that is involved with the developer is claiming a loss of revenue/value in the amount of \$650,000. The total is \$5, 7000,000. Mr. Derrico said the lawsuit is premature and bullying. Mr. Derrico said Council needs to consider neighbors down the hill from the development due to the storm water run-off. Mr. Derrico said the developer has stated they studied the Borough's storm system and provided a report. No one was aware of a report or study. Mr. Derrico would like to bring on Special Council for this issue. Further discussion continued.

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-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mrs. Bails-Yes

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mr. Chandler-Yes

Mr. Bell-Yes

7 Yes. 0 No. Motion Carries.

2. Code:

Mr. Severine will discuss business permits with Ms. Lesnock during working hours.

3. Public Safety- Mr. Bowman reported the following:

The Canonsburg Voluntary Fire Department in the month of October responded to 17 calls consisting of:

2 Rescue/EMS calls

3 Hazardous Calls

4 Good Intent Calls

3 False Alarm Calls

3 Fire Calls

2 Service Calls

Average 7 men per call, 34 minutes per call. No damage or loss of money.

4. Public Works- Mr. McGarry thanked the department for the holiday decorating in town. Monthly Report in Council packets.

5. Facilities- Mr. Bell stated the pool building and Senior Center electrical upgrades are being addressed as reported in the Engineer's Report.

6. Parks and Recreation:

Mrs. Bails discussed the following:

1. The Crosby House was cleaned. Suggestion to use as a historical center.

2. The new sliding board is being installed.

3. Fence repair due to a tree falling.

4. The leak still being studied to determine the cause.

5. Pickle Board Court moving forward and dependent on weather conditions. Lease for the area is not being considered as the Pickle Ball group does not want to lease the area or be responsible for it. Mr. Derrico said the group feels it is a gift to the Borough with only exclusivity for one night a week for their league. Mr. Severine said it is similar to a monetary donation. Mr. Chandler said the reason for the lease was to differentiate between the Friends of the Park (5013c) and the Pickle Ball group. Mr. Severine said the area is maintenance free. Mr. Lawrence stated no area is maintenance free. Mr. Lawrence said the separation of the money is the issue. Mr. Bell asked for a Council committee to meet with the Friends of the Park. Mr. Severine will be on the committee with Mr. Chandler. Mr. Lawrence requested that before they blacktop the area, to notify him and his department. Blacktopping cannot occur in the winter, cold months. KLH is overseeing some of the project.

6. Newly installed water fountains to be closed for the winter.

7. Mr. Lawrence's department would like to donate a tree in the center circle of the park in honor of a Joyce Kahkonen, there will be a plaque and a dedication in the spring.

8. Discussion of decorating the park for the Old-Fashioned Christmas event.

9. Working on major projects: new pavilion, pathways and bridges and entrance to Woodland Playground. Will apply for grants.

7. Re-Development:

Mr. Chandler reported on the following:

1. General Code Proposal-will survey and analyze existing code and update new code. Last time this

was done was 9 years ago. They will publish on line with Council's approval. An index referencing old and new code will be provided. Cost is \$9,000 with the process taking 60 weeks. Mr. Bell said it needs done; however, there was confusion the last time it was done. Mr. Bell said items were missing. Mr. Chandler said he will oversee the process.

2. Blight- working with Code on obtaining an inventory of homes and buildings that are currently blighted. A residential list will be completed first.

Mrs. Bails asked about the streets. Ms. Lesnock said a mass mailing has been completed. Considering Park Avenue, Grace, Craighead and a section of Moore. Staff has been knocking on doors. Discussion about the committee members.

Mr. Chandler said he received a call about town homes on Pike Street due to the parking lot and asked who is the owner. Mr. Lawrence said the parking lot needs renovated. Discussion on who owns the parking lot. Ms. Lesnock to investigate the ownership. Mr. Chandler asked for a repair of a large pothole.

VOTING ITEMS:

1. Motion to approve minutes from October 8, 2018 Borough Council Meeting.

Mr. Chandler made a motion to approve minutes from October 8, 2018 Borough Council Meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Bails.

No questions on the motion.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

2. Motion to approve minutes from October 29, 2018 Special Borough Council Meeting.

Mrs. Bails made a motion to approve minutes from October 29, 2018 Special Borough Council Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Chandler.

No questions on the motion.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

3. Motion to approve the 2019 tentative budget with changes Council made on this date in Executive Session resulting in a balanced budget.

Mr. McGarry made a motion to approve the 2019 tentative budget with changes Council made on this date in Executive Session resulting in a balanced budget. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mrs. Bails-Yes

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mr. Chandler-Yes

Mr. Bell-Yes

7 Yes. 0 No. Motion Carries.

4. Motion to amend the school resource officer contract whereby the Borough agrees to purchase a rifle and secure safely accessible to the SRO at the Canon McMillan Middle School.

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Seconded by Mr. Chandler.

No questions on the motion.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

5. Motion to approve the use of the Borough lot on November 24, 2018 from 10 am to 1 pm by the

Canon McMillan Robotics Club for a car seat recycling event.

Mr. McGarry made a motion to approve the use of the Borough lot on November 24, 2018 from 10 am to 1 pm by the Canon McMillan Robotics Club for a car seat recycling event. Seconded by Mrs. Bails. No questions on the motion.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

6. Motion to reject College Street Culvert and Sidewalk project bids.

Mr. McGarry made a motion to reject College Street Culvert and Sidewalk project bids. 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. Chandler-Yes

Mr. Bell-Yes

7 Yes. 0 No. 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Severine stated additional parking spaces was approved by the Zoning Hearing Board for the Canonsburg Senior Lofts. Mr. Derrico said this year the project changed where they will retain the building and build on. The variances were the same from the previous year with the exception of parking. The variance request was for one parking space per unit. Due to the concerns regarding parking from Council and those in attendance at the meeting, the Zoning Hearing Board thought it was appropriate to approve a variance with additional parking. Mr. Bell said that works out well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session held from 7:25 pm-8:11 pm

The budget and personnel discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. McGarry to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. Seconded by Mr. Bowman.

All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Enclosures:

A. Special Meeting Minutes of Monday, October 29, 2018.

B. Year-to-Date Budget

Submitted by:

Michelle LoBello

