

Canonsburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday January 14, 2019
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 in honor of former Canonsburg Mayor and State Representative Mr. Anthony Colaizzo.

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 Administrative Assistant Kim Cecchine, KLH Engineer Ms. Veronica Bennett, Public Works Mr. Tom Lawrence, Mayor David Rhome and Chief of Police Alex Coghill.

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Rhome, Assistant Fire Chief Tom Lawrence and Council presented 7-year-old Nevana Ellis with a Life Saving Award for the preservation of life. On January 9, 2019, Nevana ,at 1:00 am, awakened with a sore throat and woke her parents. Through her school, she learned there may be a problem in the home. There was a working fire in the home. The family contacted the fire department and vacated the home. All family members demonstrated their fire safety skills of “Get Out and Stay Out.”

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Donna Stutts, Munsel Street, Canonsburg, Pa addressed Council regarding the new waste management company. First, she thanked Ms. Cecchine for her assistance on trying to help her with garbage pickup issues. She stated the garbage company is terrible and not worth 40 cents a month in savings. She stated she had to call the company nine times before her garbage was picked up at 11:00 pm. She stated there are four homes on her dead-end street. She said only some of the homes garbage was picked up as well as only partial garbage picked up. She said she spoke to the supervisor from the garbage company three times. She addressed other areas in town where garbage is not picked up.

Ms. Cecchine stated the garbage company does have a map; she has attempted to call the supervisor from the garbage company, who has not returned her call. Discussion that trucks are too big to go on the street. A meeting with the company owners will be arranged this week. Mr. Derrico will review the contract.

Mr. Lawrence said dumpsters are not in the park.

Ms. Stutts thanked the Borough for the snow cleanup.

GUESTS:

No guests.

President's Comments:

Mr. Bell discussed the following:

1. Executive Session will be needed on several items.
 2. Mr. Bell inquired about the traffic light on the bridge. It is a work in progress, a temporary light was installed and a change in the controller.
 3. Mr. Bell discussed a possible winter storm for the weekend. Mr. Lawrence asked if residents can be permitted to park half way (one set of wheels on the sidewalk) to allow for another ten inches for snow plows. Council approved this for winter storm emergencies. This will be posted on the Borough website and in the Observer Reporter newspaper.
- An extension on cleaning sidewalks was discussed as well. Mr. Derrico said the Borough has always given a day or two.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Rhome reported the following:

1. Monthly Parking and Police reports provided to Council for review.
2. Mayor Rhome remembered former Canonsburg Mayor Anthony Colaizzo.
3. Chief Coghill met with a Dell representative that works on federal computers. The Police Department received a donation for the Dell Evaluation Seed Program. Two laptops and accessories worth \$6,000 each were donated. There will be in servicing.
4. Chuck Tenney was recognized for his involvement with the DEA for a life sentence involving a death due to heroin.
5. Body cameras were ordered for every police officer. They are to be delivered in February with training in March. Chief Coghill will present the policy, for adoption, to Council. The cameras were part of a donation from an individual. Mr. Bell said it does protect the officers. Mr. Bell said 13 police officers have been killed in the United States this year.
6. Executive Session requested.
7. Mayor Rhome stated the street department does a wonderful job.

Engineer's Report:

Ms. Bennett reported on the following:

1. Senior Center Electrical Upgrades-Power will be shut down next Monday and Tuesday to upgrade the panels. A second pay request has been submitted in the amount of \$5,940.00 in which KLH approved and recommends payment. A Change Order Request was submitted for the exterior electrical services in the amount of \$5,225.00. Ms. Bennett said KLH reviewed the charges and they are in line.
2. College Street Culvert Sidewalk Replacement-This is on the agenda to re-bid. It is scheduled for re-bid in February.

Solicitor's Report:

Mr. Derrico stated an Executive Session is needed.

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.

Mr. McGarry made a motion to pay the bills. 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.

2. Code: Mr. Severine stated an Executive Session is needed.

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

The Canonsburg Voluntary Fire Department in the month of December 2018 responded to 22 calls consisting of:

2 Rescue/EMS calls

6 Hazardous Condition Calls

3 Good Intent Calls

5 False Alarm Calls

3 Fire Calls

3 Service Calls

Average 8 men per call, 42 minutes per call. \$0 in damage.

4. Public Works- Mr. McGarry thanked Public Works for their tedious and non-stop work.

5. Facilities- Mr. Bell stated a committee was formed to meet with some Park Board members and Engineers. Mr. Bell said all of Council vs. a committee is needed for long-term plans for the pool house. Council agreed. Mr. Bell said only two representatives from the Park Board are needed. A Workshop for renovations at the park will be held on January 28, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

6. Parks and Recreation:

Mrs. Bails discussed the following:

1. Park Board meeting held January 10, 2019.

2. LSA Grant approved in the amount of \$60,000 with \$10,000 in matching money from the Park Board, Friends of the Park and the Borough. Projects being considered are renovating pathways and a pavilion. Engineer input will be needed in particular for handicapped accessibility and parking.

3. Friends of the Park have new members. There will be a re-organization.

4. Pavilion rental fees will not be increased in 2019. The pool park rental fees will be increased by \$25 an hour to cover the costs of lifeguards.

5. Lou Gadani has resigned from doing the concerts in the Park. Bob Maiceko and John Severine will take this over.

6. Looking to have a sponsorship for advertising in the park.

7. New garbage cans in place.

8. The pool slide will be installed when the weather breaks.

9. The Crosby House has an historic value. Discussing renovating the building in the near future.

10. Possible changing of entrance to park with further engineer discussion.

Mr. Chandler inquired about a pool study plan done in 2007. He asked if the Park Board has reviewed this. Mr. Chandler stated two members on the Park Board have a copy of the plan. Mrs. Bails said there is one at the Park and the other is an official record. Mr. Chandler said it appears to be recreating the plan. Ms. Cecchine stated the Park Board needed a copy of the comprehensive plan for the LSA Grant. Prior Park Board members mentioned.

Camp Splash discussed. Camp Splash to send wage requests.

7. Re-Development:

Mr. Chandler reported on the following:

1. Community Conversations will be held

January 29, 2019, 6-8 pm at the Frank Sarris Public Library. Rob Philips from the Washington County Redevelopment Authority will discuss how communities can fight Blight. Mr. Chandler provided a flyer.

VOTING ITEMS:

1. Motion to approve December 10, 2018 meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council Meeting.

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

No questions on the motion.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

2. Motion to approve December 28, 2018 meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council Meeting.

Mrs. Coleman made a motion to approve December 28, 2018 meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Chandler.

No questions on the motion.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

3. Motion to approve Ordinance #1339 (Amending the Borough Code, Chapter IV, Part 4, Fire Code to provide zoning districts within the Borough wherein certain industrial gases and/or chemicals may be safely stored and used.)

Mr. McGarry made a motion to approve Ordinance #1339 (Amending the Borough Code, Chapter IV, Part 4, Fire Code to provide zoning districts within the Borough wherein certain industrial gases and/or chemicals may be safely stored and used.) Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

No questions on the motion.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

4. Motion to approve Resolution #01-2019 (A resolution of the Borough of Canonsburg relative to the establishment and maintenance of employee's pension, annuity, insurance and benefit fund or funds, to amend certain provisions of said Borough.)

Mr. McGarry made a motion to approve Resolution #01-2019 (A resolution of the Borough of Canonsburg relative to the establishment and maintenance of employee's pension, annuity, insurance and benefit fund or funds, to amend certain provisions of said Borough. Seconded by Mr. Bowman.

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.

Mr. Chandler asked if it was reducing from 5% to 4%. Ms. Cecchine stated that was correct and a resolution is required any time it goes below the standard amount of 5%.

5. Motion to approve change order for additional work on the exterior electrical of the Senior Center (S.E Schultz Electric).

Mr. McGarry made a motion to approve change order for additional work on the exterior electrical of the Senior Center (S.E Schultz Electric). 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.

6. Motion to approve the re-appointment of Steve Lucas to the Sewer Authority Board for a five-year term (ending 12/31/2023).

Mr. McGarry made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Steve Lucas to the Sewer Authority Board for a five-year term (ending 12/31/2023). Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

No question on the motion.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

7. Motion to approve the re-appointment of Leanna Coyle to the Parks and Recreation Board for a three-year term (term ending 12/31/2021).

Mrs. Bails made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Leanna Coyle to the Parks and Recreation Board for a three-year term (term ending 12/31/2021). Seconded by Mr. Severine.

No questions on the motion.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

8. Motion to approve advertising for bids for the College Street Culvert Rehabilitation Project.

Mr. McGarry made a motion to approve advertising for bids for the College Street Culvert Rehabilitation Project. Seconded by Mr. Chandler.

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.

9. Motion to approve the adoption of the Standard Construction Details.

Mr. Chandler made a motion to approve the adoption of the Standard Construction Details. Seconded by Mr. Severine.

Mr. Chandler inquired if this is the standards for open roads. Ms. Bennett said it is the standards for new construction and any updated construction such as paving details and details for sidewalks. No fees involved.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

10. Motion to approve S.E. Shultz pay application #2 in the amount of \$5,940.00.

Mr. McGarry made a motion to approve S.E. Shultz pay application #2 in the amount of \$5,940.00. 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- Nothing new to report.
2. Weight Limits Ordinance-Nothing new to report.
3. Ordinance Review-Nothing new to report.
4. Appointment of a member to the Planning Commission (replacing Dan Briner) - This will be advertised and on the electronic sign.
5. UP Church parking lot contract-In committee.
6. Pool house repairs/replacement-In committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session held from 7:42 pm-9:52 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. McGarry to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.
All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:52 pm.

Enclosures:

None

Submitted by:

Michelle LoBello

