

**Canonsburg Borough Council Special Voting Meeting**  
Friday, December 28, 2018  
1:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bell at 1:06 pm.

**Moment of Silence** called by Mr. Bell

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Eric Chandler-Present via telephone

Mr. John Severine-Absent

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, Mayor David Rhome and Chief of Police Alex Coghill.

Note: Mr. Severine and Mrs. Bails had family emergencies and were unable to attend the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No Public Comments from those in attendance.

**GUESTS:**

No guests.

**PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS:**

Mr. Bell wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He stated for the last ten years the Borough gets better every year. Old Fashioned Christmas was discussed especially the volunteers that participated for the event. Plans for next year are in the works.

**MAYOR’S REPORT:**

Mayor Rhome reported on the following:

1. Mayor Rhome thanked Kim, Ms. Lesnock, Mr. Severine, Mr. Chandler, Mr. Maceiko, and Officer Cole for conducting street surveys. He stated it took three months including Christmas Eve and took 7 to 8 trips to the same street to complete the surveys. Mayor Rhome also stated all doors were answered when they were accompanied by an officer. Mr. Bell said in the future to make one trip and then an officer to accompany thereafter.
2. Mayor Rhome stated he regretted Tom O’Rourke leaving the police department; however, he will be a great asset to the whole town in his new role as Code/Zoning Officer. His resignation as a police officer, effective February 1, 2019, will be voted on next month.
3. Background checks will be started for those on the Civil Service list.
4. Mayor Rhome wished everyone a Happy New Year.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT:**

No report.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:**

Mr. Derrico stated he will meet with Solicitor Gary Matta regarding Crawford Street in the beginning of January 2018.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Reports to be provided at the regular January meeting.

**VOTING ITEMS:**

**1. Motion to approve CDBG resolution #07-18 (Allocation of \$100,000 for home rehabilitation and \$298,000 for Craighead Street Reconstruction).**

Mr. McGarry made a motion to approve CDBG resolution #07-18 (Allocation of \$100,000 for home rehabilitation and \$298,000 for Craighead Street Reconstruction). 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-Absent

Mr. Chandler-Yes

Mr. Bell-Yes

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

**2. Motion to appoint Thomas O’Rourke as Canonsburg Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer.**

Mr. McGarry made a motion to appoint Thomas O’Rourke as Canonsburg Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer. 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-Absent

Mr. Chandler-Yes

Mr. Bell-Yes

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Mr. O’Rourke was sworn in by Mayor Rhome as the Code/Zoning Officer. Council members congratulated him.

Mr. Bell said a great officer is leaving the Police Department however a good person for Code. Mr. Bell said it is a huge plus for the Borough.

**3. Motion to advertise 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 advertise 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. Coleman.

No questions on the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Bowman-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. McGarry-Yes  
Mrs. Bails-Absent  
Mr. Severine-Absent  
Mr. Chandler-Yes  
Mr. Bell-Yes  
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**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. Widening Craighead Street (additional \$76,284.58 committed from Capital Projects) Ms. Lesnock stated there are no telephone poles on one side of the street therefore a plan is to widen the road two feet. The cost is \$298,000 for the street and sidewalks and an additional \$76,284.58 which will come out of Capital Projects, to widen the street by two feet. Paving would not occur until 2020. Council will discuss and review the project.

Mrs. Coleman asked if a traffic study has been done. Mr. Bell said it is a busy street.

2. Pool House Design Plan- 30% smaller than current building with an approximate cost of \$580,000. Yearly costs for repairs have been approximately \$40,000 to \$50,000. Several meetings will need to be held to discuss the plans and whether to build a new building or keep the current building. Three Park Board members were present to discuss the building. Mr. Russo said the choice is to decide to either budget \$50,000 every year for maintenance or decide to finance a new building. He said the Park Board has discussed the historical aspect of the building. Currently the Borough does not have long-term debt so there is opportunity to finance. A sub committee may be formed to discuss the direction of the pool house. Mr. Bell said it will be ideal to decide early in the year the direction of what will be done with the building. The roof and wall costs mentioned. One member said she would like to review the proposed plans. She said in ten years, a new building will need maintenance as well. Mr. Bell said in ten years the current building will be in worse shape. Mr. Russo said personally, as of today, he would like to budget yearly maintenance costs and keep the current building. He further said once the major repairs are done, the future maintenance costs will go down. Plumbing, heat, the wall and electrical all need updating. The Bath House as new floors and new lighting. Mr. Russo mentioned reaching out to the community to see how they feel about the historical aspect of the building. Mr. Bell said it is time to move forward and decide on the direction. Mr. Russo asked if there can be an increase in maintenance funds in 2019 for the pool house. Mr. Russo said funds need to be allocated either way. Ms. Lesnock said a new building or a new wall would come out of the Capital Budget. Mr. Russo said Mr. Lawrence could get bids on a new wall, heat and electrical. Ms. Lesnock said the new proposed building would have everything new except for the pump room. Ms. Lesnock said compare it to the Senior Center as the Borough spent \$75,000 for new roof and \$45,000 for electrical. She said the money could have been used to add parking and a new building. The leak at the pool discussed. The big three repairs for the pool house are the wall, the heat and the electrical. Mr. Bell said the timeframe needs to be considered as well. Ms. Lesnock said construction can go on while the pool is open. The wall can be repaired while the pool is opened. A meeting with KLH and a core group to review the plans will be set up. Question asked if a third option for a one time total building renovation is possible. Mr. Bell said all options can be discussed at the next meeting.

Ms. Lesnock asked about changes to pool fees. Daily admission remains at \$6, the Season Pass for an individual increased from \$60 to \$70, family pass increases were minor.

Pavilion fees not discussed yet. Pool packages with the wrist bands to be discussed later as well. Mr. Russo said the Park Board received a LSA grant for \$60,000 and \$30,000 in matching in which the Borough contributed \$10,000, The Park Board contributed \$10,000 and the Friends of the Park contributed \$10,000. The Park Board is considering using the money for the Pavilions and pathways. A sub committee meets monthly to work on applying for grants. DCNR said a letter was sent to the Borough. Ms. Lesnock said the letters dealt with the sewer plans. No letter regarding the park was received yet. Mr. Bell stated he appreciated the work the Park Board does. Mr. Russo said the park had an excellent year, the manager worked out well. The concession stand plans were mentioned. Ms. Lesnock said the pool manager may manage the concession stand; however, this is not definite yet.

3. The Borough installed guard rails near the Dairy Queen due to safety reasons.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Mr. McGarry to adjourn the meeting at approximately 2 pm. Seconded by Mr. Chandler. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at approximately 2 pm. Mr. Bell thanked Mr. Chandler for his participation via telephone.

**ENCLOSURES:**

None

Submitted by:

Michelle LoBello



