

Canonsburg Borough Council Special Meeting
Monday, January 28, 2019
6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bell at 6:41 pm.

Moment of Silence called by Mr. Bell

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Mr. Eric Chandler-Present

Mr. John Severine-Present

Mrs. Tina Bails – Absent

Mr. Joe McGarry -Vice President-Absent

Mrs. Fran Coleman - Present

Mr. Harold Bowman – Absent

Mr. Richard Bell –President- Present

Others Present: Borough Manager Ms. Lesnock, Mayor David Rhome, Chief of Police Alex Coghill, Public Works Mr. Tom Lawrence, KLH Engineers Ms. Veronica Bennett and Mr. Matt Elyes

GUESTS:

Park Board members Mr. Rich Russo and Mr. Lou Gadini. Discussion held under Unfinished Business.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Rhome reported on the following:

1. Executive Session is requested.
2. Girl Scouts will be selling cookies in February and March at Borough building.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Pool House repair/replacement:

Mr. Bell thanked Council and the Park Board representatives for their attendance at the Special Meeting to discuss the Pool House at Town Park. Mr. Bell said he preferred having Council present versus only a committee because the Pool House has been discussed for a long time and too much money has been spent on repairs. Mr. Bell said the options are to repair and keep repairing the pool house or build a new building. The engineer proposed cost for a new building is \$580,000.

The dimensions of the current building and the new building were discussed. The current building is 5,538 square feet and the proposed building is 3,500 square feet. The engineer drawings for the proposed building were discussed such as a storage area in the front of the building and two new restrooms and discussion of adding a party room. The restroom door dimensions were discussed as well as the ADA requirements. Mr. Severine suggested a wall in the restrooms versus doors. Electric heat planned for both restrooms and another area which will be enough heat for the winter.

Mr. Russo stated that before the details of the proposed building can be discussed the decision to repair, renovate or build a new building needs to be made. Mr. Russo said either way the project will have to be budgeted. Mr. Russo said approximately \$50,000 a year would be needed to repair the building for several years. If building new, approximate financing would be \$60,000 per year for ten years. Either way, the project will have to be financed/budgeted.

Mr. Bell discussed the mechanical room which needs a lot of repairs. Mr. Lawrence said the high ceilings and the steps are not functional. Mr. Lawrence said the bottom of the building is sound. Mr.

Lawrence said if the decision is for a new building, then engineer drawings will be needed to seek grants. Further discussion on the repairs needed: above ground is not structurally solid and not safe, wall is falling and not safe, the ticket booth is bowing and sags, there is no heat and the electric is 50 years old.

Mr. Chandler inquired about the costs of renovation versus rebuilding. Ms. Bennett said the repairs would be at least two thirds the cost of a new building. She also said the building walls need addressed this year if not building a new building. To repair/rehab the current building is approximately \$400,000 versus \$600,000 for a new building. She stated moving restrooms and other rooms from the proposed design will not necessarily add to the cost. Grant applications and financing discussed. A detailed engineer's drawing is needed for grant applications and financing.

Mr. Russo discussed contacting gas companies for buying the rights to the gas underneath the park. Mr. Russo said they were sold prior for \$280,000.

Discussion held regarding the nostalgia and history of the building. Mr. Bell said a new building will add excitement to the community and make it better for new generations. The building is not a historical landmark.

Lou Gadani with the Park Board said the Board needs to consider the competition in the area. He stated two area pools have closed. He suggested a modern looking all purpose building that will generate revenue. Mr. Gadani also said those not emotionally involved are not present at this meeting.

Mrs. Chandler, in public attendance, mentioned the cost of children pool parties where she is employed. She stated a pool party averages \$500. She stated cosmetic upgrades can draw more people from various communities.

Further discussion regarding the proposed building and financing. Ms. Lesnock said the steps for seeking financing for a new building is engineer drawings, apply and submit for grants, contact the bank and calling the Gas Company.

Board members in favor of a new building are Mrs. Coleman, Mr. Chandler citing safety concerns, Mr. Severine and Mr. Bell. Note: Mrs. Bails, Mr. Bowman and Mr. McGarry not at the meeting.

Decision to move forward with a new building.

Mr. Bell said a small five-person committee consisting of one Park Board member, two Council members, Mr. Lawrence and Ms. Bennett will be formed to move the project forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session from 7:49 – 9:19 pm

Motion to adopt the Canonsburg Borough Civil Service Commission's opinion that a Canonsburg Police Officer may campaign and/or seek election for office of District Justice, or any elected office providing it's not an incompatible office.

Mrs. Coleman made a motion to adopt the Canonsburg Borough Civil Service Commission's opinion that a Canonsburg Police Officer may campaign and/or seek election for office of District Justice, or any elected office providing it's not an incompatible office. Seconded by Mr. Severine.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Chandler to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 pm. Seconded by Mr. Severine.

All in favor. Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:21 pm

ENCLOSURES:

None

Submitted by:

Michelle LoBello

