

Canonsburg Borough Council Voting Meeting

Monday, November 8, 2021

6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bell at 6:32 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. Edward P. Yorke - Present

Mr. Richard Russo - Present

Mr. Harold Bowman - Present

Mr. Richard Bell, President - Present

Others Present: Borough Manager Denise Lesnock, Mayor David Rhome, Solicitor Joseph Dalfonso, Public Works Director Tom Lawrence, Police Chief Alex Coghill

Absent: Engineer, Veronica Mowry.

GUESTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dennis Smiddle, 631 Euclid Ave – Stated he saw a sign in Peters Twp. that was solar powered with LED lights that lights up and says Wrong Way. He advised he looked them up on Amazon and they are available and are only like \$1000.00 and Canonsburg would only need two for the on/off ramps.

Mr. Bell advised we aren't permitted to put these signs up because the interstate is a state road. Anything that has to do with on/off ramps we would have to go to the state as we would not be able to put them up ourselves. Someone would have to go to the state and have them

put them up.

Mr. Severine advised the only problem is that the on/off ramps are located in North Strabane Twp.

Mrs. Bails suggested that he reach out to call Rep. Bartolotta's office and state his case which is a good place to start.

Mr. Bell thanked him for his comments.

Donna Stutts, Munnell St. – Stated that since the last time she attended a council meeting, she has had no issues.

Mr. Bell advised he will have the borough manager or the liaison for the garbage company reach out to them and let them know a resident that has had issues with them in the past is happy now. Donna then strongly suggested that they vote to make the parking \$.25 for 15 minutes. Mr. Bell and all of council thanked her for coming to the meeting.

Shirley Kemper, no address given, asked for an explanation of what was going to be done with the parking meters.

Mr. Severine explained parking in the lots is going to stay the same as it was before. On street parking is going to change to \$.25 for 15 minutes. So only the on-street meters are changing.

Mr. Bell and Mr. Severine thanked her for coming.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

VOTING ITEMS:

1. Approve October 11, 2021, meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council.

Mrs. Bails made a motion to approve the October 11, 2021, meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council. Seconded by Mr. Chandler.

No questions on the motion.

All in Favor. Motion carries.

2. Approve all bills presented on the current warrant lists. Mr. Bowman made a motion to approve all bills presented on the current warrant lists. Seconded by Mr. Russo.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

7 Yes. 0 No. Motion Carries.

3. Motion to award/reject Contract 2021-05 Ballfield Lights Replacement Rebid to the apparent low bidder, Merit Electric, in the amount of \$81,976.00. Mr. Yorke made a motion to award Contract 2021-05 Ballfield Lights Replacement Rebid to the apparent low bidder, Merit Electric, in the amount of \$81,976.00. Seconded by Mr. Russo.

Mr. Chandler asked where the additional money is coming from. So, if \$40,000.00 and then we get a bid now of \$81,000.00, where is the other half coming from? Mr. Russo advised the recommendation from last week either Act 13 or Capital Projects would be the two sources of income that could fund this which Denise was going to look and see if there was adequate funds available for it. Denise asked if the amount would be \$52,000.00 Mr. Russo advised \$49,000.00 and we already approved \$30,000.00. Mr. Russo then explained the total is \$114,000.00 which is \$81,000.00 plus the lights at \$33,000.00 so an additional \$50,000.00 above the \$30,000.00. Mr. Chandler then stated this is a huge difference from before. Mr. Russo advised the original bid from Lighthouse Electric did not include running new ground wire so when KLH took it over because it needed to be bid, they required all new ground wire to be installed.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

7 Yes. 0 No. Motion Carries.

4. Motion to deny the conditional use application submitted by Big Shot Bob's for failure to follow zoning ordinance requirements concerning application process. Mr.

Russo made a motion deny the conditional use application submitted by Big Shot Bob's for failure to follow zoning ordinance requirements concerning application process. Seconded by Mr. Russo clarified that Big Shot Bob's did show up, but they didn't have any information, so they agreed to go back to the planning commission. Joe Dalfonso stated that there is going to be a meeting scheduled with Big Shot Bob's to make sure they have all of their documentation because the way the planning meeting falls, council can take action at another conditional use hearing at the December voting meeting.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

7 Yes. 0 No. Motion Carries.

5. Motion to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to allow a minor subdivision to convey 536 sq. ft. from 303 Munnell St. to 301 Munnell St.

Mr. Chandler made a motion to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to allow a minor subdivision to convey 536 sq. ft. from 303 Munnell St. to 301 Munnell St. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

Mr. Severine asked if this is subdivision an empty lot? Joe explained it is less than a tenth of an acre. It's a neighboring property to create space for a swing set. The engineers reviewed it and it is all good to go. It is not an empty lot there is a house on both lots, and they are just transferring a piece of the lot.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

7 Yes. 0 No. Motion Carries.

6. Motion to hire Billie Bilko, as the Borough's Financial Officer at a pay rate of \$20/hr. plus benefits with a 90-day probationary period.

Mrs. Bails made a motion to hire Billie Bilko, as the Borough's Financial Officer at a pay rate of \$20/hr. plus benefits with a 90-day probationary period. Seconded by Mr. Russo.

Mr. Russo then made a motion to go into an executive session to discuss this personnel matter.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Yorke - No

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

6 Yes. 1 No. Motion Carries.

7. Motion to approve making Jefferson Ave. one-way from Pike St. to College St. for

a 90-day trial. Mr. Severine made a motion to approve making Jefferson Ave. one-way from Pike St. to College St. for a 90-day trial. Seconded by Mr. Bowman.

Joe stated that after the 90 days if you want to continue with it you will have to enact an ordinance for it.

No questions on the motion.

All in Favor. Motion carries.

8. Motion to change on-street parking meters to \$.25 for 15 minutes.

Mrs. Bails made a motion to change on-street parking meters to \$.25 for 15 minutes.

Seconded by Mr. Severine.

Mr. Russo stated that there are some meters in lots those are going to stay the same. Mayor Rhome advised no meters in the lots except the post office but those are getting changed momentarily. Mr. Russo then said we have some meters in lots and the proposal is to keep those meters in the lots so from an app standpoint, you may not be able to do some meters one way and other meters another way. Mayor Rhome stated all the meters should be the same. That changes what Denise said so all meters not just street meters even if they happen to be in a lot are going to be \$.25.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

7 Yes. 0 No. Motion Carries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Gladden Weight Limit

NEW BUSINESS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Chandler to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 PM. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Submitted by:

Melissa Graff