

Canonsburg Borough Council Voting Meeting

Monday, July 11, 2022

6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Chandler at 6:30 pm.

Moment of Silence called by Mr. Chandler.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Mr. Eric Chandler, President - Present

Mrs. Tina Bails - Present

Mr. Harold Bowman - Present

Mr. Richard Bell - Present

Mr. Richard Russo - Present

Mr. Severine - Absent

Mr. Edward P. Yorke - Present

Others Present: Borough Manager Denise Lesnock, Mayor David Rhome, Solicitor Joseph Dalfonso, Public Works Director Tom Lawrence, Police Chief Alex Coghill, Code and Zoning Enforcement Officer Melissa Graff

Absent: Engineer, Jeff Marcink.

GUESTS:

- PA American Water
 - o Good evening my name is Jake Gentile, I am a Sr. Manager of PA American Water, and my colleagues here with me are Ryan Hayes, Sr. Manager Business Development, and Jill Greenwood, Sr. External Affairs. So, PA American Water we've longed believed in the importance of being a good neighbor and a good environmental steward. We also believe in supporting communities we live in, work in, and operate in which is why we are here tonight for this check presentation. PA American Water is donating \$20,000 to Canonsburg Borough in

support of the stormwater diversion project in Canonsburg Town Park. During heavy rainfalls, the run-off from the park goes down and washes onto a heavily used walking trail. This project will divert the stormwater through the water feature and channel it down the hill to avoid any flooding. Congratulations Canonsburg Borough we look forward to in the near future to seeing the finished product.

- Gregory Bazzoli and Katy Day

- o Mayor Rhome - I do not know if anyone knows exactly why these folks are here today, but we have one Olympian in our community. His name is Bill Schmidt, and he threw the javelin and made Canonsburg and the world proud. Tonight, we have 2 individuals here that made Canonsburg proud once again. They were involved in the Special Olympics for soccer, and they won the gold medal beating North Carolina in the finals. Council and I thought it was very fitting to do a presentation tonight on behalf of these two and their teammates.

- McGrogan's/Big Fellas

- o My name is Austin Strnisha and this is my partner Brett Areola, we are the owner's of Big Fella's and McGrogan's and on Friday, July 1, 2022, we held our first community concert. We had five bands and decided to give our donations to the Canonsburg Police Department. We are here today to present a check for \$2200.00 which is a portion of our proceeds. We hope this is the first of many events. We plan to have different throughout the year and we hope to get started on the next one soon.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

It's great to receive money, but projects like the water feature and it's going to be named after Mr. Gadani, I want to definitely honor you and your service to the park board, and one of the founding fathers of that. I just want to honor you. It's great to have people from Canonsburg

doing well nationally, so again hats off to Canonsburg. It's a great legacy and I always say honor the past because there is such great rich history here, and its great to be apart of what is happening in Canonsburg.

VOTING ITEMS:

1. Motion to approve June 13, 2022, meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council.

Mr. Yorke made a motion to approve the June 13, 2022, Meeting Minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Severine – Absent

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

2. Motion to approve all bills presented on the current warrant lists.

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

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Severine - Absent

Mr. Bell – Yes

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

3. Motion to approve Resolution 2022-10 (authorizing two new individuals to conduct any business and sign and necessary documents with TD Ameritrade).

Mr. Yorke made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-10 (authorizing two new individuals to conduct any business and sign and necessary documents with TD Ameritrade). Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Severine - Absent

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Bowman – Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

4. Motion to approve Resolution 11-2022 (setting police contributions at 4% of compensation).

Mr. Yorke made a motion to approve Resolution 11-2022 (setting police contributions at 4% of compensation). Seconded by Mr. Bell.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Severine - Absent

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Yorke – Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

5. Motion to approve Resolution 12-2022 (disposition of public records).

Mr. Russo made a motion to approve Resolution 12-2022 (disposition of public records).

Seconded by Mr. Bowman.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Severine - Absent

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Russo – Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

6. Motion to approve SE Schultz Electric Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$3,240.00 and No. 2 in the amount of \$4,860.00 for work completed to date on Contract 2021-09.

Mr. Bell made a motion to approve SE Schultz Electric Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$3,240.00 and No. 2 in the amount of \$4,860.00 for work completed to date on Contract 2021-09. Seconded by Mr. Yorke.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mrs. Bails – Yes

Mr. Severine - Absent

Mr. Chandler - Yes

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

7. Motion to approve WG Land Company Pay Application No. 2 in the amount of \$120,634.95 for work completed to date on Contract 2021-6.

Mrs. Bails made a motion to approve WG Land Company Pay Application No. 2 in the amount of \$120,634.95 for work completed to date on Contract 2021-06. Seconded by Mr. Yorke.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mrs. Bails – Yes

Mr. Severine - Absent

Mr. Chandler - Yes

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

8. Motion to approve Merit Electrical Group Pay Application No. 3, Final, in the amount of \$20,566.19 for all work completed on Contract 2021-05.

Mr. Bell made a motion to approve Merit Electrical Group Pay Application No. 3, Final, in the amount of \$20,566.19 for all work completed on Contract 2021-05. Seconded by Mr. Yorke.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Severine – Absent

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

9. Motion to appoint Jim Strahl to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term ending 12/31/2023.

Mr. Russo made a motion to Appoint Jim Strahl to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term ending 12/31/2023. Seconded by Mr. Yorke.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Severine - Absent

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Bell – Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

10. Motion to approve Resolution 13-2022 (authorizing the submission of a multimodal transportation fund grant application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority).

Mrs. Bails made a motion to approve Resolution 13-2022 (authorizing the submission of a multimodal transportation fund grant application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority).

Seconded by Mr. Bell.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Severine - Absent

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Bowman – Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

11. Motion to approve allowing Jordan Tax to pursue legal action against customers owing monies to the Borough for delinquent trash bills. contingent on provision of filing fee from Jordan.

Mr. Bell made a motion to approve allowing Jordan Tax to pursue legal action against customers owing monies to the Borough for delinquent trash bills. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

Mr. Russo – So, in the packet, if you guys want to look at attachment A. Just a clarification, I'm certainly going to support the motion, vote in favor of the motion. If you look at the cost associated with the motion, I think it is Denise like the fourth item down, the fifth item down we just might need some clarification, not that it would put us upside down for the collection, but the propose amount that they are going to try and recover is \$165,000 and that's principal and interest that \$2000 per sheriff sale fee which I would assume goes to the county courts, Joe might be able to weigh in on that, but \$98,000 cuts into I mean if you put the Jordan fee, the county court fee, and the sheriff sale filing fee together, it's about \$120,000 to get \$165,000, so you're going to net \$45,000 which is still good. I don't know Joe if you can comment on what that sale fee might be.

Mr. Dalfonso – That is the fee for Washington County, for each property, \$2000.00., but in order to receive a gain, these properties would have to sell. There's no guarantee these properties would go through sheriff sale and would be sold, so there's some potential risk with doing this process.

Mr. Russo – So that fee regardless of sale or not is going to be paid, regardless of recovery of the money or not.

Mr. Dalfonso – Yes

Mr. Russo – That was new Denise from our meeting?

Denise Lesnock – I asked Billie to go over this and she created this based on the conversation between you two and the two gentleman from Jordan. I wasn't in attendance, so she put the facts down on paper.

Mr. Russo – That one was knew and I don't remember them talking about that, so it might be

worth a clarification because if you list all of these for sheriff sale, and you get none it costs you \$98,000.

Mr. Dalfonso – Potentially yes

Mr. Russo – I think the comfort would be clarification of that. Again, I am in support of moving it forward, but I certainly don't want to throw good money after bad.

Mr. Chandler – That's the question I asked Denise to find out from Billie. What is the fee for sheriff and who has to pay that fee?

Denise Lesnock – That's what she put together.

Mr. Russo – That's an interesting question. Is it maybe a fee Joe that goes along and is on the seller?

Mr. Dalfonso – I think it's a fee for the sheriff's office for things like posting legal ads and mailing out notifications.

Mr. Russo – I mean would it be a cost that is paid by the plaintiff?

Mr. Dalfonso – I would need to see the information from Jordan to make that determination.

Mr. Russo – Should we get clarification?

Mr. Chandler – We can get a clarification. We can hold off

Mr. Yorke – You want to table this?

Mr. Chandler – We can do that to get clarification to what that number will be and then we can look at it. Get clarification and then vote for next week

Denise Lesnock – That's why Jordan made that motion bland. Just legal action pursue legal action. It's still going to be up to us how many we want to go after. So, we might not be going after the full 49. We might pick and choose the oldest ones, the highest amounts, but we can table it, get all of that under our belts and look at it again next month.

Mr. Russo – That's fine. Is there any way to approve it contingent on some things being clarified?

Mr. Dalfonso – Yes, just as you said it. Contingent on the sheriff sale potential fees as clarified by Jordan.

Mr. Russo – So we can vote it contingent on that, we can pull that back if we decide that fee is excessive or that fee is not recoverable

Mr. Dalfonso – Yeah

Mr. Russo - Ok

Mr. Chandler – So, do we alter the motion?

Mr. Dalfonso – You will. It will be the same motion contingent on the provision of clarification regarding the sheriff sale initial filing fee from Jordan Tax.

Mr. Chandler – Now does I think Mr. Bell and Mrs. Bails

Mr. Dalfonso – You’ll need a motion for that that I just read and a second and then you guys can vote.

Mr. Chandler – Ok

Mr. Russo made a motion to approve allowing Jordan Tax to pursue legal action against customers owing monies to the Borough for delinquent trash bills, contingent on the provision of clarification regarding the sheriff sale initial filing fee from Jordan Tax. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Severine - Absent

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Yorke – Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

12. Motion to approve the purchase of a new backhoe for Public Works and finance for 5 years.

Mr. Russo made a motion to approve the purchase of a new backhoe for Public Works and finance for 5 years. Seconded by Mr. Yorke.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Severine - Absent

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Russo – Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Falconi Field Lease
2. Bid specs for the Chartiers Flood Control Project
3. Estimate for paving Peach and Ash Alleys

NEW BUSINESS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Russo to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM. Seconded by Mr. Bell.

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Submitted by:

Melissa Graff