

Canonsburg Borough Council Voting Meeting

August 8, 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

Mr. John Severine - Present

Mr. Harold Bowman - Present

Mr. Richard Russo - Present

Mr. Richard Bell, Vice President - Present

Mr. Edward P. Yorke - Present

Mrs. Tina Bails - 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:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

JUNIOR COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Instagram is up and running. We will be doing another post for the clean-up and would like to have a couple ideas that we could do where we can interact with the council people.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Things are moving along so hopefully we will progress quickly and efficiently.

VOTING ITEMS:

1. Motion to approve July 11, 2022, meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council.

Mr. Yorke made a motion to approve the July 11, 2022, Meeting Minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Bowman – Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

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

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

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Yorke – Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

3. Motion to approve SE Schultz Electric Pay Application No. 3 in the amount of \$47,881.25 for work completed to date on Contract 2021-09.

Mr. Yorke made a motion to approve SE Schultz Electric Pay Application No. 3 in the amount of \$47,881.25 for work completed to date on Contract 2021-09. Seconded by Mr. Severine.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Russo – Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

4. Motion to approve WG Land Company’s Pay Application No. 3 in the amount of \$53,835.65 for work completed to date on Contract 2021-06.

Mrs. Bails made a motion to WG Land Company’s Pay Application No. 3 in the amount of \$53,835.65 for work completed to date on Contract 2021-06. Seconded by Mr. Bell.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Bell – Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

5. Motion to approve Courtney Cavanaugh to host an Autism walk at Town Park on 9/25 from 9am until 3pm and allowing them the use of the Main Pavilion at no charge.

Mrs. Bails made a motion to approve Courtney Cavanaugh to host an Autism walk at Town Park on 9/25 from 9am until 3pm and allowing them the use of the Main Pavilion at no charge. Seconded by Mr. Severine.

Mr. Chandler – Dave, are they requesting any other as far as blocking off roads or anything like that?

Mayor Rhome – It shouldn't change. We've always had roving closures with the police. No need for extra personnel or anything like that.

Mr. Chandler – Ok. Thank you.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Bell – Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

6. Motion to approve moving September's Agenda Meeting date from 9/5 to 9/6 due to the Labor Day holiday.

Mrs. Bails made a motion to approve moving September's Agenda Meeting date from 9/5 to 9/6 due to the Labor Day holiday. Seconded by Mr. Bell.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mrs. Bails – Yes

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

7. Motion to advertise Ordinance #1367 (amending chapter 162, vehicles and traffic, article V, on-street metered parking and article VI, off-street metered parking of its code of ordinances).

Mr. Russo made a motion to advertise Ordinance #1367 (amending chapter 162, vehicles and traffic, article V, on-street metered parking and article VI, off-street metered parking of its code of ordinances). Seconded by Mr. Severine.

Mr. Chandler – This is more of a comment. So, if I understand this correctly this is the parking ordinance that will read Mon-Fri 6am to 6pm, Saturdays and Sundays are free.

Mr. Dalfonso – Yep. It reads that the enforcement is going to happen Mon-Fri 6 to 6. It also gives council the ability to change rates and days and times of enforcement by resolution.

Mr. Chandler – Ok.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Severine – Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

8. Motion to advertise Ordinance #1368 (vacating the alley between 419 and 421 Chartiers Ave).

Mr. Bell made a motion to advertise Ordinance #1368 (vacating the alley between 419 and 421 Chartiers Ave). Seconded by Mr. Yorke.

Mr. Lawrence – Are we sure there are no utilities in that alley?

Mr. Severine – I don't know that

Mr. Chandler – That's a good question. Do we know if there are utilities in that alley?

Borough Manager, Denise Lesnock – I have no idea

Mr. Dalfonso – Why don't you make the motion contingent on verifying there are no utilities?

Mr. Chandler – Ok, so we are going to reread the motion.

Motion to advertise Ordinance #1368 (vacating the alley between 419 and 421 Chartiers Ave. contingent on determining whether there are utilities).

Mr. Yorke made a motion to advertise Ordinance #1368 (vacating the alley between 419 and 421 Chartiers Ave contingent on determining whether there are utilities). Seconded by Mr. Russo.

Mr. Severine – Do we have to take back our motion that me and Tina did right before this one?

Mr. Dalfonso – No, this one supersedes that.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Severine – Absent

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

9. Motion to approve Resolution #14-2022 (permitting announcement banner to be hung over SR980, Adams Ave.).

Mr. Russo made a motion to approve Resolution #14-2022 (permitting announcement banner to be hung over SR980, Adams Ave.). Seconded by Mr. Severine.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Bell – Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

10. Motion to approve Resolution #15-2022 (designation of a Historical and Cultural District).

Mr. Yorke made a motion to approve Resolution #15-2022 (designation of a Historical and Cultural District). Seconded by Mr. Bell.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Severine – Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

11. Motion to approve the land development application submitted by Sarris Candies pertaining to 135 Meadow Lane based on the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Bell made a motion to approve the land development application submitted by Sarris Candies pertaining to 135 Meadow Lane based on the recommendation of the Planning

Commission. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Bails – Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Bowman – Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

12. Motion to allow KLH Engineering to advertise bid specs for paving Peach Alley.

Mr. Yorke made a motion to allow KLH Engineering to advertise bid specs for paving Peach Alley. Seconded by Mr. Bell.

Mr. Russo – We had talked about kind of flipped flopped on the agenda that there was adequate money to do Ash. I don't know that we asked that same question. Tom you weren't here and we kind of bumped up the Ash paving because we had money to do it. Peach and Ash were being talked about at the same time just because that was also a significantly poor alley. So, if we had to choose one or the other. I think we had commented that we had enough for Ash. Is it the same true for both Ash and Peach?

Borough Manager, Denise Lesnock – I contacted PennDot and was quite surprised by the answer that any road owned by Canonsburg is eligible for Liquid Fuels money. We were always under the impression that the only roads that were eligible for liquid fuels pro clomb roads, but we were told otherwise. Jeff even questioned it and I put it into a question to our PennDot rep and he said, “nope any road except for parking lots we can use that money from liquid fuels”. So, we have \$100,000 we were planning on a project from liquid fuels but have not moved on it because of all of the construction that's going on now, and we had another road project for \$100,000 coming out of the road tax fund and we have not moved on that, so these two roads can both be done.

Mr. Russo – And on ok good. I can ask the question now about Ash. Ash was divided into two segments Tom, one to First St. or to Adams Ave. and one to maybe Second St. So, are we talking about both sections because it was significant. It was \$40,000 for each block, but more like \$90,000 if we did the entire section, so are we talking about the entire section? So, together we are talking about \$200,000?

Borough Manager, Denise Lesnock – Yes

Mr. Russo – Ok. So, talking about liquid fuels, is it impact what they send us in the future if we only ask for money on roads we thought were qualified or they just send us money, but it can be used for any street? It's just a clarification. It's not additional revenue that's going to be coming our way

Borough Manager, Denise Lesnock - No

Roll Call:

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Bell – Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

13. Motion to allow KLH Engineering to advertise bid specs for paving Ash Alley.

Mr. Bell made a motion to allow KLH Engineering to advertise bid specs for paving Ash Alley. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Bowman – Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

Mr. Chandler – Ok, so what we are going to do. Should we go through unfinished business first?

Mr. Dalfonso – That’s up to you guys unless you want to go to executive session and come back and finish unfinished business.

Mr. Chandler – Ok. So, what we are going to do right now, lets go into executive session to talk about personnel

Mr. Dalfonso – You need a motion to do so.

Mr. Chandler – Can I have a motion?

Mr. Bell made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

No questions on the motion.

All in favor. Motion carries.

At 22:20 PM, Mr. Chandler called the meeting back to order from the executive session.

14. Motion to terminate a clerical unit employee for just cause.

Mrs. Bails made a motion to terminate a clerical unit employee for just cause. Seconded by Mr. Bell.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Yorke – Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Falconi Field Lease (sending certified letter)
2. Bid specs for the Chartiers Flood Control Project (KLH)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. August 11, 2022, at 9:00 AM – Police Negotiations

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Personnel

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Yorke to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 PM. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Submitted by:

Melissa Graff