

Canonsburg Borough Council Voting Meeting

December 12, 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. Harold Bowman - Vacant

Mrs. Tina Bails – Present (via telephone)

Mr. Edward P. Yorke - Present

Mr. Richard Bell, Vice President - Present

Mr. John Severine - Absent

Mr. Richard Russo - 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:

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

VOTING ITEMS:

1. Motion to approve November 14, 2022, meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council.

Mr. Yorke made a motion to approve the November 14, 2022, Meeting Minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Vacant

Mr. Severine - Absent

Mr. Russo - Vacant

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mrs. Bails – Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant. 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. Bowman - Vacant

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Russo – Yes

Mr. Severine - Absent

Mr. Chandler - Yes

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

3. Motion to approve Canonsburg Borough's Civil Service Commission's certification of Police Officer James Eckels eligibility to be promoted to the rank of sergeant.

Mr. Yorke made a motion to approve Canonsburg Borough's Civil Service Commission's certification of Police Officer James Eckels eligibility to be promoted to the rank of sergeant.

Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Vacant

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Severine - Absent

Mr. Bell – Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

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

4. Motion to approve the promotion of Patrol Officer James Eckels to the rank of Sergeant effective January 1, 2023.

Mr. Bell made a motion to approve the promotion of Patrol Officer James Eckels to the rank of Sergeant effective January 1, 2023. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Vacant

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Severine - Absent

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

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

5. Motion to approve 2023 Final Budget.

Mrs. Bails made a motion to approve 2023 Final Budget. Seconded by Mr. Bell.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman – Vacant

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Severine - Absent

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Yorke – Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

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

6. Motion to approve Ordinance #1369 (2023 Tax Ordinance).

Mr. Bell made a motion to approve Ordinance #1369 (2023 Tax Ordinance). Seconded by Mr. Russo.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Vacant

Mr. Severine - Absent

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

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

7. Motion to approve Ordinance #1370 (2023 Salary Ordinance).

Mrs. Bails made a motion to approve Ordinance #1370 (2023 Salary Ordinance). Seconded by Mr. Yorke.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Vacant

Mrs. Bails- Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Severine – Absent

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

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

8. Motion to approve Quigley Development, Inc. Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$309,726.60 for work completed to date on Contract 2021-07.

Mr. Yorke made a motion to approve Quigley Development, Inc. Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$309,726.60 for work completed to date on Contract 2021-07. Seconded by Mr. Bell.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Vacant

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Severine – Absent

Mrs. Bails – Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

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

9. Motion to approve SE Schultz Electric Pay Request No. 6 in the amount of \$3,375.00 for work completed to date on Contract 2021-09.

Mr. Yorke made a motion to approve SE Schultz Electric Pay Request No. 6 in the amount of \$3,375.00 for work completed to date on Contract 2021-09. Seconded by Mr. Bell.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Vacant

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Severine - Absent

Mr. Bell – Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

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

10. Motion to accept resignation of Councilman Harold Bowman.

Mr. Yorke made a motion to accept resignation of Councilman Harold Bowman. Seconded by Mr. Bell.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Vacant

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mrs. Bails – Yes

Mr. Severine - Absent

Mr. Chandler - Yes

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

11. Motion to appoint Joseph V. Graff, Jr. to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Mr. Yorke made a motion to appoint Joseph V. Graff, Jr. to the Zoning Hearing Board. Seconded by Mr. Bell.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Vacant

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Severine - Absent

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Russo – Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

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

12. Motion to approve 2023 Pool Party Prices as follows: \$325 for half pool rental and \$425 for whole pool rental.

Mrs. Bails made a motion to approve 2023 Pool Party Prices as follows: \$325 for half pool rental and \$425 for whole pool rental. Seconded by Mr. Bell.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Vacant

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Severine – Absent

Mr. Bell – Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

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

13. Motion to approve placing Blessing Boxes at East End Playground and another at Town Park.

Mrs. Bails made a motion to approve placing Blessing Boxes at East End Playground and another at Town Park. Seconded by Mr. Russo.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Vacant

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mrs. Bails – Yes

Mr. Severine – Absent

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

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

14. Motion to advertise for a public hearing necessary to adopt the Borough's Stormwater Management Ordinance.

Mr. Yorke made a motion to advertise for a public hearing necessary to adopt the Borough's Stormwater Management Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Bell.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Vacant

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Russo – Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Severine - Absent

Mr. Chandler - Yes

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

15. Motion to advertise Ordinance #1371 (Stormwater Management Ordinance).

Mr. Bell made a motion to advertise Ordinance #1371 (Stormwater Management Ordinance).

Seconded by Mr. Yorke.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Vacant

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Severine - Absent

Mr. Yorke – Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

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

16. Motion to Solicitor's Office to initiate the filing of a petition on behalf of the Borough, in the Court of Common Pleas to abate property maintenance issues for 125 N. Jefferson Ave.

Mr. Yorke made a motion to Solicitor's Office to initiate the filing of a petition on behalf of the Borough, in the Court of Common Pleas to abate property maintenance issues for 125 N. Jefferson Ave. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Vacant

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mrs. Bails – Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Severine - Absent

Mr. Chandler - Yes

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

17. Motion to approve Goatscape's Proposal Option #2 in the amount of \$32,000 (using goats on both sides of Chartiers Creek from South Central to Brush Run in the late Spring/early Summer and return late Summer/early Fall for a second pass.

Mr. Russo made a motion to approve Goatscape's Proposal Option #2 in the amount of \$32,000 (using goats on both sides of Chartiers Creek from South Central to Brush Run in the late Spring/early Summer and return late Summer/early Fall for a second pass. Seconded by Mr. Bell.

Mrs. Bails – I see that it says S. Central and Brush Run, since I wasn't able to be at the meeting when you met down there, how far down does it go? Does it go as far as Sarris's? Is

that Brush Run where the creek comes in?

Denise Lesnock, Borough Manager – Yes, buy the bridge there

Mrs. Bails – Ok. So, the property on both sides, and where Aquatech and all of them where they have taken over the parking spaces that are actually on our property, how are they gonna do that, fence it in so the goats are not running loose?

Mr. Chandler – The individuals from goatscape are going to pen them in so they will be in a pen/electric fence and then they will have volunteers that will check on them periodically. So, if they are here for 8 days, they will check on them once a day to make sure they have water and I think they mentioned a salt block or something like that, so yes, they will be contained, so they won't be roaming free.

Mrs. Bails – They are going to run that electric fence right in front of Aquatech all the way down under where the road comes in at Pizza Hut and continue it, so they won't be able to get out

Mr. Chandler – It's not going to be the whole thing at one time, so they are going to do sections at a time. So, it may be 50 yards or something like that that they will fence off.

Mrs. Bails – Ok

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Vacant

Mr. Severine – Absent

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Russo – Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

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

18. Motion to hire Brian Moody as Street Commissioner starting January 1, 2023, at an annual salary of \$75,481.

Mr. Bell made a motion to hire Brian Moody as Street Commissioner starting January 1, 2023, at an annual salary of \$75,481. Seconded by Mr. Russo.

Mr. Yorke – Who did the interviews on that?

Mr. Chandler – That was myself, R.T, and Rich

Mr. Yorke – Ok. That’s good enough for me, ok

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Vacant

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Yorke – Yes

Mr. Severine – Absent

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

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

19. Motion to approve the 2023-2027 Police Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Mr. Yorke made a motion to approve the 2023-2027 Police Collective Bargaining Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Bell.

Mr. Russo – Did we strike the one topic we talked about Joe, or did we just leave it in since it’s not effective?

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – It was left in there

Mr. Russo - Ok

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Vacant

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Severine – Absent

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

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

20. Motion to move the January agenda meeting from January 2nd to January 3rd due to the holiday.

Mr. Yorke made a motion to move the January agenda meeting from January 2nd to January 3rd due to the holiday. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Vacant

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Severine – Absent

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Falconi Field Lease (sent certified mail)
2. Giffin Ave I&I Project (will go out to bid early 2023)
3. Peach and Ash Alley projects (2023)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Open council seat in Ward #1, letters of interest being accepted thru January 5, 2023
2. Change title of Street Commissioner to Public Works Director

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Litigation

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Yorke to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Submitted by:

Melissa Graff