

Canonsburg Borough Council Voting Meeting

Monday, December 8, 2025

6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Russo at 6:31 pm.

Moment of Silence called by Mr. Russo.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Mr. Eric Miller - Present

Mr. Edward P. Yorke, Vice President - Present

Mr. John Severine - Present

Mr. Richard Bell - Present

Ms. Diane Richie - Present

Mr. Eric Chandler - Present

Mr. Richard Russo, President - Present

Others Present: Borough Manager Angela Senay, Mayor David Rhome, Solicitor Joseph Dalfonso, Public Works Director Brian Moody, Police Chief Alex Coghill

Absent: Engineer, Dominick Falcone.

GUESTS:

James, representing North Star Towers, and Verizon Wireless – James indicated that Verizon Wireless has been trying to work into the borough for better communications. He is here tonight as he has been working on this for about a year and a half back and forth with the borough trying to find a location that suits everyone's needs and the latest they came up with is at the park on Canonsburg Borough property, at the park location down by the basketball court and softball fields. They have had conversation with council and Rich about leasing a property for the construction of a new wireless communication facility for Verizon Wireless. This facility would also be available to any carrier that would like to go onto that tower to help with communications and better serve the community. We are looking for a partnership to build or lease something. James advised they were back and forth about a lease and Rich

asked them to come to the meeting to talk with council.

Mr. Russo – One of the early steps we took, Joe you can correct me if I misspeak, but one of the early steps because it was unlike private land or farm or places where you dealt with private individuals, this being municipal, there are some deed restrictions on that land because of us getting granted some DCED/DCNR department money. So, there are some things that Joe looked at that felt we needed to check the box, one of them was formal presentation, public opinion, so we had some back and forth with the state on what those guidelines were from them, but that is about as far as we have taken discussions.

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – None of those boxes with DCNR have been checked. They still have to go through their analysis to make sure this is appropriate because I think there are restrictions on what you can do with the park in terms of leasing. I think this is a proposed 100,000 sq. ft. area.

James – Uh, 10,000. One hundred (100) by one hundred (100), but looking at the area, we could shrink that down a little. We still want to be able to provide enough in a compound area to be able to handle all of the carriers.

Jesse Stiles, Founder and President of North Star Towers – Just to clarify, we can trim that down substantially. We can easily go down to sixty (60) feet by sixty (60) feet. What I wanted to mention to you is we did a site visit with representatives from the borough about two (2) years ago on this property, so we have had a long-standing conversation. We have reached a point where we are aware of what we need to explore, but we are at a point where we need to have a lease in place to have any standing to be able to proceed, whether it be on the zoning or with the state side. So, our objective tonight, if at all possible is to try after two-three (2-3) years of conversations with the borough is to try and walk away with a head nod saying, “yeah, we think this project makes sense for public safety, economic development, the community”. We’d like to proceed with at least going in earnest, obviously, no one expects this meeting to vote on that. Otherwise, get a head nod the other direction saying, “we don’t think this project makes sense in this location. Thank you for your three (3) years of effort, but there is no need to spend another three (3) years discussing it. Does that make sense, respectfully?

Mr. Russo – Yeah. I think you may want to touch on the other areas in the borough. I know you’ve talked to Chartiers Township and I don’t know, Cecil or whatever, but in terms

of the sites you looked at in Canonsburg or that general park area, why that was important to Verizon.

Jesse Stiles – That’s a very fair question. So, this project actually started before North Star was assigned the site from Verizon. There was another partner of Verizon that had attempted to locate a site in the township, on residentially zoned land. The township rather rapidly did not approve that.

Audience Member – What township?

Jesse Stiles – Chartiers. So, when it was assigned to us they said hey this other tower company didn’t go so well we don’t know if they picked the right location. It turns out that we would have never filed for that location. Our assessment was that that location didn’t have a very strong chance in zoning. So, unfortunately, we looked at the park across the street, and when we first met with the borough folks on property, we looked at the parking area right off of the main street. Well, once we all did more due diligence both the borough and North Star, we determined that a portion of that parking lot, the most flat part, was actually in the township. So, to get a flat piece of ground that was in the borough completely and under borough control, we had to substantially go down the hill away from that upper parking lot. It took us some time to do some due diligence and figure out if that was going to be feasible and with a drop down in elevation like that, if this was still going to be useful. It turns out our engineering group did approve that location and if we were able to get a lease from the borough, it would still work for their purposes. Frankly, they ate trying to get the site closest to the users. It’s meant to cover a mile radius right where this site is proposed. It’s Verizon and North Star’s position that we need to be in this park or we don’t have a site.

Mr. Russo – Ok. Good. Good. Mr. Russo then went over the handout. You segway right into a comment that is important for me to share with the folks out there and that is that there have been discussions but haven’t committed to anything, that’s why you’re here. These fine gentleman and ladies of six (6) plus me that’s seven (7) are the ones to give that head nod if there is a head nod or to give that approval to move forward so, I want to share that with everybody here and allow them questions and we’ll go from there. Council, do you have any questions directly for Jesse about this? I know the audience is probably wanting to ask questions or comments, so we will open it up to public comments once we get. We will start with council. Any questions, comments?

Mr. Severine – Yeah, I got a question. So, why did you go to a pole instead of on top of one of these buildings that are in town? We already have cell towers on top of some buildings.

Jesse Stiles – I am aware. In today's wireless ecosphere, it is important to recognize that Verizon has sites to cover this area right here. As I mentioned before, this is to cover the residential area up the hill in the exact immediate proximity. This is not to cover a large area. Moderate cell sites today cover about one (1) mile; they do not cover what they used to. They are very high frequency and very low power. With the density of commercial traffic, driver traffic, and residential usage within four (4) walls, demands three (3) to five (5) bars.

Mr. Severine – Another question I have is the people up in that area they have Verizon. So, by adding this, what is it going to bring if they already have Verizon.

Jesse Stiles – I could get you propagation maps, but those are usually prepared for a zoning hearing.

Mr. Russo – Ok. Anybody else?

Mr. Miller – So this tower would be specific to Verizon?

Jesse Stiles – Negative. This tower is for other companies. Once this tower goes up, I can give you a high chance that AT&T and T-Mobile will be on this tower someday.

Mr. Russo – Ok. Anybody else?

Mr. Chandler – So, what's the difference. In east end, there are devices that they put on the top of telephone poles to boost the signal. So, what is the difference between that and the tower that you propose?

Jesse Stiles – There is something called small cells. Small cells generally work off of a higher frequency than a micro site. He went on to provide further information and examples.

Mr. Russo – Any other questions?

Mr. Bell – Anytime you hear of a cell tower being put up, you always hear about them emitting stuff.

Ms. Richie – Is there anything harmful that can come from this is what he is asking?

Jesse Stiles – All of the wireless carriers, Verizon, AT&T, T-Mobile, they are major network operators and they are all that is left. They are all strictly regulated by the FCC, so if there were any violations, they would be under strict sanctions by the FCC. No entity is permitted on my towers without all of the proper permits, requirements, and regulations.

Mr. Severine – How much would that square footage of that tower take?

Jesse Stiles – I will gladly compromise down to sixty (60) feet by sixty (60) feet.

Mr. Chandler – How tall is it?

Jesse Stiles – The proposed height is 195 ft.

Mr. Russo – What I am going to do now is. I have two (2) options. I can take the information we can discuss it; we can follow up, we can go back and forth and allow that process to work through, right. Word has gotten out and you said, “I’m willing to answer any questions that folks may have”.

Jesse Stiles – May I ask however, was there public notice to neighbors that this was going to be brought up?

Audience – No.

Mr. Severine – No.

Mr. Russo – So, we have the option of you having made the presentation. We can discuss it, get back with you, and take comments from the audience.

Jesse Stiles – Sounds like a very prudent pathway. I am available after the meeting, by phone, whatever you would like to do.

Mr. Russo – Our other option is direct questioning but what I don’t want is ten (10) questions at one time, the arguments, the back and forth, the uncomfortableness of that. So, if you’re fine saying what you said and moving on, I will take some questions from the audience.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- . Dennis D’Orazio, 702 Alpine Dr. – I just found out about this on Friday. I did talk to Rich six (6) months ago as he called me and asked me what my thoughts were. I have two (2) concerns, financially how does it affect us, and health wise how does it affect us. I thought about a third (3rd) one and that is aesthetically how does it affect us. So, there are three things that concern us. First, is the health part of it. There are ball fields there and children that play there, and the gentleman told me it is safe, but honestly we don’t know if it is safe. The height was a question because we were told it was going to be three hundred (300) feet and you said it was going to be one hundred ninety-five (195) feet. So, one hundred ninety-five (195) feet is a twenty (20) story building. Has anyone seen how high a twenty (20) story building is? Has council done any research on cell towers and

how they affect the public and the area? Not really, okay, thanks. The distance of the tower, you said is one (1) mile, well we are within five hundred (500) feet and I think it affects the property values. Will there be generators and cooling fans at the cell tower? Second, is financial. I want you to consider a couple of things. The paper that I gave you says that people that are within site view of the tower, their property value will decrease by ten (10) percent. I don't know if any of you have been up to Woodland Heights, but a few of those homes are worth a half a million dollars, so we're talking about a fifty thousand (50,000) dollar hit on those homes, and the money you make we're going to pay for it. I don't think that is right. Have you talked to the people in Parkside Estates?. No, ok, maybe they will be mad, maybe not. Technology changes, so in thirty (30) years is this going to be a dinosaur because there is something new? Approving this site sets a precedent that commercial structures can be placed inside public recreation areas. You're going to set a precedent that any park in our borough can be a commercial property.

Patrick Roddy, 654 Alpine Dr. – I want to remind this board that they are not the zoning board so that last point is not your decision. As someone who is looking to change cell phone and home internet carriers, I have no shortage of options for 5G service. I believe my home is the closest to the proposed site, but I do not need a cell tower in my back yard. I would like to know from the board what we are talking about in terms of finance. Mr. Russo advised there is no defined amount at this point. He has heard ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars per year to a lump sum of one hundred thousand (\$100,000) per year. I just had a text from someone associated with the park board so I don't want to misspeak. Where the numbers were north of that at three thousand (\$3,000) dollars per month, with a fifty-five (55) year lease, two (2) percent annual escalation. Then it starts to morph to if they begin to sell other broadcasting it has some kind of a buyout option at the end. He asked the solicitor what remedies exist if any changes to the proposal, such as radiation, lighting, etc. have to be made. Mr. Dalfonso advised that all of this would be handled within the lease agreement.

Margaret Spinnenweber, 817 Hillcrest Dr. – I am concerned about our community. We have beautified Canonsburg so I can't see how this tower is going to create any beauty in our park. So, this is not about profit because we are not profiting at all. I can't see where

there is anything in it for us. It is all one-sided.

- Dennis Smiddle, 631 Highland Ave – Mr. Smiddle indicated he has thirty-five (35) years of PA experience as a health and safety inspector, he volunteered to be on the Park Board but wasn't selected by the President of the Park Board, and he has been a resident of the borough for seventy-five (75) years. He then asked Jesse Stiles if he would be willing to collaborate with him.
- Stacy Lucas, 708 Alpine Dr. – I want to pigtail off of what Margaret said. There is something special going on in Canonsburg. I'm a third generation Canonsburgian and Steve and I have worked on rebuilding and revitalizing Canonsburg. Green space is critical for health, well-being, and for children to have good places to go to, and I think there is something to be considered there by council to not take that away. Our park is not the biggest but it is beautiful and continues to see more and more activity and we want to continue that. I am a certified safety professional. I have background in occupational safety. I am a certified radiation officer. Canonsburg has had a tough run with radiation and chemical exposure. We are the most radioactive town in America. It's a well-regulated site under The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, but we have dealt with children and adult cancerous diseases going back to the seventies (70's), with waves in the nineties (90's) and waves in the last few years. So, as we think about decisions we are going to make for the community, I think we need to think about the aesthetics but there could be more long-term effects than what we know. Do we really need this in our backyards let alone what it is going to do to our property values. It's really about the moral decision to put something in our park that can be harmful to our children.
- Mike Joos, 714 Alpine Dr – I am guessing that with the new height of the tower they said today, it will be one hundred (100) feet higher than my house. It will lower the property value approximately two (2) to five (5) percent within a one hundred (100) mile radius. If this does affect the property values, everyone, including the apartments will get a tax reassessment done and you're going to lose even more money. It doesn't financially make sense. Financially, this shouldn't even be a discussion. Secondly, I find it a little strange that we had to find out the way that we did. The solicitor is involved so this seems like a

major decision that should have happened before now.

- Mr. Russo – No decision has been made. Yes, I've had some conversations with these gentlemen. I've had conversations with many people about many things, and the criticism that I sometimes get is, "why didn't we know". You now know. We haven't done anything. We haven't committed to anything. This is a night that you are allowed to participate in conversation and this was informal. There will be a public comment period which is required by the deed restrictions on these some public comments.
- Mike Joos - Was this discussed in front of council at a meeting before?
- Mr. Yorke – No
- Dennis Smiddle, 631 Highland Ave – He thanked everyone for showing up and making their public comments, Radiation is a public concern. He requested to have recorded by Missy so that he could share it with the citizens of Canonsburg and Washington County. The remainder of his comments are attached with the minutes.
- Chris Beers, 4 W. Pike St – He explained that he was here tonight to make sure council knows what he believes will be a tremendous positive impact by the Canonsburg Educational and Cultural Institute Theatre Project. He is here to encourage council to vote to approve the one hundred ten-thousand-dollar (\$110,000) grant request. He informed council that he has no involvement with this project; he is just a downtown business owner and resident that understands what this project will mean to our businesses and to our community. No one from the school project has asked me to speak here tonight. He was concerned about the comments that were addressed by council last week, so other than Councilman Miller, who was absent from that meeting, he addressed all other council members separately.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Rhome presented a plaque to Councilman John Severine in recognition of his twelve (12) years as a councilman.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Russo reported that on the voting items, there are two (2) items that he would recommend

be tabled for upcoming meetings as they both have received some last-minute information. First, is the healthcare. We've had discussions and the healthcare number was based on information that we received from our healthcare broker. So, one of our unions, the public works union filed grievance against that healthcare renewal and there is some information that has been recent. We found out from our insurance carrier that we can delay this vote. Healthcare renews on 01/01/2026. We can defer this renewal until the end of the month or even going forward. We don't have the final answer as to what all of the penalties are, but to renew our policy as it currently stands, or move forward with a renewal on February 2nd. Mr. Yorke asked what number it was on the agenda and he was advised number eleven (11). Mr. Russo asked the solicitor if we need a motion to table since this item is set to be voted on, and Mr. Dalfonso advised there should be a motion to table. Second, the same thing holds true for item number eight (8). He advised that they all have had information that was recently given to them by Mr. Colaizzo, and it is what he asked him for which is an economic impact study. This has been documented and presented in an email to everybody along with another item that is part of that. It is not part of the budget so the budget can still be voted on. What the cultural center has offered up is a tax on tickets. So, a way to recover some of that investment is a ticket tax, so you pay forty (\$40.00) dollars to get into a show, and one (1) dollar or two (2) dollars is added to that as a tax. Mr. Russo stated that Joe was looking into this to see how it works, and Joe advised that he didn't get through that but his thoughts are that it falls under the Act 11 Tax, and we have Mercantile and Business Privilege Tax. Joe went on to explain that the problem he has to solve is that there was a law in 1988, that says what you have on the books can stay on the books, and he doesn't know if we can add that type of entertainment tax or not. So, with that unknown, and the information that Tony got us, Mr. Russo advised he would be looking to table that conversation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Code, Fire, and Parking (Mr. Severine)

Mr. Severine reported that Dogwood Alley is going to be removed from the ordinance under Prohibited Parking at All Times. He went on to talk about the demolitions of the front portion of 2 Iron St. and the General Woodcrafting Building.

2. Public Works (Mr. Miller)

Mr. Miller gave recognition to the public works crew for all of their work before, during, and after the Old-Fashioned Christmas event.

VOTING ITEMS:

1. Motion to approve November 10, 2025, meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council.

Mr. Yorke made a motion to approve November 10, 2025, meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council. Seconded by Ms. Richie.

No questions on the motion.

All in Favor. Motion carries.

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

Mr. Yorke made a motion to approve all bills presented on the warrant lists. Seconded by Ms. Richie.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bell - Yes

Ms. Richie - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

Mr. Miller - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

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

3. Motion to approve the 2026 Tentative Budget.

Mr. Chandler made a motion to approve the 2026 Tentative Budget. Seconded by Ms. Richie.

Mr. Russo – Any questions on the motion?

Mr. Bell – I have a question. There were a couple of things on there the last few times we

looked at it that were not taken out. I'm just wondering of those have been corrected.

Mr. Russo – Yeah.

Mr. Bell – I know Mr. Chandler brought it up and I just wondered where we were at.

Mr. Chandler – It was the budget had to match the salary ordinance, and that has been adjusted.

Mr. Bell – Ok.

Roll Call:

Mr. Chandler - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Ms. Richie - Yes

Mr. Miller - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

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

4. Motion to approve the 2026 Tax Ordinance #1389.

Mr. Chandler made a motion to approve the 2026 Tax Ordinance #1389. Seconded by Ms. Richie.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Miller - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

Ms. Richie - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

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

5. Motion to approve the 2026 Salary Ordinance #1390.

Ms. Richie made a motion to approve the 2026 Salary Ordinance #1390. Seconded by Mr. Yorke.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Miller - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

Ms. Richie - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

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

6. Motion to approve a handicap spot at or near 606 Euclid Ave (Apt. B).

Mr. Severine made a motion to approve a handicap spot at or near 606 Euclid Ave (Apt. B). Seconded by Mr. Miller.

No questions on the motion.

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

7. Motion to approve the application by Canonsburg Educational & Cultural Institute, who is requesting a minor subdivision to combine parcels 110-026-00-00-0001-00 (25 E. College St), 110-026-00-00-0029-00 (Vacant Lot off of Greenside Ave), 110-026-00-00-0002-00, and 110-026-00-00-0003-00 (Both Vacant Lots on N. Central Ave), Canonsburg, PA 15317 via the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Yorke motion to approve the application by Canonsburg Educational & Cultural Institute, who is requesting a minor subdivision to combine parcels 110-026-00-00-0001-00 (25 E. College St), 110-026-00-00-0029-00 (Vacant Lot off of Greenside Ave), 110-026-00-00-0002-00, and 110-026-00-00-0003-00 (Both Vacant Lots on N. Central Ave), Canonsburg, PA 15317 via the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Bell.

No questions on the motion.

All in Favor. Motion carries.

8. Motion to approve a grant from Canonsburg Borough to the Canonsburg Educational and Cultural Institute in the amount of \$_____.

Mr. Yorke made a motion to approve a grant from Canonsburg Borough to the Canonsburg Educational and Cultural Institute in the amount of \$100,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Bell.

Ms. Richie – Aren't we tabling this? Motion to Table.

Mr. Severine – Rich, what did you say we were going to do?

Mr. Russo – I made a recommendation. So, Ed has put a motion on the table for \$100,000.00, RT seconded that. So, do we take those votes before a motion to table?

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – How this works is there could be a motion to table, there would have to be a second, but you have to vote on that motion to table.

Mr. Russo – Is there a motion to table?

Ms. Richie – Motion to table.

Mr. Russo – We have a motion to table. Do we have a second?

Mr. Severine – I second.

Mr. Russo – We have a second on the motion to table, and you're saying that takes precedence.

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – It does and if the motion to table passes then it passes obviously. If the motion to table fails, you'll have to go back to the original motion.

Mr. Russo – Ok. So, we have a motion to table, roll call. I'm sorry, questions on the motion.

Mr. Severine – I have two (2). The first one I will direct to Joe. You're saying this will be under mercantile or business tax

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – That's separate from

Mr. Severine – I'm thinking that will not fall under that category because that's a theater and that falls under amusement

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – It could be an amusement tax

Mr. Severine – An amusement tax is a little bit different than a mercantile or business tax.

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – What I am saying is that they might fall under the same statute, authorizing statute.

Mr. Severine – Well, if it is a mercantile tax, that goes under sales. If it is a business tax it's just one (1) price.

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – You're missing the point. I don't know how many sporting events you go to, but in Pittsburgh, it's the sports and exhibition tax. I don't go to a lot of theaters in town, but I'm assuming there is something equivalent on the taxes in Pittsburgh.

Mr. Severine – That's why I say table it because if you don't know which way

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – To me, the grant isn't contingent on whether or not the borough can implement a tax, it's whether or not council wants to provide a grant.

Mr. Severine – My other question is, what grant are we getting this from?

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – What grant? You're going to be providing a grant. There is a portion of the borough code under, it's 1202 the borough's general powers that very specifically says that you can have a grant for a project of this nature.

Mr. Severine – Would it be a matching grant? A straight up grant? What kind of grant? I don't even know what kind of grant it would be,

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – That's up to council. You would be the grant provider.

Mr. Severine – So, you don't even know what type of grant it is. You're going to vote on something that

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – Right now, this is a grant that the borough would be giving. There is no kind. It's a grant from the borough that you are allowed to give.

Mr. Severine – I get that.

Ms. Richie – It is the same as the grant for the restaurant.

Mr. Severine – Right, but we knew about that.

Angela Senay, Borough Manager – The pot of money that it would come out of is capital funds which is where the \$55,000.00 was/is coming from. That pot of money does not change whether it is \$55,000 or \$100,000. It would come out of capital projects.

Mr. Severine – And we have that much money for the \$55,000.00 to be able to so that project.

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – Keep in mind, right now the motion that you’re before the motion to table was for a \$100,00.00 grant.

Mr. Severine – Ok. I just think we need to look into it more. Ok Rich go ahead.

Mr. Russo – Under comments to table, I would just suggest that it gets papered correctly. If we get to the point of not tabling it we can talk about that as we go through the second phase of this. So, the motion on the table is to table the request of the Canonsburg Educational and Cultural Institute

Joe Dalfonso Solicitor – The motion to table is the superseding motion. What is in front of council right now is to table Mr. Yorke’s motion and seconded by Mr. Bell for a \$100,000.00 grant.

Mr. Russo – Roll Call. Everybody clear. We are voting to table Mr. Yorke’s motion for the grant, in the amount of \$100,000.

Roll Call:

Ms. Richie – Yes

Mr. Yorke – No

Mr. Bell – No

Mr. Severine – Yes

Mr. Miller – No

Mr. Chandler – No

Mr. Russo – No

2 Yes, 5 No, 0 Absent. Motion does not pass.

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – Ok, so, we go back to the motion that was for \$100,000.00. There was a motion by Mr. Yorke. Seconded by Mr. Bell.

Mr. Russo – We have a motion from Mr. Yorke for the \$100,000.00. We have a second by Mr. Bell. Do we have questions on the motion?

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – A recommendation

Mr. Russo – I have a comment

Joe Dalfonso Solicitor – If you want to go first.

Mr. Russo – So, No questions. Eric? Eric?

Ms. Richie – Well, where is the \$100,000.00 coming from, we only had \$55,000.00?

Mr. Severine – Right.

Mr. Russo – Capital Projects.

Ms. Richie – We didn't have that in there.

Mr. Russo – I mean that's where it is coming from as you guys have the worksheet in front of you. The question should be directed to Mr. Yorke, I guess. So, Ed do you want to respond?

Ms. Richie – Mr. Yorke, where is the money coming from for the \$100,000.00?

Mr. Yorke – Capital Projects.

Ms. Richie – We have \$55,000.00.

Mr. Yorke – We have more in there.

Ms. Richie – Where?

Mr. Severine – Where is it coming from?

Ms. Richie – Where is my sheet?

Mr. Bell – The money is there.

Mr. Russo – Diane, you had a question for Mr. Yorke

Ms. Richie – Yes, I found the capital projects here, so we have the \$55,000.00, then we would be back down to the \$698,000.00, is that correct.

Angela Senay, Borough Manager – So, if we take away \$45,000.00 from the \$698,000.00, that leaves us with \$650 something, so that still leaves us within the budget of having \$650,000.00 in capital projects.

Ms. Richie – Ok. So, if we have the \$100,000.00 for them, then why I said table it is to look into this amusement tax. Make sure that we can get some of this money back through this amusement tax.

Mr. Bell – I think we will still work with that. We are not dropping that.

Angela Senay, Borough Manager – I think

Mr. Yorke – That’s a positive. It’s just a matter of time. Is it amusement tax, is it this tax. That’s gonna be coming out, regardless of what name you put on it. This here does not affect we still have the fund balance where it should be at. And, I am; I told you I was rolling the dice.

Mr. Russo – Just to be clear, I don’t want any misinformation. The fund balance request was by Cypher was to be at \$700,000.00. I recommended that we take baby steps into that, which they were ok with to be at \$650,000.00, and that includes some unknowns on there that are revenue unknowns. So, consider what you have on your paper, some of the unknown revenues are on there too.

Mr. Yorke – I understand what you are saying.

Mr. Russo – Ok. Any other questions? So, I have a question. In terms of the motion, I would like to suggest that we alter the motion to include papering it correctly that this is documented like we did with the restaurant, that it is documented that it is a reimbursable grant, right. We don’t just had it out. They spend and they get reimbursed as is with most grants (LSA, DCNR, DCED). They spend \$50,000.00 on new seats, they pay for it, we reimburse them as opposed to just giving money. So, a reimbursable grant, papered so that it meets the smell test for our code. If we can change that motion to reflect those two (2) things.

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – That was going to be my recommendation, to come up with a grant agreement. Everybody up here is familiar with the grant agreements that you as council have to deal with with the state. I’m not suggesting anything that cumbersomely the DCED puts out, this is a little bit different. I just think there needs to be.

Mr. Russo – I just think those two (2) things from my standpoint. Any other questions on the motion?

Mr. Severine – Yeah, I got a couple. If your going to do that, shouldn’t it be a specific project that you’re going to do, not just throw out \$110,000.00.

Mr. Russo – That’s why we are asking for it to be reimbursable.

Ms. Richie – Yeah. He is going to give us the bill, and we are going to give him money back.

Mr. Severine – Wouldn’t you have a timeline, because they could put that in the bank.

Mr. Russo – If they don’t spend it, if they don’t spend anything for five (5) years, do you know what they get from us, nothing.

Mr. Bell – And you know what they get back if they don’t open that auditorium John, nothing.

Mr. Russo – That’s why it is reimbursable. We are not going to give money for anything that is not done. Any other questions on the motion? Can you adjust that motion, or do you want Ed to reread it?

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – I have an idea for Mr. Yorke if it will make his life easier.

Mr. Yorke – Go ahead.

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – Motion to approve a reimbursable grant from Canonsburg Borough to the Canonsburg Educational and Cultural Institute in the amount of \$100,000.00 along with a grant agreement.

Mr. Yorke made a motion to approve a reimbursable grant from Canonsburg Borough to the Canonsburg Educational and Cultural Institute in the amount of \$100,000.00 along with a grant agreement. Seconded by Mr. Bell.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Chandler - Yes

Mr. Miller - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Ms. Richie - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

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

9. Motion to approve Resolution #15-2025 (Borough Fee Schedule).

Mr. Yorke made a motion to approve Resolution #15-2025 (Borough Fee Schedule).

Seconded by Ms. Richie.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

Mr. Miller - Yes

Ms. Richie - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

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

10. Motion to advertise amending Ordinance #162-33 Prohibited Parking At All Times, removing Dogwood Alley from this section of the ordinance.

Mr. Severine made a motion to advertise amending Ordinance #162-33 Prohibited Parking At All Times, removing Dogwood Alley from this section of the ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Bell.

No questions on the motion.

All in Favor. Motion carries.

11. Motion to approve changing the borough's healthcare plan from _____ to _____.

Mr. Miller made a motion to table changing the borough's healthcare plan from _____ to _____. Seconded by Ms. Richie.

No questions on the motion.

All in Favor. Motion carries.

12. Motion to approve the Non-Union Employee Policy.

Mr. Chandler made a motion to table the Non-Union Employee Policy. Seconded by Mr. Yorke.

No questions on the motion.

All in Favor. Motion carries.

13. Motion to approve Settlement Agreement between the Borough of Canonsburg, North Strabane Township Municipal Authority, Township of North Strabane, Cecil Township Municipal Authority, Township of Chartiers, Borough of Houston, and the Canonsburg-Houston Joint Authority regarding Washington County Docket Number 2021-7415.

Mr. Chandler made a motion to approve Settlement Agreement between the Borough of Canonsburg, North Strabane Township Municipal Authority, Township of North Strabane, Cecil Township Municipal Authority, Township of Chartiers, Borough of Houston, and the Canonsburg-Houston Joint Authority regarding Washington County Docket Number 2021-7415. Seconded by Mr. Miller.

No questions on the motion.

All in Favor. Motion carries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Ownership of Sewage Lines
2. Vacation of Alley between 413 and 422 Franklin Ave.
3. Canonsburg Educational & Cultural Institute (CECI) Grant Workshop.
4. Fund Balance Workshop.
5. Employee of the Year Award.
6. CDBG Discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Personnel and Litigation

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Yorke to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM. Seconded by Ms. Richie.

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Submitted by:

Melissa Graff