

Canonsburg Borough Council Voting Meeting

July 17, 2023

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. John Severine - Present

Mr. Edward P. Yorke - Present

Mr. Carl Lawrence - Present

Mr. Richard Bell, Vice President - Present

Mr. Richard Russo - Present

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

Absent: Engineer, Jeff Marcink.

GUESTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Deferred to Junior Council

JUNIOR COUNCIL:

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Rhome reported on a few items for clarification.

- First, on the report from the grant writer, Mr. Maceiko.
- Item on July 28, I really believe that chief and myself should be at the meeting, it that is ok, in regard to crosswalks.
- 216 Joseph Dr. garbage complaint
- 100th Celebration
 - o Park area
 - o Road closures and route(s)

VOTING ITEMS:

1. Motion to approve June 12, 2023, Meeting Minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council.

Mr. Lawrence made a motion to approve the June 12, 2023, Meeting Minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

No questions on the motion.

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 Mr. Lawrence.

Mr. Yorke – Ok, the only question I have, especially the bill list and especially anything we get from KLH, I would like it broke down to what is going where in a list as far as that goes, other than one just being

Mr. Russo – We have it defined by project. So, the parking lot would be one, the pool house would be one, public works would be one, and if they do a project like the roof, it would be defined to that

Mr. Yorke – Like, public works, is there someone that we have up there, a project manager up there that we are paying? They are submitting a bill for someone they have up there.

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – Yeah, they have an inspector that is on site. I don't know if it is full-time or certain days of the week, but there is an inspector there.

Mr. Yorke – You sure he's there?

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – I met him two Friday's, yeah a Friday ago. Well last Friday

Mr. Yorke – I met, but the last couple of times I was up there, guess what, there was no one there. So, uh, I have a little bit of a problem you know, especially when I go up there and I tell someone, hey, there's not enough guys working up here, and you guys were part of the conversation where the engineer agreed with me. So, that's a big problem so I just wanna through that out there

Mr. Chandler – Ok. So, one, we have to find out how often he is supposed to be up there, and kind of go from there. Any other questions? Mr. Yorke?

Mr. Yorke – No sir

Mr. Chandler – Ok. Thank you

Roll Call:

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Yorke – Yes

Mr. Russo – Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Lawrence – Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

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

3. Motion to approve Ordinance #1375 (an ordinance amending Chapter 162 vehicles and traffic, section 16 establishing one-way streets and Chapter 162, section 33 prohibited parking at all times.

Mr. Severine made a motion to approve Ordinance #1375 (an ordinance amending Chapter 162 vehicles and traffic, section 16 establishing one-way streets and Chapter 162, section 33

prohibited parking at all times. Seconded by Mr. Bell.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Bails – Yes

Mr. Lawrence - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Russo – Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

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

4. Motion to approve Quigley Development Inc. Change Order No. 4 in the amount of \$4,198.51 for additional asphalt required due to the final site revisions.

Mr. Russo made a motion to approve Quigley Development Inc. Change Order No. 4 in the amount of \$4,198.51 for additional asphalt required due to the final site revisions. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Yorke - No

Mr. Lawrence - Yes

Mr. Bell - No

Mr. Severine - No

Mrs. Bails - No

Mr. Chandler - Yes

3 Yes, 4 No, 0 Absent. All in Favor. Motion not carried.

Mr. Chandler – What do we have?

Melissa Graff – 4 no's, 3 yes's

Mr. Chandler – So, the motion does not pass

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – That is correct

5. Motion to approve Quigley Development Inc. Pay Application No. 8 – Final in the amount of \$65,765.94 for all work completed on Contract 2021-07.

Mr. Lawrence made a motion to approve Quigley Development Inc. Pay Application No. 8 – Final in the amount of \$65,765.94 for all work completed on Contract 2021-07. Seconded by Mr. Russo.

Mr. Russo – Question. So, and it might go back to the previous one, but is this so we're on five, correct?

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – Yes

Mr. Russo – So, Quigley is the parking lot, right

Denise Lesnock, Borough Manager – Correct

Mr. Russo – Correct, not the winter extra on public works

Denise Lesnock, Borough Manager – Correct

Mr. Russo – So, that would be Spartan, right? Spartan is public works

Joe Dalfonso – Yes

Mr. Russo – Ok, so no, I do not have a question on the parking lot that's fine. And, are we sure that, I know you guys voted no, but Quigley is the parking lot that we are saying no to, not public works

Roll Call:

Mr. Yorke - No

Mr. Lawrence - Yes

Mr. Bell - No

Mr. Severine - No

Mrs. Bails – No

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

3 Yes, 4 No, 0 Absent. All in Favor. Motion not carried.

Mr. Chandler – So, the same thing, 4 to 3

Melissa Graff – Correct

Mr. Chandler – So, this motion did not pass

6. Motion to approve Spartan Construction Svcs Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$42,421.83 for work completed to date on Contract 2021-08.

Mr. Russo made a motion to approve Spartan Construction Svcs Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$42,421.83 for work completed to date on Contract 2021-08. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence.

Mr. Bell – Question

Mr. Russo – So

Mr. Bell – Go ahead Mr. Russo

Mr. Russo – So, this is the winter ad on, am I correct? Change Order Number, from last week's discussion, change order number 10, right. I'm sorry number three. I think that was the forty thousand change order from the winter heating and tenting to lay the block

Mr. Lawrence – Actually, I think it was \$60,000.00 they were talking about

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – Yeah, we should probably

Mr. Russo – So, it's the next one you think?

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – He has the engineer's report

Mr. Russo – Ok

Mr. Lawrence – The money they are talking about is for all the changes. The trench drain, the heat trays, the change of the sanitary line, connection to the new garage, drain around the salt shed, enlarge the fuel tank pad, enlarge the wash bay concrete pad, additional hose bib, new

floor drain in the office garage, and additional doors

Mr. Russo – And this is the \$42,000, Tom?

Mr. Lawrence – Yes

Mr. Russo – Ok. So, it must be the next one that is the winter

Mr. Lawrence – Yes

Mr. Russo – Ok. So, I don't have any other questions on the \$42,421

Mr. Chandler – Ok. Mr. Bell had a question

Mr. Bell – That's what I was wanting to know and ask our solicitor this question. While we do these, I would like to have, since Mr. Lawrence has all the, I would like each one of these to be gone over so know which exactly. We've gone over these before, but we have so many bills coming in right now, what each one is for. Is that proper?

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – It absolutely is

Mr. Bell – I don't want to vote against something wrong

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – If you have questions on these, you can always table them to next month to get a better explanation. That's another reasonable alternative. You may be voting them down because you have questions that are unresolved because you need to speak with the engineer. That's just another alternative that council can take

Mr. Lawrence – I don't know if the dispute is if they did that work or if we believe they went above and beyond what the fees or charges are for. I'm not sure because I believe the work is done on the first two (2)

Mr. Russo – I think you have two (2) issues that I know we've talked about. One is the winter work which is the next one

Mr. Lawrence – I'm not sure it's the winter work Rich I think that's just

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – You have the

Mr. Lawrence – I do

Mr. Russo – So, the winter work is one of them. I think the other question we've had is which is not these bills is KLH. 'S actual expenses. Keep in mind you're voting against the contractor here, not KLH. Those bills are in your warrant list. That's those bills are. If you want to question KLH, you have to stop the motion on the warrant list. Am I right Denise?

Denise Lesnock, Borough Manager – Correct

Mr. Russo - So these are not KLH expenses. These are the contract. Now, the one for the winter, we did talk about and, you know, should there be a charge for covering the block and doing work in the winter?

Mr. Bell – Right

Mr. Lawrence - Time and there's not a bill presented for that yet, Rich. All these other bills down through here are for work completed so

Mr. Russo – Ok

Mr. Lawrence – So, the way I read what's described on here compared to what's on here.

Denise Lesnock, Borough Manager - Work completed to date

Mr. Russo - What was the 68? Do you have a have the detail on the 68?

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor - That's number three.

Mr. Lawrence - It just says for work completed to date, so if they're going to submit that bill for the other.

Mr. Russo - Where? Where did you? Get that detail on the 42?

Mr. Lawrence – On 42? It was in a complete.

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor - Yeah, this is the actual change order explanation so.

Mr. Russo - Do you have the one for the 68 there also?

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – I don't

Denise Lesnock, Borough Manager - The 68 isn't a change order, it's an actual work to date invoice

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor - That's pay application.

Mr. Russo - Ok. So, we haven't seen one for the winter work

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – No

Mr. Lawrence – Correct

Denise Lesnock, Borough Manager – Correct

Mr. Russo - Just as long as we're clear from it's just the finance standpoint these are

Mr. Yorke - Well, mine is a very basic statement once I don't trust you on something and you don't acknowledge me to give you a reason to trust you, I just say no, no, no, no. That's my opinion. That's all there is to it

Mr. Chandler – That's fine

Mr. Russo – Are you talking about KLH or are you talking about Spartan Construction?

Mr. Yorke - Like it's a how do you say like a trickle effect

Mr. Russo – A blanket, no

Mr. Yorke - I was saying if it trickles down, if I can't get answers from top dog that know what with and don't and I don't feel they have someone there watching the shop I got a problem with that and that's my problem, so I don't know how truthful these bills are. And that's the way I feel

Mr. Chandler – Ok

Mr. Russo – Yeah

Mr. Chandler – Yeah, that's fine

Mr. Lawrence – This isn't going to hurt KLH

Mr. Russo – It's not going to hurt KLH at all

Mr. Bell – If I can finish my comment. I agree with Mr. York, there are questions on these bills, and everybody can see that we have questions on them. And I think what it is is that some of us are wanting to make sure we don't OK things that we questioned before that we had to move forward. So, I'm ok with the way I voted, at the same time I could have voted to table if that would have been easier or better. I don't know how Mr. Yorke felt, I'm just saying, personally, tabling them makes us give us another month to look at them and come back at it next month.

Mr. Yorke - And get some explanations and. Get some explanations.

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor - I mean. These these bills aren't going to go away just because you voted them down. You're probably going to see something again.

Mr. Bell - Well, and what I'm trying to maybe think now that we're now that we're into this. If it was possible for. Is it possible for us to rescind the other two votes and do that.

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor - I don't think you have to. It's an outstanding bill. It's going to be back in front of council at some point, right, I think tabling it sends a message to the contractor that hey, we're not saying no, we need some more information from you from the engineer to make a better decision on what these invoices encompass, right?

Mr. Severine - Yeah, but I like to see. I mean, they just tell me to vote this way, I'm like Ed and R.T. I gotta have more information.

Mr. Russo - Well, and I, but I think to give to give us the opportunity not to be in this mess, that's a conversation for last week when Jeff is here. We voted to or we, we said, to move forward to vote on. That's when you.

Mr. Bell - Now, but now when we made after we thought about it this week and talked into it some more, you know, there's questions in my mind at least. And I think some others is just whether which ones are we totally passing. Are we passing things that we don't that we weren't happy with before that we had to leave alone because we wanted to get the project done, I don't know, I'm just. I'm just throwing that out on my own.

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor - I mean, look, these are all for work that has been completed, right?

Your contractors, whether to the public works or the parking lot, they've done some work. If there's a question as to what work they've done

Mr. Lawrence – What work we are paying for? What was done for that amount of money?

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – Exactly. Then that's a legitimate question that you can go and get more information on. If that's the case, I think it sends a better message that you're tabling it for more information than as opposed to saying no

Mr. Severine - I agree with that. I mean because like Rich said we we talked about last week, but I got presented to that take me this whole week to study and look at it.

Mr. Chandler - But I agree. But I go back to, what Mr. Russo said last week if that was the case then, then you guys have to. If that's the case, please at the at the agenda meeting, ask for that information because Jeff was here, so ask for that information so we're not here in the voting section now with questions or if there's any questions up to the voting opportunity, we can get answers to those questions. That's I mean you can you can do whatever you want to do, but I'm. I'm just saying.

Mr. Severine – Well I understand what you're saying, but it take me a little longer to just. It comes to my mind right then here I got it. I get my paper on Friday. It isn't like I've got my paper three weeks ago.

Mr. Russo – John, the question that we have now is not something that you have to think about

Mr. Severine – Yeah I do

Mr. Russo – Well wait. the question we have on the table is we need more information. That doesn't take a week to decide that you need more information so it's not fair to the contractor, number one cause it's going to take another 30 or 60 days to get them their money.

Mr. Severine – Oh well

Mr. Russo - Now KLH's bills, on the other hand, if you want to penalize or have somebody sit behind the bill and not get paid, KLH would be the one for not doing what we expect them to

do. The contractors just doing down there what KLH is directing them to do. That's all. You're holding money from the contractor. You're not doing anything to KLH. We just approved all KLH bills in the warrant list

Mr. Yorke - And to note, I did ask KLH in this particular time, that I want a detailed list sometimes of what they're doing. I want that here that's on record so that's no problem with that. From one week to the other, it's our option if we feel like changing our mind, we change our mind, that's tough. That's the way it is.

Mr. Chandler - I don't disagree with you at all, but what I'm saying is that's why we have the agenda meeting so that you have the opportunity to ask those questions and get that detailed information. That's all I'm saying.

Mr. Yorke - And if you were in the executive session, which we were, and I'm not going to discuss what went on in there. Some of the answers we got, still, to this day, doesn't. I find it hard to swallow.

Mr. Chandler - Ok, so no one came to me as president of council, said Eric I need more information and if that's the case, I've could've went and got more information

Mr. Bell – You're right

Mr. Chandler - So I so in the future if you guys need more information that wasn't presented, please come to me so I can get that detailed information and distribute it to you all.

Mr. Yorke - It would be nice if we could go to the individual. Will say such as, as if the engineer and called him and ask him something and he would get a call back and he would give us the information without going through you the third party to come back to us.

Mr. Chandler - Well, usually it works. It's easier if one person actually does that so that they don't receive multiple calls.

Mr. Yorke - So in other words, don't call him.

Mr. Chandler - I didn't say that. I'm saying

Mr. Yorke - Yeah, I'm trying to get a handle on this.

Mr. Chandler - i'm saying seven if seven people were calling our engineer, or our solicitor, right and asking them seven different questions versus give the information to me, I will go to Joe and Joe here's a list of all the information and then I can distribute it back out. It makes it much easier.

Mr. Yorke - Ok, just make a policy like that. Then anybody up for that?

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor - Look and if anyone of you called me I say, hey, bring it up at the meeting so everybody's on the same page. That's pretty much a stock answer from me right. I don't build things though, and when you go build things that tends to cost a little bit more money.

Mr. Chandler – So, we will create a policy that says in the future, instead of everybody calling, whether it's engineer or solicitor, call me and I'll make sure I get your answers answered.

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor - Yeah, it's up to. You guys.

Mr. Chandler – Ok. So, back to Mr. Bell, back to your original question. You need. You're saying that you need more information, correct?

Mr. Bell – I feel we do, yes

Mr. Chandler - Ok. So, we're at #6. We had the voting correct, no? We didn't vote yet.

Melissa Graff - That was just there was a first and a second for a motion. There was no roll call yet at all

Mr. Russo – On six

Melissa Graff – On item number six, correct

Mr. Bell - If I can clarify, my Mr. Russo was explaining, I think what this bill is up for vote right now is which one?

Mr. Chandler – Number 6 which is for \$46,421.83. That was a change order at public works, and I think Mr. Lawrence read off the detailed information that was

Mr. Lawrence - If anybody wants to look at that here's the

Mr. Bell – I don't want to look at it now, Tom

Mr. Lawrence – Ok

Mr. Bell - I'm just wondering if that was for the winter changes. That's not the winter changes

Denise Lesnock, Borough Manager – No

Mr. Lawrence - No, not according to the list that was presented by KLH.

Mr. Bell - Ok, that answers my question. Thank you.

Mr. Russo – Yeah, and again that's the 42,000 R.T. is all of these things at public works, right for Spartan. You know fuel Tank, Wash Bay, hose bib and it's a change order, so it's additional charges, right? That the ones four and five, I just want to go back to that real quick just so we all. So, four is a change order so that's an additional charge. Five is part of the contract cost. That's 65,000 that those guys didn't charge us extra. That's what they bid. That's what we approved. That's what we said it was going to cost. They did their work and now we're saying to Quigley, “you bid it at that price, you did it at that price, you billed us at that price, but you know what, we're not paying it. I don't think that's fair

Mr. Bell - But one of those was a change order

Mr. Russo – But four was a change order. \$4000.00 follow this. Four was the change order \$4000.00 for additional asphalt when we went over there and they had to move the concrete, you heard Jeff say it, we made the entrance bigger, they moved the sidewalk, they had to come back, do some extra asphalt, Jeff, explained that, and he explained that last week and we didn't at that point say no, but that's fine, we say no now. That was an additional amount. Five is part of their contract. A contract that we approved part. Of the bill that we already approved when we gave the job. That's not a change or it's part of their bill, and we turned that down. So that contractor, if it's me, I'm going to say wait a minute. You guys approved my contract you approve my bid. I'm sitting here with the bill for you for the stuff that I did, which you approved I do, and you're telling me, no you don't want to pay me. So, it's just an

understanding guys, I'm not trying to, you know, say we're not understanding it but but in that case I don't think that's right that that contractor not get paid for with for work that he did, there wasn't anything extra. It was work we asked him to do, and we gave him a contractor there

Mr. Severine – Ok, so then on six

Mr. Russo - So just I mean and again going back, if we got issues with KLH, that's where you go as it did in executive session. You don't say to Quigley, I'm not paying you \$65,000 even though you did the work according to our specs and did it fine and the parking lots open, you know what, I'm not paying. They're going to say, why, and we're going to say, well, we really didn't know why we just said no. That's not fair guys. Come on, we're better than that

Mr. Bell - Well, I'm as I said I thought was part of that was the winter one but it's it wasn't so

Mr. Chandler - And now we're number six and #6 is a change order

Mr. Severine – It would be just like number four.

Mr. Chandler – Correct

Mr. Severine - And seven is like

Mr. Chandler - And seven was part of the contract

Mr. Severine – Part of the contract. So, six and four are change, and five and seven are part of the contract

Mr. Chandler – Correct

Mr. Russo – So, right. So, can we go back and change 5?

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor - Yeah, you will need to do a motion for reconsideration, for number five, and then vote on it

Mr. Chandler - Ok, so let's finish six. Right now

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor - OK. Yeah

Mr. Chandler - Ok, we are at six. So, we had a 1st and the 2nd

Mr. Severine - Number six is the change, right?

Mr. Chandler – Number six is a change order

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor - That's change order, number three John

Mr. Chandler – Change order number three, Mr. Russo and Mr. Lawrence. Mr. Russo made the motion and Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion

Melissa Graff – Correct

Mr. Chandler - Now at this point in time, if you want to table it, you have the opportunity to do that

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – There would need to be a motion to table at this point

Mr. Russo – So, I can change my motion to make it a motion to table number six

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – Correct

Mr. Chandler – So, Mr. Russo changes his motion the motion to table number six. Is there a second?

Mr. Bell – You need me? Who second who 2nd that last one

Mr. Russo – Tommy

Mr. Bell - Tommy, does he take his back too?

Mr. Lawrence - So we are at number six now

Mr. Chandler – We're at number six

Mr. Severine - We're going to table

Mr. Chandler – Hold on

Melissa Graff – So, Councilman Russo made a motion to table number six

Mr. Chandler – Correct

Mr. Lawrence - I'll second that

Mr. Chandler – Ok, so Mr. Lawrence seconds that motion to table number six

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor - And look, that's appropriate because there was discussion as there should have been after a first and a second, and sometimes minds change

Mr. Severine – Ok

Mr. Chandler - So hold on. All right

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor - There's a motion and a second to table

Mr. Chandler - Right motion to table. Is there any questions on the motion?

Mr. Severine - Not on this one, but I want to go back

Roll Call:

Mr. Lawrence - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Russo – Yes

Mr. Yorke – Left Early

Mr. Chandler - Yes

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

Mr. Chandler – So, the motion passes. We are tabling number six

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – Ok

Mr. Severine - So can we go back to four? And since we say go on that

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor - That's a change order

Mr. Russo – No. That one's just the same as tabling it John, we just denied it. So, that will

come back to us

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor - So you want to go back to five. Five was already voted down. There was a little bit of confusion

Mr. Bell - Now, now are we able to do that without Mr. Yorke being here?

Mr. Severine - If we get enough votes

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor - If there's enough votes

Mr. Bell - Because I thought he made he made the motion

Melissa Graff – No, he did not

Mr. Chandler – Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Russo made the motion

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor - It's going to be two parts to this it's. It's going to be a motion to reconsider number five. If that's an affirmative vote and you're you take action on number five subsequently, Ok

Mr. Russo - So I'll make a motion to reconsider number five

Mr. Chandler – Mr. Russo made the motion; can I have a second

Mrs. Bails - I'll second it

Mr. Chandler – Mrs. Bails seconded it. Ok, question on this motion

Roll Call:

Mr. Yorke – Left Early

Mr. Lawrence - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mrs. Bails – Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

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

Mr. Chandler – So that motion passes

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – Ok.

Mr. Chandler - So now I need a motion to approve, Quigley Development Inc Pay Application #8 – Final in the amount of \$65,765.94 for all work completed on contract 2021-07. Can I have a motion?

Mrs. Bails – I'll make the motion.

Mr. Chandler - Ok, Mrs. Bails made the motion. Can I have a second?

Mr. Lawrence – I'll second it

Mr. Chandler – Alright, Mr. Lawrence seconded. Question on the motion

Roll Call:

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mrs. Bails – Yes

Mr. Lawrence – Yes

Mr. Yorke – Left Early

Mr. Chandler - Yes

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

Mr. Chandler – So, motion carries. So, everybody understands that we will pay that bill

Mr. Lawrence – That's number four

Mr. Chandler – That's number five

Mr. Severine – Pay five; table six. Now, we're going back to four

Mr. Chandler – No, we are going to number seven

7. Motion to approve Spartan Construction Svcs Pay Application No. 10 in the amount of \$68,315.48 for work completed to date on Contract 2021-08.

Mr. Russo made a motion to approve Spartan Construction Svcs Pay Application No. 10 in the amount of \$68,315.48 for work completed to date on Contract 2021-08. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Lawrence - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Yorke – Left Early

Mr. Chandler - Yes

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

Mr. Chandler – So everybody understands that we are paying the \$68,000.00 and this is part of that contract

8. Motion to approve S.E. Schultz Electric Pay Application No. 11 in the amount of \$16,067.92 for work completed to date on Contract 2021-09.

Mr. Lawrence made a motion to approve S.E. Schultz Electric Pay Application No. 11 in the amount of \$16,067.92 for work completed to date on Contract 2021-09. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

Mr. Russo – Question. 20/21/09 is what?

Denise Lesnock, Borough Manager - That's the electrical portion of the public works

Mr. Russo – Ok. Thank you

Mr. Chandler – Ok. Are there any other questions

Roll Call:

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Lawrence – Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Yorke – Left Early

Mr. Chandler - Yes

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

9. Motion to John T. Subrick, Inc. Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$13,500.00 for work completed to date on Contract 2023-01.

Mr. Lawrence made a motion to John T. Subrick, Inc. Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$13,500.00 for work completed to date on Contract 2023-01. Seconded by Mr. Russo.

Mr. Russo – Question. Contract 2023-01 is what?

Denise Lesnock, Borough Manager – Giffin Ave

Mr. Russo – Giffin Ave, thank you

Mr. Chandler – Ok. Are there any other questions?

Roll Call:

Mr. Yorke – Left Early

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Lawrence – Yes

Mr. Bell – Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

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

10. Motion to approve Resolution #07-2023 (authorizing the submission of a multimodal transportation fund grant application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority.

Mr. Severine made a motion to approve Resolution #07-2023 (authorizing the submission of a multimodal transportation fund grant application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority. Seconded by Mr. Bell.

Mr. Severine – Is this the one with the crosswalks and all of that?

Mr. Chandler – This is not the crosswalks. This is for the multimodal. This is actually burying the electric lines. What else is there?

Denise Lesnock, Borough Manager - In doing the sidewalks from green side down to. Little Caesars, that portion there.

Mr. Lawrence - The lights

Mr. Chandler - This is the resolution in order for us to actually submit the grant, so resolution is needed to submit the grant

Mr. Severine – And then the crosswalks are separate?

Mr. Chandler – Yes, the crosswalks is separate

Roll Call:

Mr. Lawrence - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Yorke – Left Early

Mr. Severine – Yes

Mrs. Bails – Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

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

11. Motion to approve Resolution #08-2023 (the sale of Borough owned parcel #100-017-00-00-0049-00 to Francis and Paula Gesselberty in their bid amount of \$7,000.00.

Mr. Bell made a motion to approve Resolution #08-2023 (the sale of Borough owned parcel #100-017-00-00-0049-00 to Francis and Paula Gesselberty in their bid amount of \$7,000.00. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

Mr. Severine - Since that's on that hillside, they know that they're going to have to maintain cutting that grass and not letting it grow like it's done now. Because right now

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor - It's like any other property, John, if they own it, they have to maintain it

Mr. Severine - Well, well, what it is, right now, Brian's crew always cuts that all the way across and mostly all the way down and none of that property belongs to none of us, but we cut it anyhow. I just want to let them know that. It's been getting cut by Brian

Mr. Chandler - So Brian will no longer have to cut for this parcel right here

Roll Call:

Mr. Lawrence - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Yorke – Left Early

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

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

12. Motion to approve the proposed school guard crossing agreement between the Borough of Canonsburg and the Canon McMillan School District effective for the 2023/2024 school year.

Mrs. Bails made a motion to approve the proposed school guard crossing agreement between the Borough of Canonsburg and the Canon McMillan School District effective for the 2023/2024 school year. Seconded by Mr. Bell.

Junior Council – Would you mind explaining briefly what that's about?

Mr. Chandler – Yes. So, I’m going to defer to the mayor

Mayor Rhome – I couldn’t hear

Mr. Chandler – About the crossing guard

Mr. Bell – About what the agreement is about

Mayor Rhome - The agreement that provides the municipality to come in conjunction with the school district with half the cost shared by both with the children to walk to the school

Junior Council – Oh ok

Mayor Rhome - And they cross. In front of Elm right, we moved it last year from Elm and then also to the one right beside the school. What’s that one called?

Melissa Graff – Speer

Junior Council – Is that for like, just high school and middle school?

Mayor Rhome – For the grade school. We work within their township

Junior Council – Ok. Thank you

Roll Call:

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mr. Bell – Yes

Mr. Lawrence - Yes

Mr. Yorke – Left Early

Mr. Chandler - Yes

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

13. Motion to approve shutting down Water St. from Jefferson Ave. to Central Ave. for an Alleyway Saturday event held by Canonsburg Chamber of Commerce on August 12, from 5PM to 9PM

Mr. Bell made a motion to approve shutting down Water St. from Jefferson Ave. to Central Ave. for an Alleyway Saturday event held by Canonsburg Chamber of Commerce on August 12, from 5PM to 9PM. Seconded by Mr. Severine.

Mr. Lawrence – Did We get all the clarification we wanted?

Mayor Rhome - That's why I was waiting just to get through the process. The chamber has got the official papers signed, they're in my office and they would like to upgrade their request to also be able to use that parking lot. And they talked to all the residents or all the businesses in that area. Am I allowed to do that Mr. Solicitor?

Mr. Russo - Oh, they want the parking lot also

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor - Which parking lot?

Mr. Severine – Jefferson

Mayor Rhome – No

Mr. Severine – I mean midtown

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – Ok. Yeah, you just need to amend somebody is going to have to make an amended motion on this, since there's a first and a second already if Council wishes to grant that request, of course.

Mr. Bell - You need one of us to make the amendment?

Mr. Lawrence – Are the hours going to be the same for the parking lot?

Mayor Rhome – Yes sir

Denise Lesnock, Borough Manager - Is it the whole parking lot?

Mayor Rhome - I'm sorry

Mr. Chandler - Is it the whole parking lot or half of the parking lot?

Mayor Rhome - I'm going with the whole thing for right now

Mr. Chandler - Is it the whole parking lot or half of the parking lot?

Mr. Russo - Did we? So, you said we got the list of businesses

Mayor Rhome - Yeah, I can go get it if you want

Mr. Russo - Yes, thank you

Mayor Rhome – Do you want it now, or?

Mr. Russo - Well, before I vote so we can wait if you wanna wait, I'll wait

Mr. Bell – Chairman

Mr. Chandler - Yes

Mr. Bell - Can we discuss this while they're looking through this?

Mr. Chandler - Absolutely

Mr. Bell - My question right now is are we going to have it that every time chamber or some organization wants to do something more in parking lots downtown to drop more people into town, are we going to have it that if let's just say one or two people out of thirty saying no, does that mean it's no? I mean, if we're going to do that, we might as well what are we developing this town for to bring people into town if we're going to shut them down. I mean, I don't understand that at all. It's an event. We got to try to work with these people. We just put a parking lot in it's been sitting empty pretty much right now because we don't have all our business in, so my feeling is we've accomplished something if that midtown lot is being used for a function in town, which is going to benefit everybody people could go there to park. It's only a block away so that's.

Mr. Chandler - But I think that's what, but I think that's what this does, right? So this does this says this says I'm going into that business, right? I'm one, letting them know that an event is happening.

Mr. Bell - That I agree with.

Mr. Chandler – Right

Mr. Bell - I agree

Mr. Chandler - And to work with them, how can we help them, how can we accommodate them or whatever? I think it's a work in progress. I agree with you I think it's we still want to do the event and we still want to work with them, and I think that's exactly what this does

Mr. Bell - Said that, that was just I was just wanted to get that point. Are we going to come down to if two people say no, well sorry.

Mr. Russo - I don't think you want to get overly defensive by this R.T.

Mr. Bell - No, I'm not. I'm just asking for clarification

Mr. Russo - Let me finish. So, we're going to approve it and you're kind of setting a precedent now. We're at least we're reaching out to those business owners that use that lot and we've had complaints from them when things have gone in the past and they haven't done so

Mr. Bell - Right, right

Mr. Russo - So this way we're reaching out to both sides, right. We're saying businesses that are here that need that lot, are you ok, and they're saying yes. It's setting a precedent and so you'll get to a point where everybody's going to say Ok, but if you start shutting it down every week

Mr. Bell - No, no, no

Mr Russo – I'll guarantee you that that pendulum is going to swing. So, when you say blanket approval, no matter what you want to shut it down, just keep doing it, I don't think that's right either because what if we get the point we want to do it every week?

Mr. Bell - My question was, it's not a majority thing. It's not 49 to 51%, it's just we're getting it we're getting a feeling of how they feel about it right now so

Mr. Russo - Well, could be a majority thing if there was. If that was split half and half then we'd better have a discussion

Mr. Severine – And also, that event it's after 4:00 o'clock, so most of their businesses

Mr. Chandler - Again, it's an opportunity to communicate to the business owners that

something is going on that may or may not impact them so bringing them in in the conversation helps alleviate this

Mr. Bell - Well, I wasn't objecting to that. I think it's always been done that way and I think they've always known. My comment was I just wanted to make sure that we weren't rushing because I've heard some people say, well, somebody's against it, we shouldn't do it. You can't say just wouldn't, you know, if it's if it's one or two people, you can't. Because we had somebody, we had one or two people that were against everything we ever did, and we kept going and that's why I wanted to keep going

Mr. Chandler - But I understand why were they against it, because I don't think anybody ever approached them

Mr. Lawrence - And obviously the communication is much better because you got a signature and you got approval from them, so. Communicating with the people is absolutely I agree with you 100% R.T. because if two people don't want to do it, maybe we need to talk to those people and say, what can we do? Why don't you want us to do this?

Mr. Bell - I agree with that 100%. I just wanted to make sure that we had

Mr. Lawrence - Yeah, we're not looking for 100%.

Mr. Bell - What we're saying now is what we're gonna do now. That's what I agree with, ok.

Mr. Chandler - Yep.

Mr. Bell - Ok, I'm on board.

Mr. Chandler - All right, so Mr. Bell and Mr. Yorke, there's a second first and a second now. Now, do they have

Joe Dalfonso, Solicitor – You'll need a motion to amend it to include the Midtown parking lot in that motion.

Mr. Chandler - Ok, so now we need a motion to amend number thirteen, to add shutting down Midtown lot.

Mr. Severine - Wait before you do that, I have one more thing to jump on there. Dave, you

might have to go back an hour because you've got this event from 5:00 to 9:00. You got to give them 4:00 to set up. And I'm only telling you because what you're trying to do is, you're trying to shut the parking lot down and we have every set up for the event. The event is between 5:00 and 9:00, what about the set up time for them to come in and set up so. You're really going to have to come in at 4:00

Mayor Rhome - In the past, we've just presented the time of operation and everything else just kind of

Mr. Severine - I know, but there's no. Yeah, but then people are going to have to set up before 5:00. OK, so you want to move it back to 4:00?

Mayor Rhome – Whatever you want

Mr. Chandler - So we're going to amend, we're going to amend number thirteen. Motion to approve shutting down Water Street from Jefferson to North Central and the Midtown lot for an alleyway Saturday event held by Canonsburg Chamber of Commerce, on August 12, from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Do I have a motion?

Mr. Bell – I'll make a motion

Mr. Chandler – Can I have a second?

Mr. Severine – I seconded it

No questions on this motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

Mr. Lawrence – Yes

Mr. Severine – Yes

Mr. Yorke – Left Early

Mr. Chandler - Yes

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

Mr. Chandler – Can I just make this statement? In the future, council, if there are one is can we make sure that our info is correct please? And two if if you need more detailed information about anything on the agenda, please call me and I'll make sure you have it

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Falconi Field Lease (Solicitor will draw up a new lease)
2. Chartiers Flood Control Project (Goatscape will return with goats in August)
3. Borough Building Landscaping (Deposit \$5,000.00 will be made – waiting on final design for balance)
4. Public Works parking lot paving (waiting for the completion of the bond project)
5. East End Playground Improvements (ordered – waiting for them to come in)
6. Public Works fence and gate (waiting for the completion of the bond project)
7. Side-by-side policy (Solicitor)
8. Meeting will be held with PA American Water on July 21, at 9am
9. Meeting will be held with Columbia Gas on July 18th, at 11:30am
10. Workshop with CHJSA will be July 31, at 6:30pm
11. Set garbage committee meeting

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Murdock St (Cone Issue)
2. Panhandlers (Intersection of Weavertown Rd and Cavasina Dr)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Lawrence to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM. Seconded by Mr. Russo.

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Submitted by:

Melissa Graff