

**Canonsburg Borough Council Virtual General Purpose Meeting**  
Monday, December 29th, 2020  
1:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bell at 1:00 pm.

**Moment of Silence** called by Mr. Bell.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Eric Chandler - Present

Mr. John Severine - Present, 4 minutes into the meeting

Mrs. Tina Bails - Present

Mr. Edward P. Yorke - Absent

Mr. Richard Russo- Present

Mr. Harold Bowman - Present

Mr. Richard Bell, President - Present

**GUESTS:**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**VOTING ITEMS:**

**1. Motion to approve CDBG Resolution 08-2020 - Allocation of \$100,000 for Home Rehab and \$298,000 for East College Street reconstruction from Adams Avenue to Greenside**

**Avenue.**

Mrs. Bails made a motion to approve CDBG Resolution 08-2020 - Allocation of \$100,000 for Home Rehab and \$298,000 for East College Street reconstruction from Adams Avenue to Greenside Avenue. Seconded by Mr. Bowman.

Mr. Russo inquired about whether the reconstruction of East College Street would use up the entire \$298,000, Ms. Lesnock explained that Mrs. Mowry did an estimation of the cost and it comes very close to the \$298,000.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Absent

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

6 Yes. 0 No. 1 Absent. Motion Carries.

**2. Motion to ratify settlement and release agreement with property owners of 228 Grace Avenue.**

Mr. Chandler made a motion to ratify settlement and release agreement with property owners of 228 Grace Avenue. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

No questions on the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Bowman-Yes

Mr. Yorke - Absent

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

6 Yes. 0 No. 1 Absent. Motion Carries.

**3. Motion to approve payment to JD Meyers Plumbing in the amount of \$18,585 for work completed at 228 Grace Avenue.**

Mrs. Bails made a motion to approve payment to JD Meyers Plumbing in the amount of \$18,585 for work completed at 228 Grace Avenue. Seconded by Mr. Chandler.

Mr. Severine asked if it was a bid job, Mr. Dalfonso explained that it was a part of a settlement and why it was approved this way.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Bowman-Yes

Mr. Yorke - Absent

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

Mr. Bell - Yes

6 Yes. 0 No. 1 Absent. Motion Carries.

Mr. Russo inquired about the history of the CDBG grant and whether or not all of the money has been used or if there is a reserve of unused funds. Mr. Russo stated that he believes a lot of the demolition money has not been used, Ms. Lesnock agreed that there is unused demolition money but unsure of the amount after the cost of the Greenside Avenue project. In regards to the \$100,000 home rehab money, Ms. Lesnock stated that she believes that may be a “use it or lose it” situation. Mr. Severine asked where the home rehab money goes if unused, Mr. Russo replied that it must likely goes back to HUD. Mr. Severine then asked if the demolition money carries over from year to year, Ms. Lesnock and Mr. Russo stated that it does. Ms. Lesnock will reconcile to see how much demolition money is available.

Mrs. Bails asked how the grant is allocated each year, Ms. Lesnock explained that Canonsburg usually gets \$398,000 each year, \$100,000 gets reserved for home rehab and then the remaining \$298,000 can be allocated to different projects as needed. Ms. Lesnock went on to explain that if any money is leftover from the East College Street project, the remaining money will be used for sidewalks on East College.

Mr. Chandler asked if Ms. Lesnock can reconcile what was used in 2020 for home rehabs, Ms. Lesnock explained that any applications submitted for a home rehab loan goes directly to the County but she will asked Mr. Kerry Fox at the Washington County Redevelopment Authority if he can provide any information.

Mr. Severine asked Mr. Chandler about the Land Bank, stating that he knows someone who is interested in a property on South Central Avenue. Mr. Chandler replied that he has a meeting next week with Rob Phillips at the Land Bank and Mr. Smith.

Ms. Bails stated that she would like to put a committee together to discuss the decline in Town Park/Pool revenue and speak to Mr. Manion about cutting costs and restructuring the program.

Mr. Severine asked if revenue had declined only in 2020, Ms. Bails explained that there has been a decline the last 3 years. Discussion was held at length about spending at the pool and scheduling a committee meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Mrs. Bails to adjourn the meeting at 1:24 PM. Seconded by Mr. Severine. All in favor.

Submitted by:

Callie Munch