



**CARNEGIE BOROUGH  
PUBLIC MEETING**

**Monday, October 12, 2015**

**Workshop Meeting @ 6:00 PM  
Voting Meeting @ 7:00 PM**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL:**

**Councilperson Boyd – Present, Councilperson D’Loss – Present, Councilperson Demko – Present, Councilperson Luvara – Present, Councilperson Sarsfield – Present, Council President Catena – Present, Mayor Kobistek – Present.**

**OATH OF OFFICE**

**The Oath of Office was administered to Dallas Cogar, new police officer with Carnegie Police Department, Borough of Carnegie.**

**PROCLAMATION**

**A Proclamation was presented to the Kyiv Ukrainian Dance Ensemble from Mayor Jack Kobistek and Carnegie Borough Council proclaiming October 24, 2015 as Kyiv Ukrainian Dance Ensemble Day in the Borough of Carnegie.**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON LISTED MOTIONS**

**No public comment on listed motions.**

### **Administration (Councilman Sarsfield)**

**MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on September 14 and September 28, 2015.**

**Seconded by Councilman D'Loss. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION to engage the Cohen Law Group, in accordance with the terms presented to the Char West COG, to assist the Borough in performing a cable compliance review and conducting franchise renewal negotiations with Verizon Pennsylvania, Inc.**

**MOTION WAS TABLED.**

**MOTION to authorize the Council President to enter into an Agreement and Release with Cozza Enterprises, LLC., releasing the Borough and Cozza Enterprises from the mutual obligations contained in their March 10, 2014 Agreement and to return money held in escrow under that agreement to Cozza Enterprises, LLC.**

**Seconded by Councilman D'Loss. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

### **Finance (Councilman D'Loss)**

**MOTION to approve the October Bill List and Bill List Addendum.**

**Seconded by Councilman Sarsfield. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

### **Public Works (Councilwoman Demko)**

**MOTION to accept the proposal of KLH Engineers to complete an updated Borough Roadway and Rehabilitation study for an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00**

**Seconded by Councilman Boyd. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

### **Public Safety (Councilman Boyd)**

**MOTION to advertise Ordinance No. 2419, an ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of PA, amending Chapter 15, Section 204 of the Borough Code of Ordinances relating to motor vehicles and traffic.**

**Seconded by Councilman Demko. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

### **Community Development and Code Enforcement (Councilman Luvara)**

**MOTION to adopt Ordinance No. 2417, an ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of PA, amending Chapter 27 of the Borough Code of Ordinances, establishing certain general and specific standards relating to the location, placement, construction and maintenance of tower-based wireless communication facilities. Seconded by Councilman Boyd. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Motion to authorize the Borough Manager to provide notifications and advertise Borough Ordinance 2420, an ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie vacating Market Alley and Ash Way.**

**Seconded by Councilman Boyd. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION to approve the application of NVR, INC. (Prestley Heights Land Development – Amendment No. 8), to sub-divide lot-and-blocks 103-E-137 and 103-E-138 as recommended by the Planning Commission on September 29, 2015.**

**Seconded by Councilman Boyd. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION to approve Resolution No. 2015-09, a Resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, confirming that the Borough of Carnegie has submitted a Community Development Block Grant application through the Char-West COG to the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development in the amount of \$20,214.70 for the installation of ADA ramps and miscellaneous locations along Lee Street.**

**Seconded by Councilman Boyd. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Administration (Councilman Sarsfield)**

**Councilman Sarsfield recommended calling the Carnegie Borough Department of Public Works directly with all pothole complaints in order to get it on their list.**

#### **Finance (Councilman D'Loss)**

**Councilman D'Loss reported that revenue for the Borough is at 89% with 2 ½ months to go until the end of the year. Most of the income is from property tax, and the property tax collected this year is at 92%. We have some delinquent taxes that are collected by Jordan Tax Service, which are doing much better than planned, such as per capita delinquent tax, EIT prior year tax, occupational delinquent tax. However, delinquent property tax is much worse than had been planned, currently at \$114k worse than planned. We started paying the lease purchase payments on the new fire truck, which has put us behind because that was not in the budget to start in 2015 – this will have a negative impact on the budget for the remainder of the year. Our worker's compensation carrier has indicated that we need to adopt a "light duty" policy in order to reduce our worker's compensation insurance premium. The budget is doing better for this year as opposed to last year as far as year-to-**

date monies go, so we should be good for the remainder of the year. The other thing we are working on is zoning. As indicated in last month's public meeting we have retained Environmental Planning and Development to finish writing our zoning ordinance. We are anticipating a four to six month completion time and that would including the public hearing process that is also involved.

**Code Enforcement and Community Development (Councilman Luvara)**

No report at this time.

**Public Works (Councilwoman Demko)**

No report at this time.

**Public Safety (Councilman Boyd)**

No report at this time.

**President's Report (President Catena)**

Council President Catena addressed the issue of solicitation. He explained that the Solicitation Ordinance for the Borough of Carnegie states that if you have a "No Solicitation" sign clearing posted on your door or window, it is a violation for anyone to solicit at your residence.

We have two budget meeting dates coming up, next Monday, October 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. and Monday, October 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Caucus Room.

Council President Catena reported on the improved conditions at Carnegie Towers over this past summer.

The President reported that he is currently working on a better policy for skunk removal throughout the Borough.

**Manager's Report**

Last month administration assisted Chief Kennedy with a \$5,000 grant for new police vests.

We will also be submitting a grant to the Department of Environmental Protection for approximately 5,000 recycle bins for our residents.

## **Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept. & EMS Report**

**For the month of September the Fire Department responded to 29 calls, the EMS responded to 274 calls.**

## **Junior Council Report / Remarks**

**Nothing for this evening.**

## **Mayor's Report**

**For the Month of September 2015 -- Criminal Arrests and Citations: 27; Traffic Citations: 16; Parking Tickets: 192; Complaints and Self-Initiating Activities: 941.**

**The Mayor reported that PennDOT is planning a full inbound closure this weekend with regard to the Parkway West Improvement Project, weather permitting.**

**The Mayor also gave a brief update of the progress of this project.**

**The Mayor gave a report on the three burglaries we have had in the past month. It is very important to make sure all your windows and doors are locked when you leave your house. Also, if you see anything suspicious, please call 911 immediately.**

**With regard to the Budget, the Mayor reported that he and Chief Kennedy are pushing for an EAS System for our residents, so that they can be alerted to anything from road closures to the threat of violent weather.**

**The Mayor reported the Department of Environmental Protection awarded a grant to our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students at Carnegie Elementary to go on a field trip to study the watershed with Allegheny Clean Ways.**

**Halloween will be celebrated on Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We will also be having the Annual Halloween Promenade on Saturday, October 24, 2015. Registration is at 12:00 noon on the East Main Street Bridge, promenade begins at 1:00 p.m.**

**The Mayor reported that as we remember, the Honus-Wagner portrait on the side of the American Legion Post 82 building deteriorated, and after hosting several fundraisers the portrait will now be replaced.**

**The Mayor thanked Joanne Letcher for a very successful Crawl this year.**

**The Mayor reported that the Mayors Association reminds everyone that October 18 through October 24, 2015 is National Teen Driving Safety Week. CDC reports the leading cause of**

death among teens is a car accident. It is very important to re-enforce safe driving. The website: [www.nhtsa.gov/teendrivers](http://www.nhtsa.gov/teendrivers) promotes safe driving among teens.

The Mayor reported that there was a Zoning meeting held recently wherein a document was used that was signed by this Board; however, that document was never voted on. This is a violation of the Sunshine Act. We need to protect the integrity of that law, because it is there for a reason.

President Catena offered explanation with regard to the Zoning document referred to by the Mayor. The document was signed in error, and the document is not valid as per the Solicitor.

### **General Public Comment**

Deanna Mountain, 711 Logan Street, addressed Council with regard to the abandoned, dilapidated, deplorable house next door to her house (709 Logan Street), and the fact that she is unable to sell her house due to the condition of this house.

Maggie Forbes, Andrew Carnegie Free Library, reported to Council that the interior of the library has been restored, and also reported on upcoming events.

Cheryl Stephan, 318 California Avenue, commented to Council regarding the recent Zoning & Hearing Board Meeting which she attended. Specifically, her comments addressed the Exxon sign issue. She voiced her dissatisfaction with the way this matter has been handled regarding what she referred to as an "illegal sign." She also stated that she was shocked to find out there was a signed lease. She claims that nobody knew about the lease. She stated that she does not feel that Council has handled this situation correctly from the beginning. She also voiced her concern for the position that the owner of the Exxon station has found himself in, stating he should not be in this situation. She stated that she does not have an issue with the Snyder family or the sign, but with Council and the way they have handled this situation.

### **Council Good and Welfare**

Councilman Sarsfield thanked all of his colleagues for their support during his father's flag presentation. Also, remember this is Cancer Awareness Month – Think Pink. This Saturday, October 17, the two newly reconstructed parking lots will be planted.

Councilman D'Loss reminded everyone that Leon Zions will be performing a free concert at the Synagogue in Carnegie at Lydia and Chestnut Streets on November 8, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Luvara – nothing for this evening.

Councilwoman Demko reminded everyone about the haunted trail and the pumpkin patch for this year.

**Councilman Boyd – nothing for this evening.**

**Council President Catena commented on the very moving Flag Ceremony for Councilman Sarsfield's father.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilman Sarsfeild.  
Seconded by Councilman D'Loss. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED.**

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