



**CARNEGIE BOROUGH
PUBLIC MEETING**

August 12th, 2013 @ 6:00 PM

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 Covi – Present, Councilperson Sarsfield – Present, Councilperson Demko – Absent, Councilperson Veres – Present, Councilperson Catena – Present, Council President D’Loss – Present, Mayor Kobistek – Present

Recognition – CYAA 8 & Under – 2013 Farm League Champions

Public Comment on Listed Motions

No public comments on agenda items.

Administration and Finance (Councilman Catena)

MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on July 8th, 2013.
Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on July 29th, 2013.
Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to approve the August Bill List and Bill List Addendum with the exception of \$1,655.25 payable to SHACOG and a bill from KLH Engineers which included billing for an incorrect legal advertisement.
Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote Councilperson Sarsfield – Yes, Councilperson Covi – Yes, Councilperson Veres – No, Councilperson Catena – Yes, Councilperson D’Loss – Yes. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to appoint Stephen Beuter to the position of Borough Manager.
Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to enter into a lease agreement for a portion of Carnegie Park with Pitcher Park Memorial Skate Park.
Seconded by Councilperson Covi. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

Code Enforcement (Councilwoman Covi)

Public Works (Councilwoman Demko)

MOTION to appoint Dan Butera to the position of Working Foreman with the Department of Public Works.
Seconded by Councilperson Veres. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to appoint Pete Schepis to the position of Assistant Working Foreman with the Department of Public Works.
Seconded by Councilperson Veres. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to approve payment to the South Hills Area Council of Governments (SHACOG) in the amount of \$1,655.25 for the SHACOG Joint Repair Project – Year 3 engineering fees.
Seconded by Councilperson Veres. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Safety (Councilman Sarsfield)

MOTION to advertise Borough Ordinance No. 2385, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, amending Chapter 1, Part 6 of the Borough Code of Ordinances and recognizing the Carnegie Volunteer Fire and Rescue Bureau as the official Fire Company of the Borough of Carnegie.
This motion was tabled at the May 13, 2013 meeting and continues to be tabled.

MOTION to advertise Borough Ordinance No. 2387, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Amending Chapter 1, Part 5 of the Borough Code of Ordinances to provide for the adoption of Police Civil Service Rules and Regulations.
Seconded by Councilperson Covi. Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2013-05, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie establishing a Handicapped Parking Space near 202 Branch Street.
Seconded by Councilperson Covi. Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to advertise for a special meeting to be held on Monday, September 9th, 2013 at 6:30 PM for the purpose of discussing Capitol Drive as a one-way street and parking issues in and around the Borough including Beechwood Avenue.
Seconded by Councilperson Covi.

MOTION to amend to deal with parking issued on Beechwood by Councilperson Catena.
Seconded by Councilperson Covi. Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to direct the Borough Manager to advertise in the Signal Item to fill the position of part-time school guard.

Seconded by Councilperson Veres. Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

Community Development (Councilman Veres)

Committee Reports

Administration and Finance (Councilman Catena) – there are always questions at this time of the year about per capita and occupation taxes. Per capita tax is \$10/year for individuals over the age of 18 and under the age of 65 who earn \$5,000 or more and are a resident of Carnegie. Occupation tax is \$10/year for anyone residing in the Borough who is engaged in any occupation and is over the age of 18. Both taxes are due by August 31.

Code Enforcement (Councilwoman Covi) – nothing to report.

Public Works (Councilwoman Demko) – nothing to report. Keith Hatcher reported that a lot of alleys are being repaved this year.

Public Safety (Councilman Sarsfield) – the Fire Department ordinance is being worked on as stated before. Be careful with school starting again and pay attention. The Borough now has two (2) officers, Reiter and Lawrence, who are certified to install child safety seats. An appointment can be made to have this done.

Community Development (Councilman Veres) – nothing to report.

President's Report (President D'Loss) – several events are coming up in September including the Jazz Festival and the Pittsburgh New Works Festival, a theater festival, at Off the Wall on Main Street.

Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept. & EMS Report

Phil Boyd stated that Assistant Chief Scott could not make it to the meeting. The County is late with the statistics and a report for July and August will be available next month.

Junior Council Report / Remarks

The Carlynton Band Festival will be held September 7 at 7:00 pm at the Honus Wagner Field. The Our Lady of Grace Festival is this week. The Carnegie Performing Arts Center is offering classes August 19 thru 21. There is a Flea Market on Saturdays at the Church of Atonement at 618 Washington Avenue, which is next to the Boys and Girls Club. For information call 412-279-1414.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kobistek reported that during the month of July, there were 60 criminal arrests and citations, 40 traffic citations, 105 parking tickets issued and 1,063 self-initiating activities and complaints. On July 24, the police department was called to a scene to assist Pennsylvania Probation and was confronted with a situation that became dangerous quickly and handled things in a very professional and efficient manner. Be sure to call the police if you see suspicious activity and they will investigate. Keep your car doors locked to help prevent theft. School starts August 28 and Carnegie Elementary had to add an additional kindergarten class this year. We are looking forward to the New Works Festival coming to town. Meals on Wheels will be having a can drive on August 30. Thanks to Joanne Lechter and her group for their work on the Carnegie

Crawl. The Solid Rock Ministries festival for the burning of their mortgage was a nice event with a wonderful choir presentation. The Haunted Trail will take place in October again this year to help support Pitcher Park. The most recent flag ceremony was for Walter J Phillips, a Purple Heart recipient and resident of Carnegie, who served in World War II.

General Public Comment

Samantha – of the Carnegie Arts Initiative reminded all about “Jazz on 3rd” that will take place September 15 from 3:00 to 7:00 and will include music, items and food for sale.

Michelle from New Works Festival – thanked the Borough for being hospitable and stated that Off The Wall Theater is wonderful. Festival information can be found at www.pittsburghnewworksfestival.org.

Maggie Forbes – is happy to be back in Carnegie as Executive Director of the Andrew Carnegie Library.

Bob Sorchilla – 329 7th Avenue provided information and presented photographs to illustrate his concerns about the unsafe and dangerous conditions associated with the vacant property at 327 7th Avenue that has been on the demolition list for at least 10 years. He has been cutting the lawn of this property for the past 10 years and now people are walking through the vacant property and noticing that it is vacant which can and will cause problems. Council’s attention to taking care of this piece of property will be appreciated.

Council Good and Welfare

Councilperson Sarsfield – Thanks to the residents and fellow Council members, things are happening in Carnegie. The bond issue is important in getting funds to allow for more demolitions that are needed and that will be looked into.

Councilperson Catena – Welcomed Maggie back and suggested having ghost stories or a haunted library at the same time as the Haunted Trail.

Councilperson Covi – Thanks to Mary Pitcher for everything she has done. The Haunted Trail will be bigger and better this year and all willing to volunteer to help are welcome. Remember that school is opening so drive carefully and have a safe Labor Day. Also welcomed Maggie back to the Library.

Councilperson Veres – No report.

Council President D-Loss – Reminded everyone that August 24th is the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington. There is a bus leaving Pittsburgh at 3:00 am on August 24th that will arrive in Washington in time for all of the events and will bring people back to Pittsburgh around 11:00 pm that evening. Also welcomed Maggie back and pointed out that it has been a period of time since fund raising has been done and she had a big job ahead of her.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Councilperson Sarsfield and seconded by Councilperson Covi with all in favor.

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