



CARNEGIE BOROUGH PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, February 9th, 2015

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

Call Meeting to Order

Moment of Silence

(Councilman Sarsfield asked to remember those victims of the most recent mall shooting in Monroeville, PA)

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Council

Public Comment on Listed Motions

1. Administration (Councilman Sarsfield)

a) MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on January 12, 2015. Seconded by Councilman D'Loss. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Finance (Councilman D'Loss)

a) MOTION to approve the February Bill List and Bill List Addendum. Seconded by Councilman Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

b) MOTION to enter into a lease agreement with Community Leasing Partners for the financing of one KME Custom Midmount Aerial Truck and one KME Custom Pumper Truck. Seconded by Councilman Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED. (Principal - \$1,491,608.00 / Interest (15 Year Term) – 492,417.96 / Total – 1,984,025.96)

Comment – Solicitor Tucceri noted to Council President Catena that this was a matter addressed in the budget for year 2015.

3. Public Works (Councilwoman Demko)

a) MOTION to permit the Carnegie Youth Athletic Association to utilize the 7th Avenue Field Monday through Saturday, the Carnegie Park Baseball Field and All-Purpose Field, Monday through Sunday and Chioda Fields 1 & 2, Monday through Sunday, beginning April 1st, 2015 and continuing through October 1st, 2015. Seconded by Councilman Boyd. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

b) MOTION to advertise to begin taking applications for Department of Public Works Equipment Operator. Seconded by Councilman Boyd. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Public Safety (Councilman Boyd)

5. Community Development and Code Enforcement (Councilman Luvara)

- a) **MOTION to ratify the decision of the Planning Commission recommending to Council the lot subdivisions submitted by NVR, INC. (Prestley Heights Land Development – Amendment No. 5), Lot and Blocks (103-E-136). Seconded by Councilman D’Loss. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**
- b) **MOTION to ratify the decision of the Planning Commission recommending to Council the lot subdivision and consolidation of 734 Sarah Street (103-N-257) and 6 Cabbage Street (103-N-256). Seconded by Councilman Boyd. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**
- c) **MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2015-02, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie approving that the acquisition and subsequent disposition of the parcel of vacant property known as lot-and-block number 103-G-262 (307 Center Ave) would be in accord with the comprehensive plan of the municipality. Seconded by Councilman Demko. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**
- d) **MOTION to adopt Ordinance No. 2411, an ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of PA, amending Chapter 5, Part 2 of the Borough Code of Ordinances to provide for the adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code, amending Chapter 5, Part 4 of the Borough Code of Ordinances for Occupancy Permits, amending Chapter 10, Part 2 of the Borough Code of Ordinances for open wells and excavations and amending Chapter 21, Part 5 of the Borough Code of Ordinances for obstructions on sidewalks. Seconded by Councilman Boyd. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

Comment: Councilman Luvara explained the reasoning behind updating our ordinances to reflect the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) compared to the current Building Officials and Code Administrators (BOCA). This will provide the Borough with the most up-to-date standards to follow. In order to stay progressive, provide assistance to code enforcement and to encourage development this is a main purpose for updating these standards.

6. Committee Reports

- a) **Administration (Councilperson Sarsfield) – N/A**
- b) **Finance (Councilperson D’Loss) – Councilperson D’loss discusses information received while attending a government seminar in Harrisburg in which topics included statewide Borough financing, healthcare in the commonwealth and public banking. Out of all banking institutions in America, only one is owned by the people, which is the Bank of North Dakota. This institution is unique for the fact that during the 2008 recession, it was ultimately unaffected. People were able to retain their homes and businesses were able to proceed without impact. The purpose of this being is that this could be a very well possibility for any state, city or county throughout the country to do business. Code Enforcement and Community Development (Councilperson Luvara)**
- c) **Public Works (Councilperson Demko) – For anyone who may be concerned about the state of the Borough alleys during heavy snow storms, Public Works do tend to those roads but once primary and secondary roads are completed. Public Works will continue to work as fast and safe as possible to address all roads within the Borough.**
- d) **Public Safety (Councilperson Boyd) – Fire Department will be attending two training classes coming up. First training course will be in coordination with Duquesne Light to learn how to effectively address electrical fires. Also, working with the Mayor there will be a training**

course for the department with the railroads that travel through the community. This will inform safety responders on different aspects of railroad safety.

e) **Community Development and Code Enforcement (Councilperson Luvara) – N/A**

f) **President's Report (President Catena) – N/A**

7. **Manager's Report – Administration will begin to work on an updated map of the Borough for 2015, which the last updated map was completed in 2012. This is a great networking tool for the residents and businesses within the community to utilize. The map will reach everyone within the Borough and will contain essential information for those throughout Carnegie. This will be of no cost to the Borough and will be available in summer 2015.**
8. **Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept. & EMS Report – Have not received Allegheny County numbers as of this month and will update for March. EMS – 193 Calls / Fire – 17 Calls. The Police and Fire Department will be working in conjunction with one another over the next months to do welfare checks on any individual who may not be responsive to contact throughout the extreme cold weather.**
9. **Junior Council Report / Remarks – N/A**
10. **Mayor's Report – Criminal Arrests 18 / Traffic Citations 32 / Parking Tickets 63 / Complaints and Self-Initiated Activity 908. The Mayor touched upon a sting operation conducted by the CPD that resulted in two arrests of an alleged prostitute in Carnegie. This apprehension was accomplished by research done on the internet, which is done in order to see what activity might be occurring within the community. Also, this operation was successful through cooperation with departments from neighboring municipalities. Money has been raised for the CPD to acquire spike strips (2) that will be used for when a chase may come through the community. There have been instances of frauds that have occurred in bordering communities. Once instance took place in Scott Township when individuals were posing as roofing contractors went door-to-door trying to capitalize on individuals due to these extreme weather events that have occurred over the past few weeks. If anyone does happen to come to your door soliciting business be sure to request a copy of the solicitor permit, which is required in Carnegie. The second instance involved calls to homes that involve people claiming to be IRS employees. Upon call these individuals will alert people that they have money due to them, but in order to receive it money must be sent to the IRS up front. Be sure never to pay any individuals over the phone. PennDOT construction season is upon us and both on and off-ramps to Carnegie Borough will be closed beginning March 3, 2015 and will remain closed until December. During this time there will be two full weekend closures that stretch from I-79 to the Greentree area and in order to keep traffic moving smoothly through Carnegie, officers will hold post at specific intersections in order to handle traffic signals accordingly. These full closures will not impact the annual 5K Run / Walk. A PennDOT meeting will take place at the Carnegie Borough Building to explain the plans for the upcoming work to be done, which will be on Thursday, February 12th at 6:00 PM. If there are any questions, comments or suggestions from drivers during this time period please contact the Borough. The Boys and Girls Club will be hosting their 7th Annual Comedy Night fundraiser on March 13. Funds raised will be used for scholarship for summer camps as well as activities within the club. The club has also been running at full capacity with the afterschool program, which averages 92 students a day and the sports programs at 140 students a day, with a majority of this group being from the community. The club also offers a new teen room, Beats and a Be Great Program. The Borough is currently working on addressing current zoning issues and updating our ordinances for the business district (Sansbury to Jefferson on E. Main St. that will focus on retail within the district) and residential areas. Also, thanks to Mr. John Ferri (in audience) for all of his years in service as he proceeds to sell his location in Carnegie. Thanks to the Chief and all who participated in a vigil against domestic violence that took place on Sunday, February 8 (County Councilman Michael Finnerty and Congressman Mike Doyle were also in attendance). This is an act that needs to be addressed for the fact that impacts so many more than just the victim. 8th Annual 5K Run / Walk applications are now available for all to come and attend on Saturday, April 25th. Yo Vikings at the Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall is still taking place and is a good**

production for individuals to attend. Welcome to visitors from Ireland who will be in town at Riley's Pour House on February 21st to promote a boxing event.

11. General Public Comment

John Ferri (34 Woodridge Drive) – Mr. Ferri wanted to note the positive direction in which the community has been going as of late and wanted to note his concern regarding the signage proposal of the electronic Snyder Brother Exxon located near West Main Street and 2nd Street. Mr. Ferri noted that the addition of this sign will not impact this established business and that it will possibly create future problems for the promotion of other business in the future.

12. Council Good and Welfare

- a) Administration (Councilperson Sarsfield) – Also commented on the Lincoln Exhibit and wanted to wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.
- b) Finance (Councilperson D'Loss) – Mention of 2015 Presidents day and the upcoming Abraham Lincoln Exhibit that will be on display and also make its home at the ACFLMH.
- c) Code Enforcement and Community Development (Councilperson Luvara) – Made mention of the Library and all of the worthwhile events that have and will be taking place.
- d) Public Works (Councilperson Demko) - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will be holding their Valentine's Day Dance on Saturday, February 14.
- e) Public Safety (Councilperson Boyd) – Reiterate the 5K fundraiser and also mention of the VFD Cash Bash in conjunction with the Bridgeville Fire Department that will be taking place on Saturday, May 2nd, 2015.
- f) President's Report (President Catena) – Made note of the interest to resurrect the Carnegie Blues Festival this fall. If anyone is interested in volunteering for this event please spread the word in order to make this even a reality.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm made by Councilperson Sarsfield, seconded by Councilperson D'Loss with all in favor.

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www.carnegieborough.com*