



CARNEGIE BOROUGH PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, January 11, 2016

Workshop Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

Voting Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

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 Riley – Present, Councilperson Sarsfield – Present, Council President Catena – Present, Mayor Kobistek – Present.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LISTED MOTIONS

No public comment.

Administration (Councilperson Boyd)

MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on December 15 and December 28, 2015 and January 4, 2016.

Seconded by Councilwoman Demko. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to appoint Phil Boyd as a delegate to the Allegheny County Southwest Collection District.

Seconded by Councilwoman Demko. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to appoint Rick D’Loss as an alternate delegate to the Allegheny County Southwest Collection District.

Seconded by Councilwoman Demko. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to appoint Steve Beuter as an alternate delegate to the Allegheny County Southwest Collection District.

Seconded by Councilwoman Demko. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to appoint Patrick Catena as a primary delegate to the Char-West Council of Governments.

Seconded by Councilwoman Demko. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to appoint Michael Sarsfield as an alternate delegate to the Char-West Council of Governments.

Seconded by Councilwoman Demko. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION to promote Officer Larry Gump to the position of Sergeant effective Monday, January 11, 2016.
(Oath of Office to be presented by Mayor Jack Kobistek)**

Seconded by Councilwoman Demko. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

I, LAWRENCE C. GUMP, do solemnly swear that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution and laws of this commonwealth; that I will, discharge my duties as sergeant with fidelity; I do further solemnly swear I am not knowingly a member with the specific intent to further the aims of any organization that advocates the overthrow of the government of the United States, or of this Commonwealth by force or violence or any other unconstitutional means, or seeking by force or violence to deny other persons their rights under the Constitution of the United States, or of this Commonwealth, I do further solemnly swear that I will not knowingly become a member with the specific intent to further the aims of such organizations during the period that I am an employee of the Borough of Carnegie.

Congratulations offered by the Mayor. (APPLAUSE)

Councilman Sarsfield stated that Officer Gump exemplifies what police officers should be; a role model for his fellow officers, and a true professional. Congratulations. (APPLAUSE)

Councilman D'Loss states that his family has had interaction with Officer Gump over the years, all of them good. Officer Gump is an ideal police officer. Thank you very much. (APPLAUSE)

Council President Catena stated that Officer Gump exemplifies the values and virtues that the Carnegie Police Department is founded upon. He treats every citizen, every resident and every outsider as if he is one of their family, and that is all we can ask for in a police officer to treat everyone with respect. Officer Gump is a true value to Carnegie and after tonight I wish you many, many successful years here in Carnegie. Thank you, Sergeant Gump. (APPLAUSE)

Mayor Kobistek thanked Officer Gump for his dedication and how well he works with everyone not only outside the Department but also within the Department. Thank you very much Officer Gump. This leadership role is a perfect fit for you. (APPLAUSE)

MOTION to enter into an agreement with TurnKey Taxes to assist with the Earned Income Tax and Business Privilege Tax Collections for the Borough of Carnegie.

Seconded by Councilwoman Demko. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Kobistek stated that he feels utilizing TurnKey will be a benefit to the community and should increase our collection rate significantly. Thank you.

MOTION to appoint John Duran to the Vacancy Board for the Year 2016.

Seconded by Councilwoman Demko. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

Councilman Sarsfield stated that Mr. Duran has served on this committee for the past six years. He has done a good job, and he is sure will continue to do so.

Finance (Councilperson Demko)

MOTION to approve the January Bill List and Bill List Addendum.

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

Public Works (Councilperson D'Loss)

**MOTION to approve the 2016 Road Rehabilitation Study produced by KLH Engineers.
Seconded by Councilman Sarsfield. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

Councilman D'Loss explained that this is a study that our engineers perform for us each year to update the review of all of the roads in the Borough and to apprise us of their condition so that we can make smart decisions on road maintenance.

**MOTION to adopt Borough Ordinance No. 2426, an ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny, Commonwealth of PA, amending Chapter 18, Part 6 of the Borough Code of Ordinances relating to sewers and sewage disposal.
Seconded by Councilman Sarsfield. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

Councilman D'Loss explained this motion is to update our rate of sewage fees due to the fact that Alcosan has increased their charges that they charge the Borough. Alcosan's rate of \$5.61 per 1000 gallons will increase by .62 cents to \$6.23 per 1000 gallons. Also, each customer has a monthly fee of \$3.93, this is a standard fee that is added on by Alcosan that will be increased to \$4.36. The Borough has been charging you \$7.00 per 1000 gallons. We lowered that rate to \$6.80 per 1000 gallons. The total rate which was \$12.61 will be increased to \$13.03. This represents an approximate increase of about \$2.00 per month. The new rate will take effect on January 15, 2016.

**MOTION to accept Allegheny County CDBG Grant Program Funding and award Contract CD41 3.11.2 for demolition of properties at 332 7th Ave, 645 Ridge, and 322 Alice to Deller Professional Services for their total bid amount of \$21,450.
Seconded by Councilman Boyd. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

Motion to advertise the 2016 Pavement Maintenance Program contingent upon finalization of road paving list. Seconded by Councilman Sarsfield. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

**Motion to advertise the 2016 A.B.C. Sewer Contract for continuing consent order sewer repairs.
Seconded by Councilman Sarsfield. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION to advertise the Capital Drive and Christy Street storm sewer projects for 2016.
Seconded by Councilman Sarsfield. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

Councilman D'Loss explained that this Motion addresses the issue of storm water. In the area of Beechwood Avenue there are no storm sewers. Any water on Beechwood Avenue runs down the hill until its gets to Washington Avenue where it runs into a storm sewer. The problem with this is that Beechwood Apartments (formerly Carnegie Towers) also has no storm sewers, so all of the storm water from the Beechwood Apartments runs into the sanitary sewers which creates a flooding issue. Likewise, we have a problem on Christy Avenue, so this coming year we will be putting in storm sewers on Capital Drive and on Christy Avenue so that the businesses in those areas can run their storm water into those storm sewers without affecting our sanitary sewers.

Public Safety (Councilperson Sarsfield)

**MOTION to adopt Borough Ordinance No. 2427, an ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of PA, amending Chapter 15 of the Borough Code of Ordinances relating to motor vehicles and traffic.
Seconded by Councilman D'Loss. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

Councilman Sarsfield explained that this Motion addresses the increase in parking violation fees for the Borough. The parking violation fees in the Borough of Carnegie have not been increased in well over 25-years.

Community Development and Code Enforcement (Councilperson Riley)

MOTION to approve the application of the Attawheed Islamic Center to consolidate the properties known as lot and blocks 103-H-358 (338 E. Main St.) and 103-H-362 (401 E. Main St.) as recommended by the Planning Commission on December 29, 2015. Seconded by Councilman Boyd. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

Councilperson D'Loss comment that this is the site of a former tattoo parlor that has been sitting empty for over the past ten years and Attawheed has purchased the property to expand their facility.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration (Councilperson Boyd)

No report this evening.

Finance (Councilperson Demko)

No report this evening.

Code Enforcement and Community Development (Councilperson Riley)

No report this evening.

Public Works (Councilperson D'Loss)

Councilman D'Loss reported that some of the holiday decorations will be discarded due to their age and condition. He also reported on the new light pole in front of Puhlman's Flower Shop. This is the light pole this Borough will be using. He thanked Public Works for working during the night to replace the light poles.

Public Safety (Councilperson Sarsfield)

Councilman Sarsfield also thanked Public Works for working during the night to replace the light poles in the Borough so as to not disrupt traffic.

No report this evening.

President's Report (President Catena)

Council President Catena reported on the parking kiosks in the East Main Street parking lot. He also talked about being re-elected Council President stating it is an honor and a privilege, and that he could not ask for a more dedicated group of individuals.

Manager's Report

The Borough Manager addressed the parking issue in the Borough. In addition, he thanked Tom Poole, Parking Authority Officer, upon his retirement for his dedicated service to the Borough over the past 20-years.

Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept. & EMS Report

Councilman Boyd reported for the month of December 2015 the Fire Department responded to 20 calls, and the EMS responded to 269 calls. He also reported an arrest was made in an arson related fire that the Carnegie Volunteer Fire & Rescue Bureau assisted in fighting. He also reported on the arrest in an attempted arson right here in Carnegie.

Junior Council Report / Remarks

No report this evening.

Mayor's Report

For the month of December 2015 -- Criminal Arrests and Citations: 7; Traffic Citations: 15; Parking Tickets: 31; Complaints and Self-Initiating Activities: 922. For the year 2015, the total number of Complaints and Self-Initiating Activities were 11,455.

Preliminary Report for 2015 -- Vehicular accidents were up by 10%, disruptive conduct violations were down 21%, suspicious activity calls were down 14%, traffic complaints were up 13%, domestic violence with assault was up 20%, fraud calls remained flat for this year, harassment by communication also stayed flat. He reported we have seen significant improvement in our numbers with regard to Carnegie Towers, now Beechwood Apartments, and reporting 28% less calls of service from our Department. Disorderly conduct calls at the Towers were down 70%, drug offenses were down 57%, suspicious acting was down 50%, traffic complaints, stops and accidents were down 37%. In this area there were zero burglaries and one assault. The only area of concern was the defiant trespass. It remained flat, but it did not go down.

The Mayor reported that the Borough will be implementing an Emergency Alert System this year. We are working with Councilman Sarsfield, Todd Scott, the Emergency Management Coordinator, the Chief of Police, and the Borough Manager. He reported the goal is to have something up and running by June. The Mayor reported that we have had a couple of stolen purses from our downtown area, one was in a car and the other in a bar. Please secure your valuables and take a little extra precaution.

The Mayor thanked the Church of Atonement for the Christmas Day Open House.

The Mayor spoke about the promotion of Officer Gump to Sergeant. He stated one of the reasons for this is because the Police Department has a couple of sergeants that will be retiring this year. Detective Oros, and Sergeant Lint will be retiring this year.

January 28, 29, 30, and 31, 2016 there will be an original play at the Carnegie Stage. It is an Off the Wall Production called Mother Load.

The Carnegie Volunteer Fire & Rescue Bureau's 5K Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2016.

On April 16, 2016, the Borough in conjunction with the Indian Community Center will hold a Festival of Colors in our downtown area from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. No Bad JuJu will be the band.

The Mayor congratulated Stage 62 on the success of their Community Choir Concert at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. This was a fundraiser for the fire victims on Noblestown Road, and they raised \$740.00.

General Public Comment

Maggie Forbes, Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall. Maggie reported that the library is embarking on and celebrating its 115th year of service. She encouraged people to visit the library and see the new renovations. She also reported the library is striving to establish its Lincoln Portrait Performance as an Annual President's Day tradition. President's Day is on Monday, February 15, 2016, and the Lincoln Gallery will be open all day.

Joanne Letcher, Carnegie Community Development Center. Joanne addressed Council with regard to having events on the same day. Hans Greunart will be putting up a website for the CCDC. They will continue on the theme of Carnegie's Happening. It will have a calendar for events to be posted.

Council Good and Welfare

Councilman Sarsfield wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilman D'Loss had nothing for this evening.

Councilman Boyd had nothing for this evening.

Councilwoman Demko had nothing for this evening.

Councilwoman Riley stated that there will be a fundraiser on February 6, 2016 at the Noble Manor Bowling Alley from 3:00 to 9:30 p.m. The fundraiser is in Memory of Melissa Bowers who was brutally murdered on February 8, 2012 by domestic violence from her ex-boyfriend. The event is twofold – one is to raise funds for the Center for Victims and the second is to bring awareness of domestic violence to our community. Ticket are \$10.00, which is a donation at the door. There will be a cash bar and Chinese Auction. The entertainment will be the Mansfield Five, Bob Andry and Beth Smith.

Council President Pat Catena had nothing for this evening.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilman Sarsfield

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

MEETING ADJOURNED.

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www.carnegieborough.com*