



## **CARNEGIE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**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 via Telephone, Councilperson Veres – Present, Councilperson Demko – Councilperson Catena – President, Councilperson Sarsfield – Present, Council President D’Loss – Present, Mayor Kobistek - Present

### **Public Comment on Listed Motions**

No public comments on agenda items.

### **Administration and Finance (Pat Catena)**

MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013.  
Second by Councilperson Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to approve the February Bill List and Bill List Addendum.  
Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote Councilperson Demko – Yes,  
Councilperson Catena – Yes, Councilperson Sarsfield – Yes, Councilperson Covi – Yes,  
Councilperson Veres – No, Councilperson D’Loss – Yes. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to approve an amendment to the Policy and Procedures Handbook for the Department of Public Works and Administration to include a Sexual Abuse and Molestation Prevention Policy.  
Second by Councilperson Demko. Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to appoint Councilman Bob Veres as a Delegate to the Allegheny County Southwest Tax Collection District.  
Second by Councilperson Sarsfield. Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to appoint Councilman Pat Catena an Alternate Delegate to the Allegheny Southwest Tax Collection District.

Second by Councilperson Sarsfield. Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to appoint Brittany Pifer to the position of Junior Council Person with a term expiring December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

Second by Councilperson Demko. Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to appoint Christopher Cardiello to the position of Junior Council Person with a term expiring December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

Second by Councilperson Sarsfield. Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Kobistek administered the Oath of Office to the Junior Councilpersons and they took their designated seats.

### **Code Enforcement (Councilwomen Covi)**

### **Public Works (Councilwomen Demko)**

MOTION to approve Payment No. 4 to KDS Demolition in the amount of \$6,013.50 for work completed to date.

Second by Councilperson Veres. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to authorize the President of Council and the Borough Manager to execute an Agreement between the South Hills Area Council of Governments and the Borough of Carnegie relative to the SHACOG Joint O&M Preventive Maintenance Project – Year 2.

Second by Councilperson Veres. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to approve Pay Applications No. 3 to Gary Metzinger Cement Contractor in the amount of \$50,114.02 for work completed in January 2013 on the Morrow Avenue Bridge Reconstruction Project.

Second by Councilperson Veres. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to concur, and recommend that the Bid Award for the SHACOG Joint O&M CCTV Inspections and Cleaning – Year 3 Project be made to Rotor Rooter Services.

Second by Councilperson Veres. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to direct the Borough Engineer to prepare Bid specifications necessary to advertise the 2013 “Paving Maintenance Program” for the Borough of Carnegie.

Second by Councilperson Veres. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

Councilperson Sarsfield excused himself from the meeting at this time. Councilperson Veres read the Public Safety motions.

### **Public Safety (Councilman Sarsfield)**

MOTION to offer employment to Deneen Underwood for the position of part-time School Crossing Guard at a salary of \$20.00 per day with no other benefits.

Second by Councilperson Demko. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to offer employment to Mary Jumper for the position of part-time (fill-in as needed) School Crossing Guard at a salary of \$20.00 per day with no other benefits.

Second by Councilperson Demko. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to ratify an "Animal Control Agreement" between the Municipality of Mt. Lebanon and Carnegie Borough to provide Animal Control Services to Carnegie Borough.

Second by Councilperson Demko. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to permit the closing of East Main Street between Robert Street and Broadway Avenue from 7:00 AM on Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and 6:00 PM on Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 for a Block Party sponsored by Riley's Pour House. Approval is pending proof of an Extension of Premises Permit from the Liquor Control Board, and other restrictions/obligations as outlined by the Chief of Police/Borough Manager.

Second by Councilperson Demko. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

### **Community Development (Councilman Veres)**

MOTION to ratify the recommendation of the Planning Commission to accept the proposed parking lot reconfiguration for the property located at 429 Robert Street (103-M-164).

Second by Councilperson Demko. Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to re-appoint Jim Long to the Planning Commission with a term expiring on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

Second by Councilperson Demko. Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to disqualify the bid of Heartland Restaurant Group for the property located at the intersection of Mansfield Blvd and Broadway Street, also known as Block and Lot 103-M-226, due to the bid not being compliant with the Borough's request and to enter into a private negotiation to sell the property.

Second by Councilperson Demko. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

### **Committee Reports**

Administration & Finance (Councilman Catena) – a lengthy and productive meeting took place on Saturday, February 9 between the Borough and the VFD bookkeeper. There are still a lot of questions to be answered. The Fire Department budget is being worked on and the Borough budget will not be revised because of this. A number of commercial property owners have been

losing their property assessment appeals. If the property owner disagrees with the appeal finding, they can file another appeal.

Code Enforcement (Councilwoman Covi) – nothing to report.

Public Works (Councilwoman Demko) – nothing to report.

Public Safety (Councilman Sarsfield) – nothing to report.

Community Development (Councilman Veres) – nothing to report.

President's Report (President D'Loss) – 2013 looks like it 's going to be a good year with new developers coming into the town. There is a new CDC Director, Joanne Letcher, and many new residents and businesses are pleased with the Borough as a safe place to live with reasonable housing and business costs. Bit by bit, the Borough and the Fire Department are getting closer to coming to agreements.

### **Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department & EMS Report**

Dan DeMarco, the VFD attorney, is prepared to start working with the Borough on getting questions answered such as refinancing of the mortgage issue, the budget and funding. There should be no pointing fingers on either side. A discussion on the ISO rating, favorable or not, and the aerial (certain type of ladder truck) impact on the rating took place. A copy of the Forest Hills ordinance was distributed for review by Council as a possibly for Carnegie. Mr. DeMarco referred to underfunding which Council strongly questioned. President D'Loss requested that the discussion end as it would be better suited for a meeting on the Fire Department.

### **Junior Council Report/Remarks**

No report at this time as this is the first meeting the Junior Council members have attended in their official capacity.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Kobistek reported that during the month of January there were 29 criminal arrests, 57 traffic citations, 67 parking tickets issued and 1,103 self-initiating activities and complaints. For Carnegie, the URC (Uniform Crime Report) shows 1,363 offenses in 2012 versus 1,458 in 2012 for a reduction of over 6%. The more serious crimes are up and the lesser crimes are down overall which could be related to the economy. He is working with Senator Fontana about the truck traffic and increase in train traffic carrying tanker cars with residual gasses from the Marcellus drilling. There was an instance where an individual had a paint ball gun that looked real which could be a problem. The police handled the situation very well. There are more fund raisers in the works for the skate park. Meals on Wheels was in need of a new stainless steel side-by-side refrigerator for which funds were raised. This will be dedicated to a long term volunteer. Meals on Wheels is always looking for volunteers so if interested, contact the Lutheran Church.

### **General Public Comment**

**David Henry** – 47 Woodbridge – voiced concerns over the properties at the corner of Washington and Marshall which is not properly maintained, Woodbridge and Forsythe which is on the market at too high a price and the Family Dollar with all the trash around the business.

Feels there should be more community pride. He is glad to hear that the Carnegie portion of Woodbridge will be paved.

**Jim Nitingale** – 320 Reamer – there are a lot of dead trees on Court at the back of Mansfield that need removed before someone gets hurt.

**Jim Boyd** – 117 Scenic Hill – also has concern over trashy appearance around Family Dollar. Is concerned over the parking on Broadway of the Verizon trucks that park on the sidewalk and then double park and cars parking on the wrong side of the street on Main.

### **Council Good and Welfare**

Councilperson Veres – No report.

Councilperson Covi – No report.

Councilperson Demko – there will be a Murder Mystery Dinner fundraiser for the skate park taking place April 6 at the Fire Hall. It starts at 6:00pm and tickets are \$25. There will also be a Chinese raffle and mixers will be provided. If you would like tickets, call Sue at 412-951-1017.

Councilperson Catena – No report.

Council President D'Loss – there was an elementary school talent show recently that included students playing instruments, singing and dancing. It was a lot of fun and good encouragement for the children.

Normally a Motion To Adjourn would be called for but Council will be adjourning to the caucus room for an Executive Session and then will continue business again on Saturday morning when engineering firms will be interviewed.