

Monday, January 13th, 2020

# Workshop Meeting Start @ 6:00 PM / Voting Meting Start @ 7:00 PM

Call Meeting to Order / Moment of Silence / Pledge of Allegiance

# **ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL**

Councilperson Boyd – Present, Councilperson DiPietro – Present; Councilperson Freshwater – Present, Councilperson Popichak – Present, Councilperson D'Loss – Present, Council President Demko – Present, Mayor Riley – Present

## PUBLIC COMMENT ON LISTED MOTIONS

## **ADMINISTRATION (Councilperson Freshwater)**

MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on December  $9^{th}$ , 2019, December  $30^{th}$ , 2019, and January  $6^{th}$ , 2020.

Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

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

Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to appoint Councilperson Freshwater as an alternate delegate to the Allegheny County Southwest Collection District.

Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss - Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

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

Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to appoint Councilperson Freshwater as a primary delegate to the Char-West Council of Governments.

Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to appoint Councilperson Boyd as an alternate delegate to the Char-West Council of Governments.

Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss - Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to appoint Steve Beuter as the appointed official delegate to the Congress of Neighboring Communities Group (CONNECT).

Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss - Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to appoint Mayor Riley as a delegate to the Congress of Neighboring Communities Group (CONNECT).

Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to appoint Councilperson Popichak as an alternate delegate to the Congress of Neighboring Communities Group (CONNECT).

Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to appoint Councilperson Boyd, D'Loss, and Popichak as municipal representatives to the Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall Board of Trustees.

Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss - Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to appoint Councilperson DiPietro as the Borough Council Representative for the Carnegie Borough Shade Tree Commission.

Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to adopt Borough Ordinance No. 2468, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie amending Chapter 18, Part 6 of the Borough Code of Ordinances relating to sewers and sewage disposal.

Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to hire Ms. Dawn Simmons as a School Crossing Guard (\$30.00 / Day with no other benefits) for the Borough of Carnegie effective Tuesday, January 14, 2020.

Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss - Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to authorize the Borough Manager to enter into an agreement with Pyrotecnico for the 2020 fireworks display to take place on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 in the amount of \$6,378.00. Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

# FINANCE (Councilperson Boyd)

MOTION to approve the January 2020 Bill List and Bill List Addendum. Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to approve the December 2019 Gaitens, Tucceri & Nicholas, PC. invoice. Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

## PUBLIC WORKS (Councilperson D'Loss)

MOTION to offer Part-Time Employment to Tyler Clayton in a probationary status at a pay rate of \$18.00 as an equipment operator for the Carnegie Borough Department of Public Works. Seconded by Councilperson Freshwater – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC SAFETY (Councilperson Popichak) – nothing for this evening.

# **CODE ENFORCEMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Councilperson DiPietro)**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administration – nothing for this evening.

Finance – we managed to pass the budget for 2020 without a property tax increase. We're very grateful for all the work that our borough manager put into this. The first thing this year started with good news; Netflix was in town filming and very generously paid us \$1,200 to park their trucks for the day. Another thing that could potentially be good, we had a tenant in the municipal building move out last year, and their rent was substantial. We had to configure our budget for 2020 without that income (\$60,000 approximate). If we pick up a new tenant this year, that will be found money going into the budget.

Code Enforcement and Community Development – nothing for this evening.

Public Works - Borough engineers will submit by the end of January a proposed list of streets to be paved in 2020. They would like Council to approve the list at the February Council meeting. Their goal is to request quotes from vendors in February and award the contract in March.

Council has received preliminary drawings for a new pavilion at Carnegie Park. It would be 30' by 44' and have restrooms and a concession/food prep area. It will be located in the space that was previously the Little League field near the dog park. This pavilion is part of Carnegie Park Improvements Phase 3. The borough was awarded \$200,000 in park improvement grant money in 2017 and we have until the end of 2020 to complete the Phase 3 improvements.

Borough engineers have submitted applications to PennDot and to Genesee & Wyoming Railroad Services to put a new sewer under Broadway Street. This new sewer is part of our ongoing sewer separation project to remove storm water from our sanitary sewers. The new storm pipe will run under Broadway from Beechwood Avenue all the way to Chartiers Creek, going under Mansfield Boulevard and the railroad. This is a \$1M project, of which ALCOSAN is paying 85% through a grant program. Borough Manager Steve Beuter and our engineers, KLH, continue to identify and apply for grants at the county and state level. In addition to the Carnegie Park project and the Broadway sewer project mentioned above, they have applied for grants for: Cubbage Street sewer separation, flood mitigation of Campbell's Run, sidewalk replacements, blighted homes demolition and an unnamed sanitary sewer rehabilitation project.

**Public Safety – nothing for this evening.** 

President's Report – our borough manager did a fabulous job on the budget. Council did not make it easy on him. Many thanks for Steve's hard work.

MANAGER'S REPORT – I'll be meeting with everyone on council within the next few weeks to work on getting them the information necessary for their monthly council member reports. Administration will soon be starting work on this year's farmers' market. The goal is to bring in new vendors and incorporate the businesses in Carnegie that would be interested. There are a lot of grants in the process at the moment and we hope to find more for 2020. One of the first one's we will be working in will be for the flood mitigation for Campbells Run Road.

CARNEGIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. & EMS REPORT for the month of December 2019 there were 21 fire calls.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Police Dept. activity for December 2019; Criminal Arrests and Citations – 14; Traffic Citations – 22; Traffic Stops – 91; Parking Tickets –186; Complaints and Self-Initiated Activity –837.

I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and welcome to a new decade! I want to offer a special welcome to our two new council members, Councilperson D'Loss and Councilperson DiPietro, as well as to returning Council President, Sue Demko. I am confident with your help and the same spirit of cooperation from 2019 will carry us forward through 2020.

I am pleased to share with everyone that Shane Franklin, the owner of Shapel, which is a new business located at 20 East Main Street, made a generous donation towards body cameras for the Carnegie Police Department. Shane purchased the building at 20 East Main Street last year and the business is a commercial construction company. His donation was in the amount of \$5,000. Shane is a car enthusiast and became familiar with the CPD at the car cruise last year. We are very grateful for his support. A huge thank you to Shane.

Events for January 2020: January 18 & 19 at 8 p.m. on Carnegie Stage will be "Grist from the Mill", January 24 & 25 at 8 p.m. "Mares 'n Kaps Comedy Show", January 30, .31 & February 1 at 8 p.m. is "The Women Who Rode Away". For more information please see their website <a href="https://www.carnegiestage.com">www.carnegiestage.com</a>.

At the Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall on Saturday, January 25 at 7 p.m. is the "The Kyle Simpson Chamber Orchestra". For more information please visit <a href="www.carnegiecarnegie.org">www.carnegiecarnegie.org</a>.

Save the date for Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-11 p.m. It is a fundraiser for victims of domestic violence. This is being held in memory of victim, Melissa Bowers, who was murdered here in Carnegie. The event is being held at Cefalo's on Washington Avenue. All of the proceeds will benefit the Center for Victims. This will be the last year that Melissa's mother, Colleen Bowers, will be holding this event. I encourage every one of you to support this event.

At Friday's Crawl, there was a chili cook-off. Five different businesses participated. Firebox Art Studios was the winner! Over \$700 was raised for the Humane Society.

#### GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Maggie Forbes – Carnegie Library – welcome to everyone on Council! We appreciate the support the borough gives us. This year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional right to vote. We are going to be doing some "female" centered programming to pay homage to the amendment.

### COUNCIL GOOD AND WELFARE

Councilperson DiPietro – wanted to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Excited to be here for the next four years. Shout out to Carlynton Graduate who is now a member of the Football Hall of Fame, Coach Bill Cowher!

Councilperson Popichak – welcomed Councilperson DiPietro and Councilperson D'Loss to Borough Council. Looking forward to a positive year.

Councilperson Boyd – Tyler Clayton (new hire for DPW) is a Carnegie resident. He has been a DPW Summer Employee for two years and he's a good, hard worker. On top of that, he is a volunteer fire fighter for Carnegie. Our assistant chief and three firefighters work for our DPW.

Council President Demko – wanted to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

## MOTION TO ADJOURN

The Borough of Carnegie Code of Ordinances is available "on-line" at www.carnegieborough.com