



CARNEGIE BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

March 11th, 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, Councilperson Veres – Present, Councilperson Demko – Present, Councilperson Catena – Present, 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 February 11th, 2013.
Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on February 16th, 2013.
Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to approve the March Bill List and Bill List Addendum with the exception of the two (2) mortgages for the Fire Department in the amounts of \$1,111.77 and \$7,943.00 and Dan DeMarco’s fees in the amount of \$1,211.25.
Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to approve the two (2) mortgages for the Fire Department in the amounts of \$1,111.77 and \$7,943.00.
Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote Councilperson Catena – No, Councilperson Sarsfield – Yes, Councilperson Covi – Yes, Councilperson Veres – No, Councilperson Demko – Yes, Councilperson D’Loss – Yes. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to pay Dan D'Marco's attorney's fees in the amount of \$1,211.25.
Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote Councilperson Covi – Yes, Councilperson Veres – No, Councilperson Demko – Yes, Councilperson Catena – No, Councilperson Sarsfield – No, Councilperson D'Loss – Yes. VOTE TIED. Mayor Kobistek – Yes. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to grant Sgt. Andrew T. Oros an "unpaid" Leave of Absence from April 14th, 2013 through April 27th, 2013 under the terms of Article 11 of the Police Employment Agreement.
Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to accept the retirement request from Darlene Pfeffer effective April 5th, 2013.
Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to authorize the President of Council and Borough Manager to execute a Lease Agreement between the Borough of Carnegie and the MA Beech Corporation for rental of office space known as Suite 5.
Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to hire Chief Nick Sohyda from the Mt Lebanon Fire Department as a paid consultant to assist us with Fire Department at a rate of \$50.00 per hour.
Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

Code Enforcement (Councilwomen Covi)

MOTION to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare specifications and advertise for Bids to demolish property located at 12 3rd Street, Block and Lot 103-C-335.
Seconded by Councilperson Demko. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Works (Councilwomen Demko)

MOTION to permit the Carnegie Sunday Softball Association to utilize 7th Avenue Field every Sunday from March 6th, 2013 through August 31st, 2013 from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM.
Seconded by Councilperson Covi. Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to authorize the Final Pay Request/Release of Retainage in the amount of \$4,667.00 to Gary Metzinger Cement Contractor for work completed on the Morrow Avenue Bridge Project.
Seconded by Councilperson Covi. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare specifications and to advertise for Bids to complete the 2013 Pavement Maintenance Program.
Seconded by Councilperson Covi. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to approve the purchase of a Ventrac Tractor and Accessories from Steel City Mower and Plow at a Government Bid Contract Price of \$23,568.60 (5-Annual Payments of \$5,267.49). Seconded by Councilperson Covi. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Safety (Councilman Sarsfield)

Community Development (Councilman Veres)

MOTION to permit the First Christian Church to utilize Carnegie Park on March 31st, 2013 from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM for their Sun-Rise Services.
Seconded by Councilperson Demko. Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to permit the closure of 4th Street, between Barrett Way and Diamond Alley and 3rd Avenue, between 3rd Street and 4th Street on July 25th, 26th and 27th, 2013 between the hours of 5:00 PM and 11:00 PM to accommodate the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Festival.
Seconded by Councilperson Demko. Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to permit the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish to operate a “Farm Stand” in conjunction with the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank on their 3rd Street Parking Lot property every Wednesday from 12 noon to 6:00 PM from late June through late November.
Seconded by Councilperson Demko. Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to advertise a vacancy in the Zoning Hearing Board.
Seconded by Councilperson Demko. Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

Committee Reports

Administration & Finance (Councilman Catena) – for anyone who appealed their assessment and is not happy with the outcome, they can re-appeal by the deadline of April 1st.

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) – we are still in negotiations with Dunkin Donuts and have provided information to do with the Fire Department.

President’s Report (President D’Loss) – in a special Saturday meeting it was decided to change engineering firms to KLH. There are many projects coming up and last year there were infrastructure problems so we are hoping that things will improve and we should also save some money. The Fire Department has already been discussed.

Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department & EMS Report

There was nothing to report at this time.

Junior Council Report/Remarks

There was nothing to report at this time.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kobistek reported that during the month of February there were 28 criminal arrests, 54 traffic citations, 166 parking tickets issued and 1,007 self-initiating activities and complaints. The Borough received a letter from the DA stating that we will receive \$5,000 for a camera. With spring coming, there is always an increase in code violations and dealing with those violations requires a lot of manpower. Information has been obtained from Seven Fields and Aspinwall on their method of dealing with code violations and each of those municipalities has a \$25 fine that accompanies the warning letter. This is something that could be investigated by the Borough. Our phone system needs improvement directing individuals online to obtain forms and information on ordinances. With the resignation of the City of Pittsburgh Chief of Police, Chief Harbin and the Mayor have taken a look at the current policies governing the Carnegie Borough Police. The Carnegie Elementary school project is moving forward and will take about 2 years to complete. It will include a captured entrance on Franklin and steps will be taken to ensure that deliveries to the Charles Street entrance are secure. We've had some complaints recently from residents on door-to-door solicitors who are required to show their permit. One such group had their permit revoked due to their intrusive actions. March 14 is National Pi Day at the Library and they will be selling pies on that day to benefit their summer programs. Both theaters have plays on the weekend, March 20 is Mayors for Meals day at Meals on Wheels and on March 24, St Peter & Paul will celebrate their 47th annual egg and Ukrainian festival.

General Public Comment

Erin Tipping – Carnegie Library wanted to mention the pie sale on March 14 and the Ghosts and Giggles tour on April 20 which is a fundraiser for the music hall.

Council Good and Welfare

Councilperson Covi – Has been working with Andrea Carelli, VP of Promotions at PNC Park to schedule a Carnegie night for a Pirates game and will provide more information as plans are firmed up. Thanks to everyone who contacted her when she was ill and special thanks to the Carnegie EMS, police and DPW for all their help. A wonderful Easter season to all.

Councilperson Veres – No report.

Councilperson Demko – Has received calls about when the dog park will be open which will be in June. She wanted to remind everyone about the murder mystery on April 6 at the Fire Hall. Tickets are \$25 and there will be good food, beer and mixers if you would like to bring your own bottle. If you need tickets, call her at 412-951-1017.

Councilperson Catena – Has heard many compliments on Carnegie Park, especially the new playground area. He wanted to point out that the playground was designed based on the recommendations of the elementary school students. The park looks very different now than it used to.

Councilperson Sarsfield – The street will be blocked off this weekend for a St Patrick’s Day celebration by Riley’s Pour House. Sister Toni Dribecki who did a lot of volunteer work at the Allegheny County Jail passed away at the age of 88.

Council President D’Loss

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Councilperson Sarsfield, seconded by Councilperson Demko.

The Borough of Carnegie is happy to announce that the Code of Ordinances for the Borough of Carnegie is now available “on-line” at www.carnegieborough.com