



CARNEGIE BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

MARCH 12th, 2012 6:00 PM

**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 Catena- Present, Councilperson Covi – Absent, Councilperson Demko- Present, Councilperson D’Loss- Present, Mayor Kobistek- Present, Councilperson Sarsfield- Present, Councilperson Veres- Present,

Public Comment on Listed MOTIONS

No Comment

Administration and Finance (Pat Catena)

MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting on February 6th, 2012, Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing and Council Meeting held on February 13th, 2012. Second by Councilperson Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to approve the March Bill List and Addendum. Second by Councilperson Veres. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to appoint Bob Veres as the Borough of Carnegie’s Official Voting Delegate for the Municipal Risk Management Worker’s Compensation Pooled Trust. Second by Councilperson Demko. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to appoint Sue Demko as the Borough of Carnegie’s Alternate Voting Delegate for the Municipal Risk Management Worker’s Compensation Pooled Trust. Second by Councilperson Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to approve a \$1,500.00 donation to the Carnegie American Legion for the 2012 Memorial Day Parade. Second by Councilperson Veres. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

Code Enforcement (Councilwomen Covi)

Read by Councilman Catena:

MOTION to authorize payment to Korniak Excavating in the amount of \$8,900.00 for demolition of the structure at 996 Chartiers Street.

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

Motion to recommend conditional payment to Olson Contracting in the amount of \$12,685.00 for the demolition of 328/330 Plum Street and return the \$12,685.00 escrow posted in lieu of a performance and labor and material bond subject to certification of the Borough Engineer that all outstanding items have been addressed and receipt of a signed release from the property owner at 332 Plum Street acknowledging satisfactory resolution to the damages to the siding done to the structure at 332 Plum Street and holding Carnegie Borough, its officers, employees and agents harmless for said damage done to the property during demolition of 328/330 Plum Street by Olson Contracting. Contracting and, upon completion of said repairs, the contract amount of \$12,865.00 shall be paid to Olson Contracting and the balance remaining of the \$12,685.00 escrow shall be returned to Olson Contracting minus all legal and engineering fees.

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

Public Works (Councilwomen Demko)

MOTION to concur with SHACOG recommendation to award SHACOG Joint O&M CCTV Inspections and Cleaning – Year 2 contract to State Pipe Services in amount of \$448,650.65 total of which Carnegie’s portion is not to exceed \$75,000.00 for sewer line CCTV work for 2012. Second by Councilperson Veres. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to authorize payment to National Gunitite for the emergency sewer repair work on Chestnut Street in the amount of \$93,352.00.

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

MOTION to direct the Borough Engineer to re-advertise the Bid for the Carnegie Park – Phase 1 Improvements.

Second by Councilperson Veres. UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to award the Carnegie Park Stone Pavilion Cleaning/Power Washing Contract to Roach Brothers in the amount of \$3,458.00, upon satisfactory demonstration to Carnegie Borough Public Works Department.

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

MOTION to permit “Carnegie Flag” to utilize the “All Purpose Field” at Carnegie Park every Sunday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM from March 11th, 2012 through April 15th, 2012 for their Flag Football League.

Second by Councilperson Veres. Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to permit the Men’s 50 & Over Softball League to utilize 7th Avenue Field every Monday from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM beginning April 1st through August 31st, 2012.

Second by Councilperson Veres. UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

Public Safety (Councilman Sarsfield)

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2012-07, a Resolution of the Borough of Carnegie designated the north curb of 3rd Avenue, between 4th Street and a point 110 ft east of the intersection of 3rd Avenue and 4th Street as Handicapped Parking Only.

Second by Councilperson Veres. UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to advertise Borough Ordinance No. 2373, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie prohibiting parking on the south curb of Scenic Hill Drive between Margareta Street and Doolittle Street and on the south curb of Scenic Hill Drive between Doolittle Street and a point 35 ft east of the intersection of Scenic Hill Drive and Doolittle Street.

Second by Councilperson Catena. Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

Community Development (Councilman Veres)

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2012-05, a Resolution of the Borough of Carnegie approving that the acquisition and subsequent disposition of numerous parcels of vacant property known as Lot and Block Numbers 102-C-244 would be in accord with the Comprehensive Plan of the Borough of Carnegie.

Second by Councilperson Demko. UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2012-06, a Concurring Resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, confirming that the Borough of Carnegie has applied for a Grant from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County in the amount \$517,500.00 for the purpose of constructing new sidewalks associated with the Tri-Community Revitalization Project.

Second by Councilperson Demko. UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to adopt Ordinance No. 2372, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie authorizing the vacation of a portion of Brown Alley pursuant to the provisions of the Act of February 1, 1966, P.L. 1656, No. 581 as re-enacted and amended June 28, 1979 P.L. No. 55, No.23.

Second by Councilperson Demko. UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to re-appoint Dave Wallace to the Planning Commission with a term to expire on January 1st, 2016.

Second by Councilperson Sarsfield. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to amend a MOTION enacted at the February 13th, 2012 Council Meeting. The correct expiration date of Melvin Cook's term on the Planning Commission is December 31st, 2012.

Second by Councilperson Sarsfield. UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to accept the proposal, as recommended by the Planning Commission, of Plus Consulting to occupy and utilize the property located at 505 Washington Avenue (103-M-30) as an office building, contingent on Plus Consulting receiving a variance from the Zoning Hearing Board for the off-street parking being proposed on Lot and Block 103-M-40.

Second by Councilperson Sarsfield. UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to approve the consolidation of lots (104-F-75 and 104-F-76) for Carnegie Office Park, as recommended by the Planning Commission.
Second by Councilperson Demko. UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to ratify the decision of the Planning Commission to re-schedule their meetings to the fourth Tuesday of the month.
Motion to amend to change wording to the LAST Tuesday by Councilperson Veres.
Second by Councilperson Sarsfield. UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED
Second by Councilperson Demko. UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to permit the First Christian Church of Carnegie to utilize Carnegie Park on April 8th, 2012 from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM for Sun-Rise Services.
Second by Councilperson Sarsfield. UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to permit the “Golden Agers” to utilize the Council Chambers on the first Wednesday of every month from March through November, between the hours of noon and 3:30 pm at no charge.
Second by Councilperson Sarsfield. UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

Committee Reports

Administration & Finance (Councilman Catena) – Reported the year to date budget amounts. Councilman Catena commented on the county court ordered property reassessments. Councilman Catena stated that he has all the forms necessary to file a formal appeal. The appeal officer is looking for the sale price of comparable properties. Be prepared and good luck to everyone going through the process.

Code Enforcement (Councilwomen Covi) – No current issues.

Public Works (Councilwomen Demko) – The emergency sewer repairs on Rosslyn Road and Chestnut Street are finished. Councilwomen Demko will have the spring projects for next month’s meeting.

Public Safety (Councilman Sarsfield) – Councilman Veres, Councilwomen Covi, Sgt. Kennedy and myself met and discussed Public Safety Day. Public Safety Day will be held June 16th – the time of the event will be posted on the web site and reported in next month’s meeting. The state legislation passed a No Texting while driving law. This law helps to ensure safety for the drivers and residents. Please adhere to the law. Lastly, if anyone has an American flag that needs to be disposed of you can bring your worn flags to the borough building or the American legion so the flags can be properly disposed of.

Community Development (Councilman Veres) – No report this evening.

President’s Report (President D’Loss) – The library executive director has turned in her resignation and she will be retiring. Carnegie Borough council members are concerned with the turn over of the library’s executive directors because the Andrew Carnegie Library and Musical Hall is a vital part of the community. Council President D’Loss will take the opportunity to speak with the library board president to express the councils concern that the board isn’t doing its part to keep executive directors.

Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department & EMS Report - -Chief Kandrac is not present.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kobistek reported that there were 15 criminal arrests, 57 traffic citations, 101 parking tickets were issued and 894 self-initiating activity and total complaints. Incidents at Carnegie Towers are back to normal range. Mayor Kobistek has received several complaints about the carts being removed from Bottom Dollar. The Mayor has also received many complaints regarding feral cats – DPW will set traps to help mitigate the problem. Quick update on Campbell's Run Creek project - the project manager from Army Corps of Engineer stated the bids are in and the money is secure. Once the project is started they have 180 days to complete the project. FEMA has dedicated the week of March 12th as the national flood awareness week. FEMA has set up a web site for everyone to view. Mayor Kobistek thanked Councilman Catena for all the information he gave regarding the court ordered property assessment. The Mayor has received many calls from senior residents concerning this issue and he has given out over 300 property assessment tip sheets. Mayor Kobistek stated there will be an informative meeting set up at Chartiers Senior Center where an attorney will answer questions regarding the appeals process. Please keep in mind the deadline for filing an appeal is April 2nd. The Carnegie Elk's had a national foundation gratitude grant dinner where they presented \$500 each to the Andrew Carnegie Library, Historical Society, CVFRB and the Carnegie Boys and Girls Club. Keep in mind the Elk's Club are accepting new members. The Boys and Girls 4th Annual Comedy Night Fund Raiser on March 16th, 7:00 p.m. at the Double Tree Hotel, Greentree is almost sold out however you may still purchase tickets at the door. We have a new restaurant in Carnegie, Café Delhi on Mary Street. On March 25th, Saint Peter and Paul Ukrainian Church will host an Ukrainian Pysanky Egg workshop and they will also host an Ukrainian Pysanky Egg sale on April 1st. this is a wonderful event – all are welcome to attend. Lastly, the Mayor thanked Diane Klinefelter for all of her hard work and wished her the best.

General Public Comment

Diane Klinefelter – Executive Director – Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall
Diane reported the Civil War Event will be held on April 28th. Diane also thanked everyone for the wonderful six years she has worked for the library and stated that it was her honor to serve the residents of Carnegie.

Henderson – Commented on the Arts and Heritage Festival.

Phil Boyd – asked the status of a house on Center Ave and inquired about the CVFRB

Todd Scott – member of CVFRB – provided the February numbers – the Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department responded to 55 emergency calls and 484 EMS calls.

Council Good and Welfare

Councilperson Veres - no report for good and welfare.

Councilperson Demko - no report for good and welfare.

Councilperson Sarsfield - wishes everyone a Happy Saint Patrick's Day.

Councilperson Catena - no report for good and welfare.

Council President D'Loss – no report for good and welfare.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Council President D'Loss asked for a motion to adjourn

MOTION to adjourn by Councilperson Demko. Second by Council person Sarsfield.