

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
BOROUGH OF CARNEGIE  
APRIL 12, 2010

President Sarsfield opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

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**Roll Call**

PRESENT: Councilwomen Demko, Covi, Councilmen Sarsfield, Catena, Veres, Mayor Kobistek, Chief Harbin, Manager Brady and Solicitor Tucceri.

ABSENT: Councilman D'Loss

Mayor Kobistek announced names of individuals who were leaders for the Cub Scout Pack #831 who provided leadership in the Community and Ms. Covi gave awards and certificates of appreciation for outstanding services in the Community to each of them. The Mayor thanked them all very much for what they do in our Borough.

Mayor Kobistek also honored the Boy Scout Troop #831. President of Council Sarfield handed out the awards to the Boy Scouts and thanked them for all they do.

No Public Comment.

**ADMINISTRATION**

MOTION by Mr. Catena to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 8, 2010. SECOND by Ms. Covi. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Mr. Catena to approve the bill list for April, 2010. SECOND by Ms. Demko. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Mr. Catena to advertise Ordinance Number 2338, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie authorizing the participation in a Deferred Retirement Option Plan for the Chief of Police, Jeffrey C. Harbin. SECOND by Ms. Covi. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Mr. Catena to resolve Ellen Hultz's ? and accept her resignation January 5, 2010. SECOND by Ms. Covi. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Mr. Catena to advertise Ordinance amending Mechanical Devices. SECOND by Ms. Covi. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

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MOTION by Ms. Demko to appoint Keith Hatcher as Acting Supervisor at a pay rate not the exceed \$24.04 per hour effective April 12, 2010. SECOND by Ms. Covi. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

MOTION by Ms. Covi to approve Ordinance Number 2337, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie allowing handicapped parking spaces to be approved by Resolution. SECOND by Ms. Catena. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Ms. Covi to approve Resolution Number 2010-02, a Resolution of the Borough of Carnegie designating handicapped spaces at 311 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue; 110 Dunbar Street; 523 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue; 9 Watson Street; and 514 Justus Street. SECOND by Mr. Catena. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Ms. Covi to approve the closure of East and West Main Streets between Cabbage and Jane Street on Saturday, April 24, 2010 between 7:30 AM and 10:30 PM. SECOND by Mr. Catena. MOTION CARRIED.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

MOTION by Mr. Veres to approve Resolution Number 2010-01, a Resolution of the Borough of Carnegie applying to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the implementation of Phase I redevelopment of Carnegie Park. SECOND by Ms. Demko. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Mr. Veres to ratify the use of the Carnegie Park field April (all days), May and June on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:00 PM to 10:30 PM Monday through Friday and 9:00 AM through 10:30 PM Saturdays and Sundays to the Carnegie Youth Athletic Association at no charge. SECOND by Ms. Demko. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Mr. Veres to ratify the use of Chioda fields from April 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup> Monday through Sunday from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM Monday through Friday and 9:00 AM through 10:30 pm Saturday and Sunday to the Carnegie Youth Athletic Association at no charge. SECOND by Ms. Covi. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Mr. Veres to ratify the use of Carnegie Park and Pavillions 9:00 AM through 10:30 PM on June 11, 12 and 13<sup>th</sup> to the Carnegie Youth Athletic Association at no charge. SECOND by Ms. Covi. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Mr. Veres to ratify the use of Seventh Avenue Field from April 10 to August 31, 2010 each Sunday from 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM to the Carnegie Sunday Softball

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League at \$600.00 per season. SECOND by Ms. Covi. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Mr. Veres to ratify the use of the basketball courts located at Seventh Avenue field from May 29, 2010 through Saturday August 28, 2010 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Saturday and Sunday to the Saint Valentine Basketball League at no charge. SECOND by Mr. Catena. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Mr. Veres to approve the use of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Field September through October 2010 on Saturdays for 9:00 am to 2:00 pm to the Boys and Girls Club at no charge. SECOND by Ms. Demko. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Ms. Veres to approve the use of Chiodo Field September through October 2010 Tuesday through Thursday from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm to the Boys and Girls Club at no charge. SECOND by Ms. Covi. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to approve the use of 7th Avenue Field Mondays beginning April 12, 2010 to August 2010 to the Carnegie Eagle's Club Men Softball League for \$175.00. SECOND by Mr. Catena. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Mr. Veres to issue a RFP for professional services to an update to the Comprehensive Plan for a period of sixty (60) days. SECOND by Mr. Catena. MOTION CARRIED.

**BOROUGH MANGER REPORT**

Ms. Brady said if anyone goes on the Carnegie Borough Website you can find a form to submit for municipal services whether it be a pothole that needs patched or a general administrative question or a concern you can submit form online and the Borough can send to the appropriate department get back to you in a timely fashion.

Also the groundbreaking for the Jefferson Street is scheduled for April 30, 2010. and hopes to see everybody there.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

No Report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Kobistek read the Crime Report: arrests/citations - 32, traffic citations - 56 parking tickets – 179 and self initiated reports/complaints – 1,049.

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Mayor Kobistek said if anyone has an abandoned vehicle in their neighborhood to contact the Police Department. Also the Borough has an Ordinance and regulations regarding walking your dogs or whatever you are walking to keep on leashes since we have had many issues on this in the Borough.

He also mentioned that Officer Gump and Sergeant Kennedy arrested an individual with \$10,000.00 in cash and \$10,000.00 crack cocaine. Also there was a lockdown at Carlynton due to two suspects involved in a shooting incident in Scott Township and those suspects were identified by the Scott Township police they then informed Carnegie Police and continued the search as well as surrounding Police Departments.

Mayor Kobistek said that activity has been decreased at Carnegie Towers when they compared the March 2009 versus the March 2010 crime data. He also mentioned that there was a total of 13 DCR Reported in March 2010. There were 2 DCR's issued in the 300 block of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, multiple DCR's in the 400 block of Diamond Way and 2 more DCR's issued in another structure in the 400 block of Diamond Way, 4 DCR's on Capitol Drive, 1 DCR issued in the 400 block of Diamond Way, and 1 DCR issued in the 100 block of Dickman Street, and 2 DCR's issued in the 10 block of Federal Avenue. He stated that the Council, Police Department and himself will aggressively pursue keeping our neighborhoods safe without disruption.

The Mayor also mentioned the Good and Welfare on April 21, 2010 at the Dare Graduation at 7:00 pm at Carnegie Elementary. Also he attended the Lincoln Corporate starring David Conrad of the Ghost Whisperer provided an unbelievable speech and great program about the Lincoln's Quotes. He said the speech about Carnegie and Libraries in general and was very moving and worth the money. The Carnegie Library has an additional program up there called "Lincoln –A Man of His Times "and "A Man For All Times."

The Mayor also participated in "Mayor's for Meals" where Mayor's from different Borough's and cities in this County deliver meals on wheels. This was through St. John's Lutheran Church. He said he wished he could do this all the time because it was more rewarding to him then the individuals he delivered to. He said if anyone has the time or opportunity to volunteer once a month at St. John's Lutheran Church to deliver these meals it is very rewarding.

Lastly, he attended a meeting regarding the closing of the elementary schools in the district and he stated that there were more Crafton residents there and that Carnegie was extremely underrepresented there. He said that it was extremely important that more people represent Carnegie and you don't have to be a parent to attend these meetings but as tax payers it does concern everyone. The school is now talking about either about renovation or building a better school for our children and also an increase in taxes. He

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urges everyone in this district to attend the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Carlynton High School Auditorium.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Speaker #1 – spoke of people throwing cigarette butts on the sidewalks and streets in the business district and what a mess it makes our town look. Mayor Kobistek agreed with him and said that businesses should put ashtrays or receptacles in front of their businesses so nobody throws things in the streets or on the sidewalks.

Leo Adamo wanted to know if the Engineer who designed the sidewalk was the same one who designed the bridge in the road. He also wanted to know who has to pay for this work. Also he wanted to know who planted the trees in the parking lot. He said all this waste of money for what. He said you can't even shop from Cabbage Hill for years. He said the politicians have money for everything else but us.

Leigh White gave an update on Clean-Up date this Saturday, April 17, 2010 between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm. and can certainly use volunteers to meet in the parking lot adjacent to the Fire Department. She said people can feel free to bring down any debris and tree trimmings from the snow storm and any furniture. She said they will provide drinks and snacks at the end of the clean-up. She also stated that they will pick up tires ranging from \$2.00-\$4.00 for automobile tires up to \$20.00 for tractor trailer tires and non-rim farm tractor tires.

**GOOD AND WELFARE**

Ms. Demko reminded everybody that the Relay for Life this year at Carlynton is on Saturday, May 22, 2010 and there is so much to see there and things for kids to do and you can walk the track and there is also food. Also they are collecting quarters for the event.

Mr. Veres said that they are working on Property Assessment Appeals for both commercial and residential properties. The hearings will start in May at the City County Building in Pittsburgh. He said Council is also working with Jordan Tax Services on Delinquent Real Estate Taxes both residential and commercial properties and there are approximately 300,000 in delinquent real estate taxes according to the current delinquent account list supplied by Jordan Tax Service.

Ms. Covi told everyone to not forget about the Race on Saturday, April 24, 2010 and also before the race this Saturday, April 17, 2010 the Chief is going to be a guest waiter at Baby Face's between the hours of 7:00 am and 11:00 am and all tips will go the Carnegie Fire Department. She said to please join these events and support the Chief and the Fire Department.

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Mr. Catena told everybody that this time of year there are more crimes being committed so he reminded people to never be afraid to contact the Police if they see any suspicious activity since you don't know what it may be and you might be preventing something dangerous from happening. He also mentioned that the Carnegie Fire Department along with the Bridgeville Fire Department is having their annual "Cash Bash" on Saturday, May 1, 2010 between the hours of 6:00 pm and 11:00 pm and if anybody is interested they can purchase tickets at either Fire Department at the cost of \$25.00 per ticket.

Lee – Junior Council Member said that there is a St. John & Martin's Closet going on at St. Peter & Paul's Ukrainian Orthodox Church where men ,women and children can pick up clothing on April 18, 2010 and every third Sunday of every month between 1:00 PM AND 3:30 PM. For more information call 412-279-9748. Also, there is a concert series at the Third Street Gallery which starts on April 18, 2010 and a fund raiser for Mr. Cefalo.

Mr. Sarsfield emphasized again about the Community Clean-Up this weekend along with the Chief waiting on tables at Baby Face's. Also, our Manager mentioned the groundbreaking ceremony on April 30, 2010 for the Jefferson Street Project. He stated it has been a long time for that and it will be great for our town. It will be good for our businesses and cars can go straight through our business district. Also, he said that they are looking for volunteers for the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July celebration at Carnegie Park and if any Boys or Girls Scouts or anybody who is willing to help would be appreciated for this event to happen. He mentioned he stated that as he was walking through Carnegie he had a conversation with a man who was talking about the overhaul view of Carnegie and said what really stood out was our bridge and how it doesn't do our business district justice. He stated that they are looking into it and to put out to the Community if they have any ideas on how to beautify the bridge. He stated that Council is moving step-by-step and making progress in the Community. Mr. Sarsfield said he is thankful to be working with each of the Council members on all the projects that are going on in the Community.

Mr. Sarsfield MOTIONED and Mr. Veres SECONDED to adjourn meeting.









