

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOROUGH OF CARNEGIE
August 9, 2010

President Sarsfield opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

PRESENT: Councilwomen Demko, Covi, Councilmen Sarsfield, Catena, D'Loss, Veres, Mayor Kobistek, Chief Harbin, Manager Brady and Solicitor Lucas.

Leigh White addressed the people of the meeting and provided information about the upcoming Arts and Heritage Festival, September 9th through September 11th 2010. Leigh White mentioned the need for volunteers and expressed her gratitude to everyone who has volunteered and/or attended the festival in the past.

There were no public comments on any motions on the agenda.

ADMINISTRATION

MOTION by Mr. Catena to approve the minutes of the meeting with amendments for the meeting of July 14, 2010. SECOND by Ms. Covi. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Mr. Catena to approve the August 2010 bill list with amendments. Second by Ms. Covi. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Mr. Catena to approve an employment offer to Patricia Reaghard at a pay rate not to exceed \$17.29 per hour which is subject to the terms and conditions of the United Steel Workers Collective Bargaining Agreement. Second by Ms.Covi. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Mr. Catena to bid the cleaning contract for a period of thirty (30) days. SECOND by Ms. Demko. MOTION CARRIED.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

MOTION by Carol Covi to approve with conditions the application for final approval for the Prestley Heights subdivision and land development plan. SECOND by Ms. Demko. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Carol Covi to enter into a development agreement with Prestley Heights LP for Phase 1 of the Prestley Heights PRD. SECOND by Mr. Veres. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Carol Covi to release the fire escrow at 644 Library Avenue in the amount of \$21,003.00 (twenty-one thousand, three dollars). SECOND by Mr. Veres. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Carol Covi to amend Section 706.2 of the Borough Ordinance 1052 to allow the sale of alcohol between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. with the exception of during the Carnegie Arts and Heritage Festival. SECOND by Mr. Veres. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC SAFETY

MOTION by Mr. Veres to authorize the temporary closure of East Main Street from Washington Avenue to Elk Avenue from Wednesday, September 8th through Saturday, September 11, 2010 to accommodate the Carnegie Arts and Heritage Festival. SECOND by Ms. Demko. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MOTION by Mr. D'Loss to approve the contract with W&J for CD year 36 Demolitions administered through the Char-West COG in an amount not to exceed \$16,300.00 (sixteen thousand, three hundred dollars). SECOND by Mr. Veres. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Mr. D'Loss to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$6,259.05 (six thousand, two hundred fifty nine dollars and five cents) to Traffic Systems and Services for the Jefferson Street Traffic Reconfiguration Project. SECOND by Ms. Covi. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Mr. D'Loss to approve pay Application #1 from Traffic Systems and Services in the amount of \$33,055.41 (thirty-three thousand, fifty-five dollars and forty one cents) for the Jefferson Street Traffic Reconfiguration Project. SECOND by Ms. Covi. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Mr. D'Loss to appoint Marlene Smith Pendelton to the Chartiers Valley Commercial and Industrial Development Authority for a period of two (2) years expiring December 31, 2012. SECOND by Ms. Demko. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Carnegie Borough is hosting a Walk Challenge in Partnership with Care Free Fridays. The walk is a free walk challenge to anybody who is interested, residents can sign-up on-line at walk-challenge.org/carnegie or in person at the Municipal Building. Participants will receive a free T-Shirt and a pedometer. There will be prizes for those who participate.

Carnegie borough to host a Car Free Friday Alternative Transit Initiative on August 20, 2010 at the Carnegie West Bus Way. Breakfast to be served, bike rides and bike rentals are available in the evening and discounts for local businesses that participate. Information and sign-up can be found on-line at carnegieborough.com.

The Ribbon Cutting for the Jefferson Street Traffic Reconfiguration Project will be held on August 9th 2010.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported the July Police activity included: 52 (fifty-two) criminal arrests, 51 (fifty-one) traffic citations, 101 (one hundred-one) parking tickets, and 973 (nine hundred seventy-three) complaints and self initiated activity by the Carnegie Borough Police Department.

The Mayor reported the police department continues to follow up on the destructive conduct reports. There were (7) destructive conduct reports in July: (3) on Cubbage Hill, (3) on Capital Drive, and (1) on Lexington Court. An eviction occurred at the end of June 2010 from a previous report that included the (3) three strike rule.

Carnegie Towers had a 9 (nine) percent increase in criminal activity compared to the same time period last year. The increase is due to incidents of disorderly conduct. The police department continues to work very hard in the Carnegie Towers area.

Allegheny County Health Department will be distributing rabie bait packages throughout the borough beginning on August 23rd 2010. This bait is safe for both humans and pets and additional information can be found on the Allegheny County web site.

The Mayor reported an incident of an individual 'dumping' in the creek. The Mayor reminded everyone that 'dumping' in the creek is prohibited and should be reported to the police department or the borough manager.

Another Relief Meeting is scheduled

The Mayor reported In the future there will be work on Washington Avenue

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carol McQuire, 108 Scenic Hill Drive, member of the Home Owners Association and Tom, 236 Scenic Hill Drive presented council with a Proposal for the Reconfiguration of Parking Places. Tom has requested the reversal of the “No Parking” areas. The Council President, Mr. Sarsfield, requested Tom meet with Chief Harbin and submit the Home Owners Association formal vote in writing and address it to Chief Harbin.

Jeff Ilconich, 191 Mountain Drive, voiced his concern over the double booking of a Carnegie Park shelter for the date of September 18th 2010. The Council President, Mr. Sarsfield assured Mr. Ilconich that the situation would be resolved as quickly as possible.

Melanie LaSota, 311 Ross Street voiced her concern over the garbage for the apartments on Washington Avenue. The garbage is over flowing into the alley way along Honus Wagner Football Field. Mr. Sarsfield informed Ms. LaSota that the issue will be discussed with the solicitor and council members. Mr. Sarsfield

GOOD AND WELFARE

Mr. Catena informed the public that a Campbells Run Watershed - Steering Committee was formed with Robinson Township and Collier Township. The Lexington Court creek flooding is a regional issue and must be handled at a regional level. There was a meeting the week of July 5th 2010 and was attended by Mayor Kobistek, Ms. Brady, Mr. Catena, and the Borough Managers from Robinson Township and Collier Township and the engineers. The discussion centered on critical points, easement access, programs through Army Corps of Engineers – section 205 and section 214, and a multi-municipality approach. Mr. Catena stated the Steering Committee is working diligently to create a plan to minimize the creek flooding issues.

Ms. Covi stated the Carnegie Arts and Heritage Festival is September 9th through September 11th 2010.

Mr. Veres stated there are on-going consolidation meetings for the fire department with Crafton, Ingram and Carnegie.

Mr. D’Loss reported that the activity at Andrew Carnegie Library has increased rather dramatically in the last year.

The Civil War Room is becoming a national attraction. Mr. D’Loss met people from Texas, New York, and Virginia while he was in the Civil War Room . The Civil War Post is getting publicity in the Civil War Museum magazine. Mr. D’Loss encouraged everyone to visit the Civil War Room.

Mr. D’Loss said that Mr. Sarsfield wants to start a Mailing List for the military members of our community. The committee members: Mr. Sarsfield, Mr. D’Loss, and Ms. Covi and they want to defer the cost of postage and/or care packages for the military members of our community.

Mr. Sarsfield informed the public of the process that needs to be followed to speak at the public meetings and/or attend the workshops.

Mr. Sarsfield asked for a motion to adjourn.

Ms. Covi MOTIONED and Ms. Demko SECOND to adjourn the meeting.