

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOROUGH OF CARNEGIE
MARCH 8, 2010

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Roll Call

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

ADMINISTRATION

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

MOTION by Mr. Catena to ratify the advertisement Ordinance 2336 an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie authorizing a cable franchise agreement between the Borough of Carnegie and Comcast of California, Pennsylvania, Utah, Washington Incorporated. SECOND by Ms. Covi. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Mr. Catena to approve Ordinance Number 2336 an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie authorizing the Cable Franchise Agreement between the Borough of Carnegie and Comcast of California/Pennsylvania/Utah/Washington, Incorporated. SECOND by Ms. Covi. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Chief Harbin thanked Council for allowing him to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan which gives him an opportunity for Council and him to take the speculation out of when he is going to retire.

MOTION by Mr. Catena to approve a one time bonus in the amount of \$2,000.00 to the Borough Manager, Whitney M. Brady. SECOND by Ms. Demko. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

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Mr. Catena commented that this is a one time performance bonus only. He indicated that it wasn't a merit or a raise.

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION by Ms. Demko to authorize Ordinance Number 2335, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie reducing the delinquent sewage fee from 10% per month to 1.5% per month effective April 1, 2010. SECOND by Mr. D'Loss. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Ms. Demko to approve the bid from A. Folino Construction for the 2010 Pavement Maintenance Program in the amount not to exceed \$202,849.37. SECOND by Ms. Covi. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Ms. Demko to appoint Michael Sarsfield as primary and Patrick Catena as alternate to the Chartiers Valley Flood Authority. SECOND by Mr. D'Loss. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Ms. Demko to appoint Jordan Tax Service as the Delinquent Sewage Collector for the Borough of Carnegie effective April 1, 2010. SECOND by Ms. Covi. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Ms. Demko to approve the purchase of a 2010 Ford F550 Dump truck from Woltz & Wind Ford in the amount of \$63,500.00. SECOND by Ms. Covi. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC SAFETY

MOTION by Ms. Covi to ratify approval to John Rice Films on Borough property near the intersection of 3rd Street and 3rd Avenue on March 4, 2010 between the hours of 9:00 am and 11:30 am. SECOND by Mr. D'Loss.

MOTION by Ms. Covi to advertise Ordinance 2337, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie allowing handicapped parking spots to be added by Resolution. SECOND by Ms. Demko. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Ms. Covi to appoint Michael Patteron in Civil Service Committee for a four year term to expire 12/31/14. SECOND by Mr. D'Loss. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MOTION by Mr. D'Loss to appoint Jamey Stewart and Phillip C. Boyd to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term of four (4) years to expire December 31, 2014. SECOND by Ms. Covi. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Mr. D'Loss to appoint Whitney M. Brady as the Planning Commission Secretary for a term of four (4) years. SECOND by Ms. Demko. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS . MOTION CARRIED.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Brady just commented on the delinquent sewage collections motion made and if anyone had any questions to please contact the Borough Administration Office. The Office will still be accepting payments for sewage but in the future all delinquent sewage payments and collections will originate through Jordan Tax Services Office.

Ms. Brady also stated that on March 24, 2010 at 5:30 pm the Borough will be hosting a West Busway Transit Oriented Development Meeting. This will be a planning meeting with the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development and the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission to talk about development around the busway. For further information visit the Borough website.

Lastly Ms. Brady said good news on Allegheny County Economic Development through the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County has awarded the Tri-Community Streetscape a \$250,000.00 Grant for sidewalk reconstruction for the Third Street Project and Council is looking forward to a groundbreaking at the end of the year.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Tucceri commented that his office has received complaints and equity that his office has filed seeking to get Orders of Court to demolish certain properties that have been determined to be hazardous. Mr. Tucceri advised Council whenever they have a property in a state of disrepair that it is not able to be rehabilitated we can't file an action with the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County for the purposes of bringing in those individuals who own the property to make a determination whether they are going to attempt to rehabilitate the property or whether they are going to consent or demolish the property themselves. He said there are two properties which there is a consent from the respective owner and this is a housekeeping item to make certain that they have their consents and the only way to secure an effective consent is to have pending litigation. He stated that Carnegie is not acquiring these properties by eminent domain all they are attempting to do is to make those properties available for purposes of demolition which

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have been consented to so they can utilize the community block grant development dollars attributable to demolitions.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kobistek said many people and Council are concerned with the possibility of flooding in our area and he and the Chief of Police have met several times on this matter and read a statement that the Mayor, Chief of Police and Fire Chief put together which is also available on the website. The Mayor indicated if anyone has any questions concerning this to please call him and someone will get back to them since this matter is taken very seriously.

Mayor Kobistek read the Crime Report: arrests/citations - 38, traffic citations - 54, parking tickets – 104 and self initiated reports/complaints - 952.

He also gave an update on Carnegie Towers. The monitoring of the crime statistics over this years period versus last years period. As of February 2009 there were 114 incident calls to the Police Department and in February 2010 has dropped to 67. On the disruptive conduct reports they were on the 500 block of Chestnut Street with two offenses, 100 block of Mountain Drive there was one offense, 400 block of Diamond Way there were multiple offenses, 800 block of Capitol Drive there was one offense, 300 block of Third Avenue there was one offense and the 200 block of Marshall Avenue there were two offenses. He said they will continue to monitor the situation there and thanked the Police for arresting and pursuing these disruptive facilities.

The Mayor said that the Police Department has a lot to do with Community Relations and the example being that Jazzercise is offering a crime prevention self defense class and he wanted to thank Detective Oros for solving two crimes; the first being the Police impersonator in which he proved his excellent skills and was arrested and one in Pennsbury, the snatch and grab thieves and said he reacted quickly and solved that crime also with an arrest. Mayor Kobistek wanted to give a special thanks to Chief Harbin for putting a lot of work into the Emergency Management and the Mayor feels well prepared and also thanked the Chief along with the Borough Manager and Acting-Supervisor of Public Works for their work on the Emergency Services Public Assistance Reporting which allows the Borough to get reimbursement for some or all of the monies used during the snow storm. The total requested for reimbursement is \$53,779.50

Under Good and Welfare the Mayor stated that last week was Read Across America Week at Carnegie Elementary and he was fortunate to participate and read to the fifth graders. Also Chief Harbin and Officer Quattro and Dax were also there. The Mayor also mentioned the Pysanki Workshop at Sts. Peter & Pauls Orthodox Church which is a

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workshop on egg decorating at the cost of \$20.00 and a week later they will be having an egg sale which he attended last year and it was like a mini festival.

The Mayor said he was a Docent at the Carnegie Library in the Civil War Exhibit last Saturday and many people went through including six people from Johnstown. This shows how many people this attracts all over the State. He also wanted to remind everyone that a Carlynton Graduate and Carnegie resident, Mike Walter still has his exhibit at the Barco Law Library at the University of Pittsburgh until the middle of May.

Lastly, Denny Donnelly formerly of Carnegie will be the Grand Marshall at the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Pittsburgh. He also was named the Allegheny County Ancient Order of Hibernians Man of the Year. He is currently the Order's State President. He said he still considers Denny as a Carnegie resident.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Speaker 1 – Comments could not be picked up on tape recorder.

Tony Perri, Contractor regarding his property at 409 Arch Street. He said he has nothing but problems since he bought the place. There was no sidewalk there when he bought the place so he backfilled over the sidewalk and then received a citation from Mr. Roma. He also stated that he doesn't think he should have got a violation notice for not shoveling the sidewalk during the snowstorm. The Solicitor told him that since the matter is going to the Magistrate that council cannot discuss the matter with him but if he wanted to inquire about the property to make a request to the Borough then the Council and Mr. Roma will get back to him but not before the 31st of March which Mr. Perri requested.

Speaker 3 – Comments could not be picked up on tape recorder.

Jack Picard of Washington Ave – commented that the 500 block of Washington Avenue sidewalks he wanted to know who is responsible for the maintenance of the sidewalks and alleyways since they are in bad shape. He was upset that Mr. Roma has not got back to him on this problem. Mr. Sarsfield said he will give information to Mr. Roma to follow up on and will get back to him on his concerns. Mayor Kobistek offered to meet him for coffee and discuss his concerns further.

Melissa Kraft from 2nd Avenue stated that she use to come to Council meetings but felt they were a waste of time since everybody just sat there and bickered and just sat there but feels now that Carnegie is moving in a good direction and feels more uplifted when she comes to a meeting. She also wanted to thank the Chief and to all the Officers for doing an excellent job.

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COUNCIL GOOD AND WELFARE

Ms. Demko said that Carlynton Elementary is having a Science Showcase of Learning on Wednesday, March 24th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the Carnegie Elementary Gymnasium and Cafeteria. Also she stated that the Carlynton High School is putting on "The Wedding Singer" on March 18-21, 2010. Lastly she congratulated Montana Trombetta, a junior at Carlynton High School who just qualified for Senior wrestling.

Mr. D'Loss said that the Library Report for February was very dramatic due to the opening of the Civil War Post. He said there were over 600 visitors the weekend of February 12th & 13th just one week after the snowstorm. He said it is open every Saturday from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. He said there are docents there who can explain everything in that room to you. He also mentioned there are shuttle vans that are available during events that will take people from the old Post Office parking lot to the Library. Also he said the program that was on WQED on the Civil War Room will be rebroadcast again on March 18, 2010 and the Lincoln Portraits Exhibits will continue on until March 27, 2010 and on April 11, 2010 there will be a special program called Lincoln Portraits which will be conducted by the Duquesne University Wind Symphony with narration by an actor from Pittsburgh names David Conrad.

Ms. Covi said she had a short report on our Fire Department and the DNN. In January and February our Fire Department had 67 fire calls and the DNN had taken 311 calls. Ms. Covi said she had a meeting with the Fire Department and is very excited about the fund raisers coming up and will keep the public informed of the dates. Also she stated the subscription drive is coming up shortly for the Fire Department.

Ms. Covi also mentioned the 5K Race on April 24, 2010 for the Fire Department which she believes will be bigger and better than ever. You can pick up an application at the Municipal Building or go on the Borough Website and print out a copy to sign up. Ms. Covi encourages everyone to participate in this event. She also wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day and a Happy Easter.

Mr. Veres did not have any comments but asked Leigh White to talk about the Carnegie Community Development Corporation is signing a Contract on a new project and the new deli called the East Main Deli on East Main Street which will be a great addition to the community. Also she said that the Facade Program is up and running and applications are available for any businesses located in the commercial district at a \$10,000.00 matching Grant Program for any commercial business. The applications are also available on their website. Also on April 17, 2010 there is a Community Wide Clean-Up Day.

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Mr. Veres said he has been working with Leigh since January and said she is doing a really good job and pays attention to what she is doing and believes the things being worked on will come through for us.

Mr. Catena wanted to remind everyone that the weekend before the race, the Chief will be a guest waiter at Baby Face's and all of the proceeds will go the Volunteer Fire and Rescue Bureau and would like everyone to come to this event and support the Chief. He also mentioned that last year the Subscription Drive at the Fire Department had only a 3 percent return which is not good. He said they are shooting for a 50 percent return this year. Hopefully by publicizing it more people will support it. Mr. Catena said that this Sunday, March 14, 2010 there will be a Library hill Clean-Up and if anyone is interested to contact Mr. Catena for more information. Mr. Catena said that the Census will be coming out shortly and encourages everybody to fill these forms out so that everybody can be accounted for and the Borough can be funded.

Junior Council Member ? said he is glad the snow is gone.

Mr. Sarsfield reported on Pucci Apartments that it has been a blight and a problem in the past for sometime but he said Council met with the new owners and when it is completed it will be nice with the Streetscape Project. It's going to be commercial apartments and a small store. Also he wished all the Irish people a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Mr. Sarsfield asked for a motion to adjourn.

Ms. Covi MOTIONED and Mr. D'Loss SECOND to adjourn the meeting.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

MOTION by Ms. Covi to approve Borough Ordinance 2334, An Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie creating a Handicapped Parking Space near 340 Academy Street. SECOND by Ms. Demko. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Ms. Covi to radify the declaration of Disaster Emergency instituted on February 6, 2010. SECOND by Ms. Demo. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Sarsfied commented the Allegheny County was the first to declare the entire town an emergency disaster area. Part of that was that if the Borough need be they could hire an outside contractor to assist the Borough with work and receive some compensation back. So it was important that Council made sure the roads were taken care of. He also said on Saturday he contacted the Mayor who did an excellent job as leader of our town and that is why it was very important that Council enact that and put it as a motion.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Brady congratulated the Public Works Department for all their effort over the weekend. Also she stated that Council is passing to advertise to reduce the sewage fees and this is the second step that the Council has taken to accommodate the residents of Carnegie to pay their sewage bills and reducing the late fees that are assessed on the delinquent sewage charges. Ms. Brady just wanted to update everybody knowing that the money is coming in and have collected over \$200,000.00 in the delinquent sewage so in the next six weeks the remainder will be paid to the Borough.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No comment.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kobistek talked about the emergency declaration on February 6th and that we had over 21 inches of snow fall in our Borough and was one of the higher amounts in Allegheny County. The Borough established warming centers at the Borough Building and the Fire Department that day and thanked the Chief for all of his help and Councilman Sarsfield and all of Council for the team effort during the storm. He wanted to give a special thanks to Assistant Fire Chief Scott since they worked around the clock to help the residents out. He also thanked Public Works Department for staying on top of the issue and staying in contact with everyone.

Mayor Kobistek said there were 32 criminal arrest/citations, 95 traffic violations, 96 parking tickets issues and 970 complaints and self initiated controls. Mayor Kobistek wanted to bring up the issue of dogs and that people are not taking care of or securing their dogs. The Mayor said we need Ordinances established in this Borough where people need to get licenses for their dogs and don't leave your dogs out in this cold weather. Also he said to take extra care of your dogs if they are vicious so that they are out of the Public and also don't forget that we have an Ordinance for residents to pickup after their dogs.

Mayor Kobistek said on the Disruptive Conduct Reports that the Borough had something successful to report and that was the third stike that was implemented by our Police Department and by Terry Roma our Code Enforcement Officer and the disruptive person was evicted from his apartment in our Borough and was very satisfactory to our residents.

Mayor Kobistek reported other DCR's in the Borough. One first offense on Fifth Avenue, One First Offense on Dickman Street and a Second Offense on Chestnut Street And a Second Offense on Mountain Drive. He stated that he has the full addresses for anyone that wants them. He said that these reports are to protect the neighborhoods and if anyone notices any disruptive behavior from tenants or anybody in the Borough to please report it and the Police will respond immediately.

The Mayor also mentioned that the Chief, Ms. Brady and himself has met with the owners of Carnegie Towers and he showed them the security cameras throughout the facility monitoring the towers stairways and front door. The owners also increased their efforts on background checks and to show how effective this has been in the month of January this year we have only had 80 complaints at the facility and last year there were 175 complaints. The Mayor wanted to give a special thanks to the Chief and Vice President Catena who has made this a special effort on his part and President Sarsfield who has done a great job in working with the Chief and the District Attorney on this.

Mayor Kobistek also has spoken to resident regarding the Carnegie Towers and has noticed the difference themselves.

Mayor Kobistek wanted to talk about our Officer Dax, our patrol Dog. He has been doing a great job. He and Officer Quattro have been helping out with a drug sweep down at the County Jail with other Police dogs and other Officers around the area and have been out visiting Senior Citizens Centers and Schools and out on patrol every once in a while. He stated that Officer Dax and Officer Quattro have been a great addition to the Department. He said the Chief and himself have been taking advantage of looking into technology on residential crime reporting to make sure we can provide the best access to the residence.

Mayor Kobistek said also Council and himself had attended a workshop meeting on the Comprehensive Plan and was a very good workshop and Council is moving in the right direction and he is proud to work with them. Also, the Façade program is underway and is expanded this year and if anyone is interested they can get an application on the CCDC

website. Lastly the Mayor mentioned some of the events going on in the area. One being that the Library is opening up their Thomas Espy, the Great Army of the Republic Room this weekend and he will have Maggie Forbes talk about it. It will also be featured on On Q Tuesday evening. Also the Third Street Gallery is having a Mardi Gras weekend and will be featuring Mardi Gras exhibits. Also a former Carlynton student and Pitt graduate Michael Walter will be featuring his art work at the Barco Mall Library from February 12th through May 28th with opening reception on February 12th between 5-8 pm. Also on February 15th at Carlynton High School is "Tied to the Arts" artwork by Carlynton students in the gym and is free to the public.

Mayor Kobistek reminded everyone about the 5K Walk/Run Race in April and anyone interested in running can get an application on the Carnegie Borough WebSite. Also, there will be no school for the Carlynton students due to the weather.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Maggie Forbes, Executive Director of the Andrew Carnegie Free Library stated that we have a National Treasure in the Civil War Room at the Library. She also added that since they started to restore the building it has been documented that it is the most intact Post in the country. The room has been locked up and neglected for 50 years and it is opening on the 201st birthday of Abraham Lincoln on February 12th. She commented on the spectacular coverage of the Room in the Signal Item, Pittsburgh Post Gazette, Tribune Review and the Washington Observer and on TV tomorrow night. She is inviting everyone to come to the Library's \$50.00 reception on Friday evening and on Saturday it is free and open to the public.

Mr. Sarsfield commented that he appreciates all the hard work Maggie Forbes does for the Library and how far the Library has come since she has been in charge.

Ty M. from the Highlands wanted to know about parking restrictions where Scenic Hill meets Cathedral Court. Mr. Sarsfield told him he spoke with Debbie Pallin who has the same service and he, the Chief and the former Mayor met with the Condominium Board at the Highlands and suggested to them that they make a recommendation and the Council could prohibit parking wherever they like, but Council is not going to spend money on No Parking signs and then start issuing citations and then residents coming down to the Borough to say they were only parking there for ten minutes so if Council is going to do this, it is going to be enforced.

The Chief said he is familiar with the Ordinance and understands what the resident is saying but to take care of that will take an additional Ordinance. That is where they left it with the Board of Directors at the Highlands. The Chief suggests that he meet with the Condominium Board of Directors. Mr. Sarsfield said he didn't want to legislate an action for just one person and then the other residents be unhappy. Mr. M. thanked the Council for hearing him and making the recommendation.

Lisa Barber from Justus Avenue just wanted to comment on the Public Works Department for doing a great job on the roads and didn't realize how much work they do.

Ms. Covi commented that she has friends that live out of Carnegie but work in Carnegie coming from Bellvue and Southside and called her to let her know that the streets are better here then anywhere else. Ms. Covi would also like Beechwood Avenue repaved since it has a lot of potholes.

Maggie Forbes also commented that the Public Works Department has done a fabulous job with the snow removal.

Ms. Sarsfield said that Council could pursue Congressman Murphy and look at it as a tie-in with the Library for some kind of funding.

COUNCIL GOOD AND WELFARE

Mr. Veres congratulated Mayor Kobistek on the 17 e-mails he received over the weekend and he did a great job on coordinating everything on the snow removal. He wanted to compliment the Public Works Department considering the equipment they have the time allotted and they always come through for us.

Mr. Veres said Council has been working for 3 weeks on empty properties where they can put a parking lot in or have contacted the owners to find out how they can work with them to reduce some of the prices here in the Borough. He also added how the Council is working together and is a pleasure to discuss things and get things accomplished. He said it all makes it worthwhile why they ran for office.

Mr. D'Loss commented on the Espy Post and it puts Carnegie on the map nationally. He said the pictures on the Website were incredible. He said researchers are coming from all over the country to Carnegie to study the room and it's context. He congratulated Maggie Forbes.

Mr D'Loss also stated that last week at the State Democratic Committee our State Representative, Wayne Fontana he was one of the sponsors of a Resolution to endorse a House Bill called the Family Business Health Care Security Act.

