

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOROUGH OF CARNEGIE
October 11, 2010

President Sarsfield opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Councilman Catena
Councilwoman Demko
Councilman D'Loss
Mayor Kobistek
Councilman Sarsfield
Councilman Veres

ABSENT with Excuse:

Councilwoman Covi

Councilman Sarsfield:

MOTION to reorganize the Carnegie Borough of Council. Second by Councilman D'Loss. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

Floor was open for Nominations: Councilwoman Demko nominated Councilman Catena for Carnegie Borough Council President. No other nominations – Nominations closed. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Catena opened the floor for nominations for Carnegie Borough Council Vice President. Councilman D'Loss nominated Councilman Sarsfield for Vice President. No other nominations – Nominations closed. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Sarsfield thanked past and present council members and assured every resident that all council members will continue to support the community. Councilman Catena thanked Councilman Sarsfield and all of the council members for their support.

Public comments on any motions on the agenda:

Maggie Forbes, executive director, Andrew Carnegie Free Library Music Hall, thanked the council for agreeing to close Carnegie Park for the Civil War Enactment.

ADMINISTRATION and FINANCE

MOTION to approve the minutes from the meeting on September 13th, 2010.

Second by Councilwoman Demko MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to approve the October Bill List and Addendum.

Second by Councilwoman Demko Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to terminate James R. Harty from employment with Carnegie Borough effective August 12th, 2010 pursuant to the terms of his Worker's Compensation Settlement.

Second by Councilwoman Demko Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to accept the resignation of Whitney M. Brady from the position of Borough Manager effective September 29th, 2010 and authorize payment of the severance package pursuant in contract.

Second by Councilwoman D'Loss Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to appoint Jeffrey C. Harbin to the position of Interim Borough Manager effective September 29th, 2010.

Second by Councilwoman Demko Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to advertise to fill the position of Borough Manager.

Motion Tabled.

MOTION to award the cleaning contract for the Borough Building to Anago Cleaning Systems for a period of one (1) year effective November 1st, 2010.

Second by Councilwoman Demko Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to take the necessary action to re-establish the Carnegie Borough Parking Authority and to solicit applications for members of the Authority.

Second by Councilwoman Demko. MOTION CARRIED.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

MOTION to advertise for bids to demolish property located at 996 Chartiers Street. Funds used will be paid from the Fire Escrow Fund.

Second by Councilman Veres. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to return Fire Escrow Money in the amount of \$1,500.00 to the owner of 711 Charles Street. The fire damage has been repaired to the satisfaction of the Code Enforcement Officer.

Second by Councilman Veres. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION to authorize Gateway Engineers to prepare easement plans and descriptions for 9 parcels along Franklin Avenue in the amount of \$6,750.00 for the relocation and reconstruction of the sanitary sewer as part of the stream removal project.

Second by Councilman Veres. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION for Gateway Engineers to provide plans and specifications for bidding a sewer lining contract estimated at \$382,000.00 to be expended from the 2011 Sewer Fund Budget. The engineering costs associated with this task are already included in the 2010 Consent Order Budget.

Second by Councilman Veres. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC SAFETY

MOTION to adopt Ordinance Number 2341, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie prohibiting parking on the south curb of Scenic Hill Drive from a point forty (40) feet west of the intersection of Scenic Hill Drive and Cathedral Court and ending at a point ninety (90) feet west of the intersection of Scenic Hill Drive and Cathedral Court.

Second by Councilman Veres. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to permit the closure of East/West Main Street from Chartiers Street to Broadway Street on Saturday October 30th, 2010 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM to accommodate the Halloween Promenade.

Second by Councilman Veres. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to develop specifications and solicit Bids for a generator for the Borough Building.

Second by Councilwomen Demko. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MOTION to permit the Andrew Carnegie Library exclusive use of Carnegie Park on April 29th and April 30th, 2011 for Civil War re-enactment activities.

Second by Councilman Sarsfield MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT

Chief J. Harbin stated the 2011 minimum municipal obligations for both the Uniform and Non-uniform Pensions have been presented to council in compliance with Act205.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kobistek reported that there were fifty-one arrests and citations, sixty-seven traffic citations, 160 parking tickets issued, and 967 self-initiating activity and complaints handled by the Carnegie Police Department for the month of September. Mayor Kobistek reported nine disruptive crime reports and when comparing September 2009 to September 2010 there was a decrease in the number of disorderly conduct reported in Carnegie Towers.

Mayor Kobistek mentioned the community service events and activities that the Carnegie Police Department participated in during the month of September. Career lunch at Carnegie Elementary School was well received and the sixth graders were thankful that Chief Harbin, Officer Quattro and K9-Dax presented the many different aspects of a career in law enforcement. Mayor Kobistek, Officer Quattro and K9-Dax performed a demonstration for the children at Carnegie Towers and discussed drugs, respect for one another, and participation and behavior in school. Public Safety Day was a big event and the Mayor thanked all of the Officers that participated, Officer's Seaman, Reider, Quattro, Lawrence and Sergeant's Kennedy and Oros. The Mayor also thanked Councilman Veres for coordinating and participating in the event.

The Mayor thanked and acknowledged the excellent response from the Volunteer Fire Department and the Department of Public Works during the most recent storm.

The Mayor called for volunteers for the Meals on Wheels program at Saint John's Lutheran Church. For additional details, please call (412) 279-5670.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sandra Robbins, 314 Lexington Court asked about the progress of the Hazardous Mitigation grant. Councilman Catena explained that there wasn't a 100% positive return rate and participation from the 23 residents and therefore they can't proceed with the grant. Councilman Sarsfield explained that the borough will continue to look into other avenues to pursue.

Leigh White announced the Business Mixer on Wednesday, October 20th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall and invited all present and future business professionals.

Vicki Latella, 530 Harrison Street, questioned the request for the disposition of Rose Alley and asked who has the rights to Rose Alley. Ms. Latella questions the

encroachment on Rose Alley. Council stated that they could have the solicitor research this issue.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Junior Councilman reminded everyone to bring the children down to the Halloween Promenade on Saturday, October 30th at the Main Street Bridge, registration begins at noon.

Fall Flea Market, October 15th and October 16th at the Church of Atonement from 9am to 3pm.

October 21st through October 23rd, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton will hold its Fall Rummage Sale and Flea Market.

Councilman Sarsfield thanked everyone who participated in the Carnegie Safety Day event.

Councilman Catena reminded everyone to exercise their right to vote in the upcoming election.

Councilman Catena asked for a motion to adjourn. MOTIONED by Councilwoman Covi and SECOND by Councilwoman Demko to adjourn the meeting.