



CARNEGIE BOROUGH PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, November 10, 2014

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 Boyd – Present, Councilperson D’Loss – Present, Councilperson Demko – Present, Councilperson Luvara – Present, Councilperson Sarsfield – Present, Council President Catena – Present, Mayor Kobistek – Present.

VETERANS DAY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Certificate of Appreciation presented to Philip Zorn, WWII Veteran, followed by Taps.

Veterans Day Recognition | Veterans from the American Legion Post 82 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 331 were present.

Veterans Day Prayer given by Craig Doyle, Chaplain for the American Legion and VFW.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LISTED MOTIONS

Ron Ziegler with Externet approached Council with regard to Dedicated Antenna Systems (DAS) to be placed at several locations throughout the Borough.

Council President Catena requested a more detailed proposal from Mr. Ziegler before Council would be able to act on this matter.

Mr. Lucas commented that he had spoken with Mr. Ziegler in the hall prior to the Council meeting and that Mr. Ziegler stated he would be providing a detailed list of locations and information regarding this project in the near future. Mr. Lucas also stated that they would be working with Mr. Roma regarding this matter.

Mr. Burke commented on the incredible progress being made in the Borough of Carnegie. He stated he was very impressed with the business district, the fine restaurants, and the many other venues. He commented on buildings being sold, new businesses, roads and alleys being paved, etc. He stated the town was coming back to life.

Mr. Burke asked for clarification of the Automated Red Light Enforcement Grant awarded to the Borough of Carnegie. Councilperson Sarsfield and the Borough Manager offered explanation of this program. He also asked for clarification of the motion regarding the vacation of Williams Street. Mr. Burke was informed by council that was part of the Giant Eagle / Get Go parcel purchase.

Administration (Councilman Sarsfield)

MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting held on October 6th and October 15th, 2014.

Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to appoint Hanna Brandebura to the position of Junior Council.

Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

SWEARING IN: Mayor Kobistek performed the Swearing in Ceremony of both Junior Council Members, Hanna Brandebura and Sara Mannes.

MOTION to appoint Todd Scott to the position of Borough Emergency Management Coordinator at a rate of \$15.50 per hour (8 hours per month with no other benefits).

Seconded by Councilperson Boyd. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to authorize the President of Council, Borough Manager and Borough Solicitor to prepare and execute the documents necessary to obtain the 2015 Tax Anticipation Loan from PNC Bank in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 at a rate not to exceed 2% with no origination fee.

Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2014-24, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie to enter into an Automated Red Light Enforcement Program Project Funding Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

Finance (Councilman D'Loss)

MOTION to approve the November Bill List and Bill List Addendum.

Seconded by Councilperson Demko. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Works (Councilwoman Demko)

MOTION to approve Payment Estimate No. 6 (Final Payment) to Mongiovi and Sons Excavating in the amount of \$21,252.89 for work completed on the 2014 Sewer Contract No. 2014-1C (Specialty Repairs).

Seconded by Councilperson Boyd. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to approve payment to the South Hills Area Council of Governments (SHACOG) in the amount of \$27,067.02 for the Year 4 O&M CCTV Inspection and Cleaning (Completed by Sewer Specialty Services, Inc.).

Seconded by Councilperson Boyd. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to award the CDBG Yr. 40 demolition contract to Continental Construction & Demolition in the amount of \$7,200.00 (509 Anthony Street) and to AW McNabb in the amount of \$4,800.00 (508 Dawson Street).

Seconded by Councilperson Boyd. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Safety (Councilman Boyd)

MOTION to adopt Borough Ordinance No. 2403, an ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of PA, amending chapter 15, part 2, section 204, prohibiting parking on a Borough street (Cathedral Court).

Seconded by Councilperson Demko. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2014-26, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie establishing a handicapped parking space near 514 Cabbage Street.

Seconded by Councilperson Demko. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

Community Development and Code Enforcement (Councilman Luvara)

MOTION to ratify the decision of the Planning Commission recommending to Council the lot subdivisions submitted by NVR, INC. (Prestley Heights Land Development), Lot and Blocks (103-E-135 and 103-E-204).

Seconded by Councilperson Boyd. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to adopt Borough Ordinance No. 2404, an ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of PA, authorizing the vacation of a portion of William Street 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.

Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to advertise Borough Ordinance No. 2405, an ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of PA, repealing chapter 13, part 2, related to use of the Borough of Carnegie Alarm System.

Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2014-25, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie approving that the acquisition and subsequent disposition of the parcel of vacant property known as lot-and-block number 103-N-184 (655 Cabbage Street) would be in accord with the comprehensive plan of the municipality.

Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

Councilman Sarsfield offered explanation regarding the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program as it relates to this Motion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration (Councilperson Sarsfield)

Councilman Sarsfield congratulated Steve and the Administration for seeking and obtaining the A.R.L.E. grant, which will upgrade five intersections in the Borough with LED traffic signals, and also for obtaining the Duquesne Light grant for the upgrade of 25 street lights to LED. These upgrades will substantially reduce the Borough's electric costs.

Finance (Councilperson D'Loss)

Councilman D'Loss reported on the 2015 Budget: The preliminary budget report shows that the Borough will be negative \$116,000 for the coming year based on the requirement for additional capital items: one of them being a garage for a new piece of equipment that

we have purchased and the other is for two pieces of fire equipment. For 2016 the Borough would be in the negative approximately \$156,000. Looking forward two years, what this equates to is approximately .5 mills in property tax money. One-half mill is \$50.00 a year for a person who has a \$100,000 home. That is the amount of the shortfall for 2016. This coming year in 2015 the shortfall would be .3 mills, .5 mills for 2016. Council has until the end of this year to make a decision. Our next budget meeting is schedule for Monday, November 17, 2014.

Councilman D'Loss also reported that labor negotiations with all respective parties are still ongoing. The committee will be meeting with the healthcare broker to discuss and devise strategies for healthcare premiums and health saving plans in order to proceed further with labor negotiations. In the coming weeks, they will also be meeting with the Steelworkers to continue negotiations on behalf of Administration, the Teamsters on behalf of Public Works, and the Police Department which are represented by their own association.

Code Enforcement and Community Development (Councilperson Luvara)

Councilman Luvara reported over past three months he has been meeting with Terry Roma and the Borough Manager with regard zoning ordinances and code enforcement ordinances in order to streamline, update and establish new fee structures. He hopes to address two to three ordinances a month.

Public Works (Councilperson Demko)

Councilperson Demko had nothing to report this evening.

Public Safety (Councilperson Boyd)

Councilman Boyd addressed the issue of electrical inspections of rental properties. He will be meeting with Terry and Steve in the near future to discuss the Borough's position with regard to Ordinances, electrical issues, rental properties, and the enforcement thereof. Let's make things better and safer for those in rental properties and get educated on this issue.

Councilman Boyd reported that the Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department was successful in finding a buyer for their ladder truck. At first, they thought they were going to have to scrap the truck at a scrap yard for \$6,400.00. However, they were successful in finding a buyer in Nova Scotia. The buyer will make all arrangements for transport of this 28,000 pound / 14-ton truck to an island in Nova Scotia.

Councilman Boyd also reported the Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department is continuing its ongoing education. Last Monday, Wednesday and Sunday the Department joined with 22 other Fire Departments participating in some very intense and very real-life training.

President's Report (President Catena)

Council President Catena reported that the work will begin this week to correct flooding problems like that which occurred on June 28, 2014 on Washington Avenue, Charles Street and the Franklin Avenue Corridor from the flash flood Carnegie experienced on that day. The work will prevent future flooding in the areas of Franklin and Wabash Avenues.

President Catena gave an update on the issue involving the location of the new basketball court as it relates to the controversy over preserving the very large tree at the entrance to Carnegie Park. He reported he has met with our engineers, KLH, in order to find a different location in the Park that would be suitable for the new basketball court. They are considering an area closer to the dog park, stone shelter, children's playground and the bathrooms. He stated it looks as if this location will work, and that he will be meeting with KLH again to confirm the new location. This would ensure the tree remains in place and untouched. He also reported that the school will be opening their basketball courts next year for use by residents of the community.

Lastly, President Catena reported that on December 31, 2014 the Bottom Dollar grocery store located in Scott Township will be closing. The grocery store chain was purchased by Aldi's. He reported that the representatives of Aldi's have not made any decisions at this time with regard to which stores will be converted to an Aldi's. However, he reported that Carnegie in collaboration with Scott Township and Heidelberg are taking a pro-active approach and putting forth a Tri-Community effort to lobby for at Aldi's at the Scott Township location.

Manager's Report

The Borough Manager reported that the A.A.R.P. will be, again, offering free tax preparation services to our seniors beginning in February of 2015.

With regard to the Get Go project, a meeting will take place this Wednesday with Get Go staff to discuss demolition plans of the designated buildings at Chestnut, Lydia and East Main.

Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept. & EMS Report

Councilman Boyd reported for the month of October there were 27 fire calls, four of which were false alarms. Three of the false alarms were at Carnegie Towers. He also reported 257 EMS calls.

He also reported the fire department is currently working out the bugs on processing code violations, as well as transitioning for payment of fire department bills.

Junior Council Report / Remarks

Hanna Brandebura :

Bishop-Canevin will be holding its 13th Annual Holiday Craft Show on November 16, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Carnegie Performing Arts Center will be presenting The Nutcracker on December 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, and 14. The performance starts at 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are available at the door.

Sara Mannes:

In honor of Veterans Day, Carlynton High School students collected supplies for soldiers.

Breakfast with Santa for elementary school students will be held at Carlynton High School on December 13, 2014.

National Honor Society and Best Buddies Program sponsored Special Olympics Program – date to be announced.

There is an After School Tutoring Program run by students Monday through Thursday.

There will be a fall play fundraiser this Friday, November 14, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. called the Match Game. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available at the door.

The Fall Play this year is called Mid Summer Jersey and runs from December 5 through the 7.

On the December 6 they are holding a mid-afternoon Matinee for Special Needs.

Student Government Activities – we have begun “Decorate the Halls” to promote student participation and school pride.

The Carlynton Christmas Celebration on December 6, 2014 in Carnegie is in need of volunteers.

Mayor’s Report

For the Month of October 2014 -- Criminal Arrests and Citations: 31; Traffic Citations: 31; Parking Tickets: 8; Complaints and Self-Initiating Activities: 1,013.

An arrest was made by the Carnegie Police Department with regard to the graffiti incident; three adults and one juvenile have been charged.

The Borough has engaged the services of the USDA Wildlife Division and the Allegheny County Health Department to address the “sickly” raccoon problem in the Borough. Testing is being done to determine the cause of the animal’s unusual behavior. When the testing has been completed, the results and information will be provided.

Traffic Update: Full overnight closures of the Parkway are now in hiatus. They may start up again in the next phase. What we now have is single-lane closures overnight on both the inbound and outbound lanes. Police Officers are being repositioned throughout the community to keep the flow of traffic moving. The Fort Pitt Tunnels will be closed the weekend of December 5, 2014.

The Carnegie Police Department will be involved in the Toys of Tots program again this year. The deadline for drop off at our Municipal Building will be December 15, 2014.

The Carnegie Police Department participated in the Carlynton Anti-Bullying Program by participating in a volleyball tournament against the teachers. This was a fundraiser held at the elementary school that raised approximately \$500.00.

Chief Jeff Kennedy is very pro-active with the school district and its students whether he is hosting a fundraiser, taking a student to lunch or patrolling the hallways. We are very fortunate to have a Police Chief so involved with our youth.

The Halloween Promenade was a great success. Thanks to all those who participated, and thanks to those who made donations.

Carnegie Borough will be having a Christmas Celebration for the entire community on December 6, 2014. This will be a multi-tiered celebration from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. Instead of having Santa Comes to Town at the Borough Building, we will be partnering with the Library, and it will be Santa Comes to the Library, and the event will be called Carnegie Celebrates the Season. Countless events and activities are being planned. Details are still being finalized.

Light Up Night will also be on December 6, 2014 and begin with the tree lighting ceremony at 5:00 p.m. followed by a host of activities for the evening.

The PA School Performance scores are out and Carnegie Elementary jumped nine points, and they are actually the highest rated school in the district right now. They scored an 80 on the PA School Performance tests. Much of this success can be attributed to the \$400,000 grant received about three years ago that provides after school programs, such as tutoring, after school activities and meals for the children.

Carnegie received a nice article recently in the Post Gazette where Bob’s Diner was featured in a Diner article. The Tribune Review reported Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton won

an award from the American Institute of Architects for the architectural use of their building. One Thirty-One East was featured in Pittsburgh Magazine. And the Mt. Lebanon Bethel's Advocate featured an article on the Pitcher Park Memorial Skate Park.

Thank you to the Department of Public Works for their countless hours to the Haunted Trail and also the fountains installed at the Skate Park and dog park.

The Honus Wagner Portrait will be redone on the American Legion Building. We now have the artist and are in fundraising mode. This is about a \$3,000 project; hopefully, we will be able to start the project by the beginning of next week.

Saturday, November 29, 2014 is Small Business Saturday, please shop locally and support our small businesses.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Renetta Schaffer from 209 7th Avenue voiced comment on the speeding issue on 7th Avenue. Please address this issue. Councilman Sarsfield recommended that everyone contact the state legislature with regard to supporting the radar legislation of local police departments.

Jim Cairns, 120 7th Avenue voiced his opinion with regard to the dangers associated with the removal of the stop sign many years ago as it relates to children and the local school bus stop of children.

COUNCIL GOOD AND WELFARE

Councilperson Demko thanked everyone for their help with the Haunted Trail. It was another huge success. She also wanted to welcome IGH, the new boutique, which is located between Nazcars and the Ukrainian Food Store.

Councilperson D'Loss wanted to mention that today is November 10 one of the most important days on the calendar being the Marine Corps Birthday. He thanked all of his fellow service members.

Councilperson Luvara reminded us not to take so much in life for granted, and to recognize the good that we can do, especially at this time of the year. Check on someone who lives alone with a visit or a telephone call, reach out to someone in need, and make sure they are warm and safe.

Councilperson Boyd reminded everyone about the Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department's Super Bingo being held on Sunday, November 16, 2014.

Councilperson Sarsfield wanted to express thanks to his deceased father for his service in WWII, his brother-in-law who was awarded two bronze stars and two purple hearts for his

service in Vietnam. To my brother and sister-in-law for their combined 17-years of service in the United States Marine Corps, and to my stepson who is currently stationed in Kuwait on training exercises for the National Guard, and to each and every Veteran for their service. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and encouraged everyone to help their fellow man. God Bless everyone.

Council President Pat Catena did not have a report for this evening.

Our Next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, December 8, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

MEETING ADJOURNED