



CARNEGIE BOROUGH PUBLIC MEETING

November 11th, 2013

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 Covi – Present, Councilperson Demko – Present, Councilperson Sarsfield – Present, Councilperson Veres – Present, Councilperson Catena – Present, Council President D’Loss – Present, Mayor Kobistek – Present.

Veterans Day Acknowledgement – Certificate of Appreciation

Mayor Kobistek read the Presidential Proclamation from President Barack Obama. He also read proclamations of appreciation (attached) for American Legion Post 82 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 331 located in Carnegie.

Public Comment on Listed Motions

No public comments on agenda items.

Administration and Finance (Councilman Catena)

MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on October 14th, 2013.
Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to approve the November Bill List and Bill List Addendum.
Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote Councilperson Demko – Yes, Councilperson Sarsfield – Yes, Councilperson Veres - No, Councilperson Covi – Yes, Councilperson Catena – Yes, Councilperson D’Loss - Yes. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to ratify a phone vote of Council taken on November 1st, 2013, authorizing the Borough Manager to begin the advertising process to fill the vacant positions of Administrative Assistant and Public Works Mechanic.

Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to instruct the Borough Manager to execute an Agreement between the Borough of Carnegie and Pyrotecnico for the annual fireworks display to be held on July 3rd, 2014 at a cost of \$5,250.

Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to advertise Borough Ordinance No. 2388, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie continuing Ordinance 981 of 1982, as amended by Borough Ordinance 2344, providing for setting of Carnegie Borough's Business Privilege Tax for the year 2014.

Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield. Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to advertise Borough Ordinance No. 2389, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie continuing the Local Tax Enabling Ordinance No. 806 (Mechanical Device), No. 808 (Real Estate Transfer), 809 (Earned Income), No. 2279 (Local Services) as amended, No. 2284 (Occupation) and No. 2285 (Per Capita) for the year 2014.

Seconded by Councilperson Covi. Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to advertise Borough Ordinance No. 2340, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie continuing ordinance 2286 (Providing for Non-Owner Occupied Dwelling Registration) for 2014.

Seconded by Councilperson Covi. Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to advertise Borough Ordinance No. 2341, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie levying and assessing Real Estate Taxes for General and Specific Purposes for the year 2014.

Seconded by Councilperson Veres. 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 2013 Tax Anticipation Loan from PNC Bank in the amount of \$1,000,000 at a rate of 1.90% with no origination fee.

Seconded by Councilperson Covi. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

Code Enforcement (Councilwoman Covi)

Public Works (Councilwoman Demko)

MOTION to approve payment to Soli Construction Inc. in the amount of \$156,948.55 for the 2013-3A (Excavation) Sanitary Sewer Repair contract for work completed between September 24th and October 24, 2013.

Seconded by Councilperson Covi. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to approve payment to State Pipe Services, Inc. in the amount of \$4,178.10 for the 2013-3B (Relining) Sanitary Sewer Repair contract for work completed between October 17th and October 21st, 2013.

Seconded by Councilperson Veres. Roll Call 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 3 O&M CCTV Inspection and Cleaning.

Seconded by Councilperson Covi. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to approve payment to Schaaf Excavating in the amount of \$46,711.50 for the demolition of 12 3rd Street (102-C-335).

Seconded by Councilperson Veres. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to approve payment to Metro Fence Company, Inc. in the amount of \$5,821.00 to repair damaged fencing throughout the Borough, including Carnegie Park tennis and hockey courts, Irish-Town Tot-Lot and Peace Alley.

Seconded by Councilperson Covi. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Safety (Councilman Sarsfield)

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2013-08, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie establishing a Handicapped parking space near 544 Boquet Street.

Seconded by Councilperson Demko. Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2013-09, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie establishing a Handicapped parking space near 516 7th Avenue.

Seconded by Councilperson Demko. Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

Community Development (Councilman Veres)

MOTION to ratify the decision of the Planning Commission accepting the proposal from Gerard Skvarca at 409 Jane Street to construct an addition to the existing structure, contingent upon receiving a variance from the Zoning Hearing Board for a non-conforming set-back.

Seconded by Councilperson Demko. Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

Committee Reports

Administration and Finance (Councilman Catena) – Jordan Tax sent shut-off notices to accounts with severely delinquent sewage bills. Those individuals are to contact Jordan Tax to make payment arrangements. Meetings to discuss and finalize the budget for 2014 will be taking place over the next several weeks.

Code Enforcement (Councilwoman Covi) – nothing to report.

Public Works (Councilwoman Demko) – after waiting many years, a guardrail has been installed by PennDot, with no cost to the Borough, around Carnegie Park on Forsythe Road thanks to the efforts of Bob Robinson of KLH Engineers. The Skatepark is moving along well and is under budget. 10 yards of cement are being poured per day to allow for proper drying.

Public Safety (Councilman Sarsfield) – there will be free parking in the Borough in December to help encourage local shopping. Due to a setback in communication, the Fire Department Ordinance has not been passed as yet. The only items that still need worked out are rent from EMS, obtaining a lower mortgage rate and major equipment needed.

Community Development (Councilman Veres) – nothing to report.

President's Report (President D'Loss) – nothing to report.

Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept. & EMS Report

Phil Boyd reported that fire calls numbered 26 fire calls in September and 22 in October. There were 177 EMS calls in October and the September numbers have not been finalized as yet. Pat Catena asked if the Fire Department would consider having a Santa to visit the neighborhoods in Carnegie.

Junior Council Report / Remarks

Nothing was reported at this time.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kobistek reported that during the month of October, there were 22 criminal arrests and citations, 55 traffic citations, 163 parking tickets issued and 912 self-initiating activities and complaints. Tip-off for the basketball game between the faculty of Carnegie Elementary and the Carnegie Police will be 6:30 pm on November 15. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for students. Election Day was this past Tuesday. There were a few minor issues at the polls such as the elementary school being in session and some parking issues at the Ukes club. Using the Library as a polling place next year will be investigated. November 30 is Small Business Saturday to encourage people to shop in their own community. Meals on Wheels held a nice fundraiser recently and are in need of volunteers, especially during the week of Thanksgiving. Remembrance Day will be November 30 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Library with tours, refreshments and a recitation of the Gettysburg Address. The 3rd Street Gallery has an exhibit that will be running through December 8. The Carnegie Screenwriters will have their final reading on Monday November 18 at 7:00 pm. A Proclamation naming November as Dysautonomia and Reflex Neurovascular Awareness Month was read. A fundraiser will be held on Saturday November 23 at 10:00 am at the Carnegie Presbyterian Church, 219 Ewing Road with the proceeds going to the Children's Institute of Pittsburgh and the National Dysautonomia International. Renae Holder, with her daughter Molly who is afflicted, spoke briefly about the disease and invited all present to attend the fundraiser.

General Public Comment

Maggie Forbes – 300 Beechview Avenue of the Andrew Carnegie Library mentioned the increase in funding the Library has requested from the Borough. Carnegie's level of funding is considerably lower than in most of the other area communities. Remembrance Day on November 30 is the 150th anniversary of the delivery of the Gettysburg Address with festivities to be held at the Library. The media has been helpful in bringing attention to events at the Library. Patricia Prattis Jennings will be doing a book reading at 7:00 pm on November 14 in the reception hall with a free reception to follow. Thanks to Carnegie Elementary, 68 children in pajamas showed up at the Halloween party. There will be an upcoming Library Board meeting to review the bylaws and rectify some problems.

Joanne Lechter – of the CCDC invited everyone to a holiday business fellowship mixer that will be held on December 4 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Carnegie Coffee Company. This is being co-sponsored by the Carnegie Collier Rotary, there is a \$5 charge at the door and refreshments will be provided.

Bridget Van Dorn – of the Shade Tree Commission reported that the Tree City USA application has been submitted and accepted and will be passed on to the second level for approval. We will not be notified until January of approval for 2013. The tree inventory was completed in August and that report was submitted to Council. The Pennsylvania Forestry and Challenge Grant application has been completed and volunteer recognition items will be distributed at the Shade Tree meeting November 13. The Tree Vitalize Grant for a spring planting of approximately 67 trees has been submitted. A request for a possible alternate Council liaison was made since Council has not been represented at Shade Tree meetings since May and a request for additional budget considerations was also made. There will be an opportunity for a hands-on tree pruning course to be held in the fall as we are lacking expertise in this area.

Debbie Weigner – 443 Beechview Avenue received several letters from Berkheimer & Associates relative to earned income tax owed by members of her family and was wondering if Council had heard any complaints from other residents.

Council Good and Welfare

Councilperson Sarsfield – Thanked the mayor for the proclamations for the veterans. There will be a fundraiser on December 15 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Bridgeville Firehall to raise funds to help one of the EMS employees who has cancer.

Councilperson Catena – Carnegie Elementary will be holding their Talent Show on November 22 at 7:00 pm. Credit for the possibility of lowering the sewage bill should go to Councilperson Demko rather than Councilperson Catena. The Glendale Bridge work will be done in 2014 with plans to start in May and end in November and the bridge will be closed during that time frame.

Councilperson Demko – The Haunted Trail was a huge success again with thanks going to the volunteers and those who donated items.

Councilperson Veres – Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Councilperson Covi – A Happy Veterans Day to all veterans and thank you for keeping our freedoms. Please attend the basketball game on Friday. Santa will be coming to the Borough

Building on Saturday November 30. All children will receive a gift from Santa and treat bag. Light-Up Night will be Friday December 6 at 6:30 pm at the tree in the PNC parking lot. Santa will be there and there will be music, cookies, hot chocolate and coffee available. The Cougar Baseball Boosters are holding the holiday raffle of an Apple iPad Air. Tickets are \$5, can be obtained from Jeff Stephan and the winning ticket will be drawn on December 20. Have a Safe and Wonderful Thanksgiving.

Chief Kennedy – Toys for Tots will be collected again into December at the Borough Building.

Council President D'Loss – Thanksgiving is an American holiday as well as a religious holiday for all to celebrate according to their faith. It is hoped everyone will enjoy the holiday the way it was meant to be enjoyed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Councilperson Covi, seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield with all in favor.

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www.carnegieborough.com