



CARNEGIE BOROUGH PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, October 13, 2014

Workshop Meeting @ 6:00 PM | Voting Meeting @ 7:00 PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE / PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LISTED MOTIONS

Bridget VanDorn, Shade Tree Commission, gave public comment with regard to the construction of basketball and tennis courts in Carnegie Park and preservation of green space and the large oak tree at the entrance to the park.

John Ferry, resident of Carnegie, gave public comment with regard to water run-off problems at Carnegie Park, and also talked about preserving the large oak tree at the entrance to Carnegie Park.

Administration (Councilman Sarsfield)

MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting held on September 8th and September 15th, 2014.

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

MOTION to permit the Borough Manager to execute a two (2) year agreement between On Demand Energy Solutions and the Borough of Carnegie to purchase Natural Gas Service for the Borough Building and Borough owned property/facilities.

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

**MOTION to appoint Sara Mannes to the position of Junior Council.
Seconded by Councilperson Demko. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

Finance (Councilman Sarsfield)

**MOTION to approve the October Bill List and Bill List Addendum.
Seconded by Councilperson Boyd. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION to enter into an agreement with Howard Kastle for correcting sewer related items at the property located at 122 Lee Street (Lot and Block 102-H-156).
Seconded by Councilperson Demko. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Works (Councilwoman Demko)

**MOTION to approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$11,281.40 for work completed for the 2014 Specialty Repair Contract (2014-1C) on Justus Avenue and Lot -10.
Seconded by Councilperson Boyd. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION to advertise for the Chioda Park Press Box upon completion of required Department of Conservation and Natural Resource (DCNR) reviews.
Seconded by Councilperson Boyd. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION to approve Payment Estimate No. 1 to State Pipe Services in the amount of \$52,000.00 for work completed on the Trimble Avenue Emergency Sewer Project
Seconded by Councilperson Boyd. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Safety (Councilman Boyd)

**MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2014-21, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie establishing a handicapped parking space near 314 Wilcox St. (Apt. 3).
Seconded by Councilperson Demko. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION to adopt Borough Ordinance No. 2402, an ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of PA, amending chapter 6, part 3 of the Borough Code of ordinances relating to night time curfew of minors.
Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

DISCUSSION: Clarification of curfew hours by Council President Catena. Curfew hours are Monday through Thursday from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Police Chief Kennedy confirmed the penalty for violating the curfew law is a fine.

**MOTION to advertise 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 offer employment to Victoria Nelson for the position of part-time School Crossing Guard at a salary of \$25.00 per day with no other benefits pending results of a physical exam. Seconded by Councilperson Demko. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

Community Development and Code Enforcement (Councilman Luvara)

MOTION to approve Resolution No. 2014-22, a Resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, confirming that the Borough of Carnegie has submitted a Community Development Block Grant application through the Char-West COG to the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development in the amount of \$36,500.00 (estimate) for the demolition of structures located at 322 Alice Street Ext., 332 7th Avenue and 645 Ridge Avenue.

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

MOTION to approve Resolution No. 2014-23, a Resolution of the Borough of Carnegie declaring that several dilapidated and vacant structures individually and collectively in the Borough of Carnegie constitute blighted property as defined by the Urban Redevelopment Law.

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

MOTION to ratify the decision of the Planning Commission recommending to Council the proposal of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton for a maintenance facility located at the vacant lot known as lot and block 102-B-140.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration (Councilperson Sarsfield)

Councilman Sarsfield reported he continues to work on the police contract, and Councilman D'Loss will set up a second meeting with the Department of Public Works.

Finance (Councilperson D'Loss)

Councilperson D'Loss is not present this evening.

Council President Catena reported the next Budget Meeting is scheduled for Monday October 27, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Code Enforcement and Community Development (Councilperson Luvara)

Councilman Luvara reported he has had several successful meetings with the Borough Manager and Mr. Roma, the Code Enforcement Officer in reviewing certain functions, ordinances and streamlining of procedures as it relates to Code Enforcement and community development.

Public Works (Councilperson Demko)

Councilwoman Demko reported the completion of road resurfacing by the Department of Public Works of the following roads in the Borough: McDonald Alley, Congress Alley, Stautler Place, Henry

Lane, Walnut Alley, Park Lane and Mansfield Avenue Extension. Having the resurfacing done in-house by our Department of Public Works saves the Borough a great deal of money

Public Safety (Councilperson Boyd)

Councilman Boyd reported on the gathering of information and discussions with regard to the purchase of two new fire trucks for the fire department – one being a ladder truck, and the second being a pumper. He is hopeful that the purchase of these trucks will be included in the 2015 Budget.

Councilman Boyd also addressed the issue of electrical inspections in the Borough of Carnegie, in particular on rental properties. Specifically, by whom and how is this procedure done. He feels this issue needs time, effort and investigating.

President's Report (President Catena)

No report given by Council President.

Manager's Report

The Borough Manager reported leaf pickup will begin in November. The schedule will be posted on the Borough website. Also, the new street sweeper should be here soon.

Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept. & EMS Report

Councilman Boyd reported during the month of September 2014, the E.M.S. answered 257 calls, the Fire Department answered 25 calls, of which seven (7) were false alarms.

Junior Council Report / Remarks

Council President Catena reported Junior Council will be sworn in at the November meeting.

Mayor's Report

For the Month of September 2014 -- Criminal Arrests and Citations: 30; Traffic Citations: 30; Parking Tickets: 27; Complaints and Self-Initiating Activities: 943.

The Mayor addressed the graffiti issue in town, and the progress being made to identify a perpetrator. The reward still stands at \$200.00. Business owners have 30 days to remove graffiti from their buildings. Guidance can be obtained from our Department of Public Works with regard to cleaners, graffiti-proof paint, etc.

The Mayor again addressed the issue of leaving your automobile running while unattended. A vehicle was recently stolen from PNC Bank that had been left running while the owner was using the ATM machine. The vehicle was recovered.

On Friday, October 10, 2014, PennDOT held an Incident Management Meeting in Council Chambers. They reported the overnight closures on the Parkway will continue for another seven to 10 days. PennDOT will then move into “Full Phase I” – traffic on the Parkway will then move from the inside lanes to the outside lanes. Also, during Phase I the off ramps from the Parkway into Carnegie will close. So, both the on ramps and the off ramps will be closed. The off ramps will remain closed until December 1 for the winter hiatus. They will also be closed next year from March to December 2015. This is a two-year project that will directly impact the Borough of Carnegie. The Rosslyn Heights Exit will remain open. Also, beginning November 7, 2014, there will be weekend closure on the Fort Pitt Tunnels. Greentree Road will not be paved this year. That project has been pushed back to the spring of next year. Additionally, the Third Street Bridge project is running about a week behind. The projected opening will be the first week of December 2014.

Halloween will be held in the Borough on Friday, October 31, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All fire, police and EMS will be out keeping an eye on the kids. On Saturday, October 25, 2014, we will continue the tradition of the Halloween Promenade.

The Mayor thanked the Pittsburgh New Works Festival for a very nice Gala.

The Pennsylvania State Mayor’s Association has asked all Mayors to continue to support the National Teen Driving Safety Week. This year’s event is held from October 19 to October 25, 2014. Our police force will join in this effort.

Sunday, October 19, 2014 at 3:00 p.m., we will have a fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Clubs. This event will be a Jazz Concert at the Third Street Gallery. The event will feature Samantha St. John.

Girl Scout Troop 15254 completed their Adopt-a-Block Project and all received their Silver Award. Congratulations.

The Mayor expressed a sad “Goodbye” to Talotta’s. October 18, 2014 is their last day. They have been a staple in this community for so many years, and a very nice family. Best of luck in the future.

The Mayor also encouraged people to seek entertainment here in Carnegie at one of our fine restaurants or entertainment venues.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Maggie Forbes, Andrew Carnegie Free Library. Maggy shared information on the upcoming events to be held at the Andrew Carnegie Free Library. Also, she addressed her heartfelt concern over the regional impact the Parkway West Construction Project.

COUNCIL GOOD AND WELFARE

Councilman Luvara. Nothing for this evening.

Councilwoman Demko wanted to remind everyone about the Haunted Trail at Carnegie Park, Friday and Saturday from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m., and Halloween Night from 9:00 to 11:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 for the trail, and \$5.00 for the pumpkin patch.

Councilman Boyd. Nothing for this evening.

Councilman Sarsfield encouraged everyone to attend the Halloween Promenade and support this community event which is enjoyed by all those young and old. Also, keep you children safe during this festive time.

Council President Catena addressed the Parkway West Construction Project and the public relations program that has been being discussed to promote Carnegie, its businesses and the town via billboards during the construction/closure project.

Our Next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, November 10, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

MEETING ADJOURNED.