



CARNEGIE BOROUGH PUBLIC MEETING

October 14th, 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.

Proclamation – First Christian Church: 125th Anniversary

The Mayor read a proclamation naming October 27, 2013 as First Christian Church day in honor of the 125th Anniversary of the church and presented the proclamation to Pastor Gary Miller and church member John Chasky.

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 September 9th, 2013.
Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

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

MOTION to accept the 2013 Minimum Municipal Obligation Report from the Borough Manager.
Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield. 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 \$122,299.20 for the 2013-3A (Excavation) Sanitary Sewer Repair contract for work completed between September 1st and September 23rd, 2013.

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

MOTION to approve payment to the State Pipe Services, Inc. in the amount of \$54,608.98 for the 2013-3B (Relining) Sanitary Sewer Repair Contract for work completed between August 5th and September 4th, 2013.

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

MOTION to approve payment to A. Folino Construction Inc. in the amount of \$125,347.36 for work completed through September 25th, 2013 for the 2013 Pavement Maintenance Program.

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

MOTION to ratify a phone vote of Borough Council taken on September 27th, 2013 to approve an emergency job by the Dept. of Public Works on Mary Street at a cost of \$9,000.00.

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

Public Safety (Councilman Sarsfield)

Community Development (Councilman Veres)

MOTION to ratify the decision of the Planning Commission recommending to Council the lot subdivision located at 150 Rosslyn Road (104-M-190), contingent upon receiving a variance from the Zoning Hearing Board.

Seconded by Councilperson Demko. Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

Committee Reports

Administration and Finance (Councilman Catena) – October 31 is the last date to pay taxes before penalty kicks in. The Borough is due approximately \$168,000 in delinquent sewage with 247 accounts owing over \$200. Payment plans can be set up with Jordan Tax to catch these up to date. There were many complaints over the summer about the dollar amount of sewage bills. Currently \$7.18/1,000 gallons is the Borough charge with Alcosan charging \$4.32. A possible proposal would be to reduce these rates by \$.50 per year over three (3) years would lower what the Borough collects by about \$300,000 and what a resident pays by about \$8. Will have to have the engineers review to see if this would be feasible.

Code Enforcement (Councilwoman Covi) – nothing to report.

Public Works (Councilwoman Demko) – nothing to report.

Public Safety (Councilman Sarsfield) – Halloween is October 31 so be extra cautious of the children out and about. The Streetscape project is continuing on 3rd Street and there will be no parking on the west side of the street as well as no parking on the sidewalks or the individual will be ticketed. It's a continuation of what has been done on Carothers Avenue in Scott Twp.

Community Development (Councilman Veres) – Ward 2, Districts 1 and 2 voters will no longer be voting at the library but will be voting at the Ukrainian Club on Mansfield starting with this upcoming November 5th election. Districts 3, 4 and 5 will remain at the elementary school.

President's Report (President D'Loss) – sidewalk parking is a problem throughout the Borough and has taken a toll on the sidewalks and curbs by breaking them down. Examples being Washington and 3rd Street. Council will have to take action in the future and prohibit sidewalk parking. The budget is being worked on with upcoming meetings that are open to the public scheduled for October 21 and 28 and November 18, if needed. Plans are to ratify the budget at the December 9th public meeting. The Wayfinding Committee met this past week to make decisions about directional and welcome signage around the Borough. The CCDC has offered to help with the funding for this project with the goal of signs going up in the spring. The decorative light poles along Main Street will be used for these signs and they need repainted. It might be easier to do a block at a time as this will be an expensive project. Part of the renovation on 3rd Street will include new light poles. Be aware of what is happening at the Federal level with a shortage of money and how this will trickle down to everyone.

Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept. & EMS Report

There was nothing to report at this time.

Junior Council Report / Remarks

St Elizabeth Ann Seton's Farm Stand is open on Wednesdays from 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm through the end of October. Grim is Halloween themed and will take place from October 17th thru the 30th in Crafton at the corner Steuben and Lincoln. On Thursday and Friday the hours are 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday 3pm to 9pm and the week of Halloween from 6pm to 9pm. Tickets are \$5 and \$3 for children and the proceeds will benefit Carlynton Student Government. On October 27, there will be a History and Mystery Tour of the Andrew Carnegie Library and Music Hall from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Tickets are \$10. St Elizabeth Ann Seton's rummage sale will be October 24 and 25 from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm and October 26 from 9:00 am to noon. There will be a holiday craft show with 130 crafters on November 17 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Bishop Canevin.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kobistek reported that during the month of September, there were 20 criminal arrests and citations, 30 traffic citations, 137 parking tickets issued and 857 self-initiating activities and complaints. The Mayors' Association sent out information on two (2) current telephone scams. One involves getting personal information under the guise of providing healthcare relative to health care reform and the other is to do with outstanding tickets or fines with threat of arrest if they are not paid. The New Works Festival is over but was very successful, broke records for attendance and helped Carnegie's existing businesses. They are looking forward to coming back next year. November 15 at 8:00 pm, Carnegie Police will be playing basketball against the Carnegie Elementary teachers in a benefit for the PTA. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students. The last flag ceremony for the year will be held on October 26 at 10:00 am for Charles "Russ" Blodel and will include a 21 gun salute. *Pittsburgh Magazine* will have an article in their *About Town* section of the November edition on Carnegie. Congratulations on a successful "Jazz on 3rd". Halloween Trick or Treat will be held on October 31 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. October is a busy month in October with something going on every weekend. It is also Breast Cancer Awareness month and National Domestic Violence Awareness month. October 18 to 26 is National Teen Driver Safety Week. Carnegie will host the first "Cash Mob" event put on by Sustainable Pittsburgh on Friday, November 1st from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. There are six (6) businesses in Carnegie (Distinctively Different Décor & More, Black Lamb Consignments, Carnegie Coffee Company, Modern Mercantile Pgh, More Than Words, Fine Papers and Puhlman's Flower Shoppe) that are considered sustainable and they will be highlighted by this event with the goal of bringing them business from inside and outside the community.

General Public Comment

Lisa Linero – Collier Twp – has concerns with the Presley Heights development and the damage to the homes on Cabbage Hill due to drainage problems and wanted to be sure Carnegie was aware of these problems.

Bob Sorchilla – 329 7th Avenue still has complaint about abandoned building at 327 7th Avenue which is not secured and is falling apart.

Anthony Bofo – 332 Morrow Avenue has complaint about residents of 333 Morrow Avenue and rodents. The Allegheny County Health Department has become involved.

Council Good and Welfare

Councilperson Sarsfield – November 5 is Election Day and all are encouraged to get out and exercise their right to vote. Have a safe Halloween.

Councilperson Catena – Reiterated what Councilperson Sarsfield stated about voting on November 5. You will also see the candidates there and can discuss issues with them one-on-one.

Councilperson Covi – The Halloween Promenade will take place on Saturday, October 26 with registration at noon on the bridge on Main Street. There are four (4) age groups and every child will receive a mylar treat bag of goodies. Proceeds will benefit the Carlynton School District. Also stop by the concession stand during the Haunted Trail for some special food items.

Councilperson Veres – nothing to report.

Councilperson Demko – The Haunted Trail will take place in Carnegie Park on Friday and Saturday, October 18 and 19 and Friday and Saturday October 25 and 26. It was good last year and is better this year. The concession stand will be in the Stone Pavilion and there will be a pumpkin patch for the children too young to go through the trail. The charge is \$7 for the trail and \$5 for the pumpkin patch with the proceeds benefitting Pitcher Memorial Skate Park.

Council President D'Loss – Princess Aida has finished it's first week at the library's musical hall.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Councilperson Covi and seconded by Councilperson Demko with all in favor.

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