



## **CARNEGIE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**Workshop Meeting @ 6:00 PM**

**Voting Meeting @ 7:00 PM**

### **Call Meeting to Order**

### **Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance**

In the absence of Borough Manager Jeff Harbin, Steve Beuter performed his duties.

**Roll Call of Council:** Councilperson Catena - Present, Councilperson Covi – Absent, Councilperson Demko – Present, Councilperson D’Loss – Present, Mayor Kobistek – Present, Councilperson Sarsfield – Present, Councilperson Veres - Present

### **Public Comment on Listed MOTIONS**

Jeff Stefan, California Avenue – Thanked Keith Hatcher and Terry Roma for quickly taking care of a problem for a new business owner on Main Street. He questioned reason for purchasing property located at 12 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

Barbara Holmes, 18 Charter Oak – Asked about ordinance related to the dog park and walking dogs in Carnegie Park.

### **Administration and Finance (Pat Catena)**

MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Second by Councilperson Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to approve the October Bill List and Addendum. Second 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 at a cost of \$5,250.00. Second by Councilperson Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to authorize the Borough to purchase property located at 12 3<sup>rd</sup> Street at a price of \$16,400.00. Second by Councilperson Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote Councilperson Catena - Yes, Councilperson Covi - No, Councilperson Demko - Yes, Council President D'Loss - Yes, Councilperson Sarsfield - Yes, Councilperson Veres - Yes. MOTION CARRIED

### **Code Enforcement (Councilwomen Covi)**

### **Public Works (Councilwomen Demko)**

MOTION to approve Pay Application No. 2 to Shields Asphalt Paving in the amount of \$21,797.94 for work completed to date for the 2012 Pavement Maintenance program. Second by Councilperson Covi. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to award the Morrow Avenue Bridge Reconstruction Project to low bidder Gary Metzinger Cement Contractor in the amount of \$80,475.00 for the Base Bid and \$13,500.00 for the Add Alternate Bid No. 2 for a total of \$93,975.00. Second by Councilperson Covi. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

### **Public Safety (Councilman Sarsfield)**

MOTION to adopt Borough Ordinance No. 2377, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie amending Chapter 3, Part 3 and Chapter 16, of the Borough Code of Ordinances relating to the walking of dogs in Carnegie Park. Second by Councilperson Covi. Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

### **Community Development (Councilman Veres)**

### **Committee Reports**

Administration & Finance (Councilman Catena) – nothing to report.

Code Enforcement (Councilwoman Covi) – nothing to report.

Public Works (Councilwoman Demko) – nothing to report.

Public Safety (Councilman Sarsfield) – October is Fireman's Month and we should all thank the firefighters for putting their lives in harms way to protect others.

Community Development (Councilman Veres) – nothing to report.

President's Report (President D'Loss) – There is development activity going on in the Borough.

Plus Consulting purchased and moved into the old Salvation Army building on Washington Avenue and their employees are now frequenting the eating establishments on Main Street.

Dunkin' Donuts missed the deadline for the September Planning Committee meeting but has assured that they will have their drawings ready for review in advance of the October 30 meeting.

Bids for the Family Dollar parking lot area closed last Friday and an interested party

will be contacted in hopes of new development in that location. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Street project will be moving forward in the spring with the Borough's purchase of the Pucci apartment building being part of the overall plan to develop the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street business corridor. The current year project for demolition of ten (10) properties has been delayed due to personal issues with contractor but three (3) were completed before the end of summer and the rest are scheduled to be done over the next six (6) weeks. The Carnegie Park playground, paving and dog park are completed.

### **Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department & EMS Report**

There was nothing to report at this time.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Kobistek reported that there were 44 criminal arrests, 47 traffic citations, 66 parking tickets issued and 971 complaints and self-initiating activities as well as 14 abandoned vehicles reported. Carnegie, in conjunction with the State Police, recently held checkpoint truck inspections with several small infractions found with smaller trucks but none with the Marcellus Shale trucks. These inspections will continue to take place. The Mayor thanked Sgt Kennedy for his efforts in having these inspections performed. Unfortunately, the SHACOG money set aside for truck inspections for the years has all been utilized so the Mayor is working with Senator Fontana to investigate other avenues for inspection funding and to see what can be done to curb the truck activity. There were complaints over the past weekend about strong odor of natural gas which turned out to be from a legal burn in Green Tree, something the Borough was not aware was taking place. Events of this type cause concern among residents and advance information needs to be provided, another area that needs addressed. A reminder to not feed the deer was given. Flag ceremonies for veterans are still being held at the Borough Building with the latest being for William Robert Clark, a VFW members, who had requested to have his flag flown. Mentors are still needed for the after-school program. A grant is being applied for by three (3) communities to study the Campbells Run Creek project with hopes that Congress will allow the Army Corp of Engineers to maintain the Creek above the Morrow Avenue Bridge as they did for the area below the Bridge. There will be a meeting October 18 about the Skate Park. Off The Wall Theater is open with a current production and another to begin November 1. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Gallery has celebrated their 66<sup>th</sup> annual opening with an international art show and aqueous exhibit. It has been 6 months since the shooting at the Carnegie Towers with no one being charged for the crime and efforts will be made to bring this to the forefront.

### **General Public Comment**

**Phil Boyd** – 333 Center Avenue – Currently a probationary member of the Volunteer Fire Department speaking on his behalf rather than that of the Fire Department about his concerns with the issues between Council and the Fire Department, who is celebrating it's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and how there has to be a mutually beneficial solution that could possibly be reached with some one-on-one communications. He is aware that a lot of the problems are related to financial issues between the two parties.

**Leonard Tiberio** – 603 Gormley Avenue – Waiting for answer from Chief on letter the Chief sent to Penn-Dot about signs not allowing trucks to make a left hand turn from Chestnut onto Summit and a right hand turn from Summit onto Chestnut. There is a problem with trucks making these turns and breaking up curbs and sidewalks that do not get repaired. He also had some questions on the audited financial statements.

**Joanne Letcher** – 418 Chestnut Street - Introduced herself as the new Executive Director of the Carnegie Community Development Corporation. She has replaced Leigh White, at Leigh's recommendation. She has been in Carnegie for 24 years as owner of J&L Travel on Chestnut Street, as a Rotarian and as a Director for both the Boys & Girls Club and the CCDC. She will have a desk at J&L for her work with CCDC and does not know at this time what will be done with the property at 17 East Main Street.

**Barbara Holmes** – 18 Charter Oak – Questioned what is being done for animal control now that Triangle Pet Control's license has been suspended and hopes that the Borough will not enter into another contract with them should their license be reinstated at a later date.

**Cheryl Stefan** – 318 California Avenue – Asked for an update on the Papa J's parking situation as she hears good things about the restaurant as being a part of Carnegie everywhere she goes. Has concerns as a resident about the fiduciary responsibility of the Borough to its taxpayers and the need for transparency with how money is spent. She also questioned how much money was made and if there are funds left from the Arts & Heritage Festival in prior years as funds will be needed if the Festival can be revived. She wondered if avenues other than purchase were examined for the Pucci property. She voiced concerns about having a part-time rather than full-time Borough Manager and how tax revenue with the new assessments will be managed.

### **Council Good and Welfare**

Councilperson Sarsfield – Councilpersons Sarsfield and Catena will be bartending at Cantley's on October 13 from 8:00pm to 10:30pm to benefit Little League Baseball. He reminded everyone that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Councilperson Catena – No report

Councilperson Demko – There will be a very scary Trail of Terror in Carnegie Park on October 19 and 20 and October 26 and 27 from 7:00pm to 11:00pm to benefit the Skate Park. Games for the kids will be offered, food will be sold and tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children.

Councilperson Veres – No report

Councilperson Covi – The Halloween Promenade will be on Saturday October 27 starting at noon on the ridge with a raffle and treat bags for the kids. Thanks to everyone for the cards, calls and emails with good thoughts and prayers from everyone during her illness.

Council President D'Loss – Lots of Halloween activities coming up in the next month so everyone enjoy.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Council President asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION to adjourn by Councilperson Catena. Second by Councilperson Covi. All in favor.