



## **CARNEGIE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**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 Catena - Present, Councilperson Covi – Absent, Councilperson Demko – Present, Councilperson D’Loss – Present, Mayor Kobistek – Present, Councilperson Sarsfield – Present, Councilperson Veres - Present

**Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation by Mayor Kobistek to Three (3) Members of Girl Scout Troop 51163** for beautification efforts on Beechwood and Library Hill.

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

Jeff Stefan, California Avenue – Suggested that Borough pay for a survey on the property at Mansfield & Broadway as he felt it would attract more bids.

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

MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012.  
Second by Councilperson Veres. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to approve the September Bill List and Addendum.  
Second by Councilperson Veres. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to direct the Borough Manger to execute the “Election to Participate” and the “Release by Participating Counterparties” relative to the Borough of Carnegie’s share of a \$54.5 million settlement with Wachovia (now Wells Fargo) to recover overcharges to government entities and consumers as the result of anticompetitive conduct. This action is recommended by the Office of the Pennsylvania State Attorney General.  
Second by Councilperson Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to ratify the decision to transfer the Workers Compensation Insurance for the Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department to the State Workers’ Insurance Fund at a cost of \$17,884.00.  
Second by Councilperson Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to accept the 2013 Minimum Municipal Obligation Report for the Borough of Carnegie Police Pension Fund and the Borough of Carnegie Non-Uniform Pension Fund as submitted by the Borough Manager.

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

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2012-15, a Resolution of the Borough of Carnegie appointing Jordan Tax Service, Inc., as the Borough's Tax Collector for Per Capita Taxes, Delinquent Earned Income Taxes, Occupation Taxes and the Local Services Tax.

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

MOTION to approve a Confidentially Agreement between the Borough of Carnegie and Peekz ConsultiN to perform Accounting/Bookkeeping services for the Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department.

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

MOTION to adopt the Policy and Procedures Handbook for the Department of Public Works and Administration.

Motion deleted, not ready for voting.

#### **Code Enforcement (Councilwoman Covi)**

MOTION to approve a Curb Cut Application for 1 Water Street.

Second by Councilperson Veres. Roll Call Vote: Councilperson Catena - No, Councilperson Demko – No, Councilperson D'Loss – No, Councilperson Sarsfield – No, Councilperson Veres – No. MOTION DEFEATED

#### **Public Works (Councilwoman Demko)**

MOTION to approve Payment No. 3 to McElroy Paving Company in the amount of \$85,018.66 for work completed for the Carnegie Park Phase 1 Project.

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

MOTION to approve Payment No. 1 to Soli Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$87,400.00 for work completed for the 2012 Sanitary Sewer Repair Contract C - Special Repairs Contract, as required by the Consent Order.

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

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

MOTION to advertise 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 Demko. Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

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

MOTION to ratify the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the “Conditional Use” proposal made by NaCI Therapy to utilize the location at 36 East Main Street for the purpose of a Physical Therapy business.

Motion struck from agenda.

MOTION to direct the Borough Manager to re-advertise the sell of Borough property located at Mansfield Blvd and Broadway Street, Lot & Block Nos. 103-M-226, with a minimum asking price of \$359,000.00.

Second by Councilperson Sarsfield. Vote UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to appoint Bridget Van Dorn to the Shade Tree Commission with a term expiring June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Second by Councilperson Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote: Councilperson Catena - Yes, Councilperson Demko – Yes, Councilperson D’Loss – Yes, Councilperson Sarsfield – Yes, Councilperson Veres – Yes. MOTION CARRIED

## **Committee Reports**

Administration & Finance (Councilman Catena) – First budget meeting will be held next Monday at 6:00 pm.

Code Enforcement (Councilman Covi) – nothing to report

Public Works (Councilwoman Demko) – nothing to report

Public Safety (Councilman Sarsfield) – Commended Police on work with DUI checkpoint on August 31. Commended Fire Department for quick response to fire on West Main. Please remember all Police and Fire individuals throughout the country with 09/11 anniversary coming up tomorrow. There was a butane leak in Collier Twp right at the Carnegie border recently. He has been pushing for trucking inspections and commends Sgt Kennedy for his work with the State Police as these inspections. He hopes that the inspections arranged by Sgt Kennedy will be starting this month.

Community Development (Councilman Veres) – Quite a few companies, including a fast food chain, are looking at coming into Carnegie and the Dunkin’ Donuts project is still being worked on so that has picked up. The Governor’s budget plan calls for cut of \$273 for each student in the Carlynton school district so they will be short roughly a quarter of the cost to educate each student this year.

President’s Report (President D’Loss) – Tax Collector Peg Bowman will be taking a short medical leave starting September 17 but Steve Beuter will be accepting any tax payments. Lee White of the Community Development Corporation has resigned, no replacement has been identified. The Solicitor and President will be meeting with Alcosan this week to address the problems on Trimble, the lawns on Franklin are being worked on to restore them to their original condition and the Borough is working to solve the sewer backup problems that have been occurring on Washington Avenue between Lincoln and Trimble.

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

Mike Sarsfield reported that the Fire Department has responded to 33 fire calls and 200 EMS calls in the month of August.

## **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Kobistek reported that during the month of August, there were 40 criminal arrests, 67 traffic citations, 142 parking tickets issued and 1,008 self-initiating activities and complaints. Praised Police Department on solving purse snatching incidents in Irishtown. As part of DUI checkpoint, there was a drug arrest. The Fire Department responded to two (2) hazardous situations: a tree down on live wires and the leaking isobutene tanker. The Mayor attended a Sergeants meeting where Sgt Kennedy indicated he could get the state police to perform truck inspections periodically. The Mayor has the cost of the police for monitoring this situation and will be getting the cost of fire personnel from the Chief to allow the Borough to bill the trucking company for the additional costs to the Borough. The Mayor has also met with Senator Fontana to address issues related to the heavy truck traffic on a multi community basis. Additionally, the Police Department was strapped over the summer for several reasons including training of a new police officer so the community was covered in the best way possible. On September 22 at 10:00 am, the VFW will hold a flag raising ceremony for John Joseph Zalenski, a World War I veteran. Carlynton has met with the Boys & Girls Club to work on the after school program made possible by the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant. Mentors are still needed. The Boys & Girls club raised \$7,500 in scholarship money that was awarded to 18 children for summer camp programs. St Peter & Paul Ukrainian Church will be holding their Ukrainian Food Festival on September 14 & 15 from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. The first Skate Park fund raising meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12 at 7:30 pm at the Borough Building. Off The Wall Theater, located on West Main near the Historical Society, will be holding an open house at noon on September 22. They will stage their first production in October.

## **General Public Comment**

**Bill Gardner** – 705 Logan Street stated his concerns with safety for residents and property due to the heavy tanker truck traffic through Carnegie and not knowing the status of the hazardous materials in the tankers.

**Leonard Tiberio** – 603 Gormley Avenue stated his concerns with safety for residents and property due to the heavy tanker truck traffic through Carnegie, not knowing the status of the hazardous materials in the tankers and whether or not the traffic is legal.

**Dan Burns** – Interim President and Director of the Historical Society of Carnegie that President and founder Marcella McGrogan has resigned but is not retired and will be working as a volunteer, there are several vacant positions and two (2) Board positions that need filled by the meeting on October 2, announced a trip to see the Walker Ewing House in Heidelberg that will take place on September 14 leaving from the Historical Society at 12:30 pm and provided information on renovations for the Husler Building.

### **Council Good and Welfare**

Councilperson Demko – The Carlynton Band Festival will be held on September 29 at 7:00 pm at the Honus Wagner field.

Councilperson Veres – The Car Cruise scheduled for Saturday September 8 was cancelled due to the weather and has been rescheduled for Saturday September 15 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Tickets are available for the Boys & Girls Club benefit to be held the last Sunday of the month.

Councilperson Sarsfield – Has participated in the Winded Wednesday, a great event for the residents. Ran into former Council member Bob Chidlow who wanted to pass on best wishes to all and stated his appreciation for the work being done in Carnegie Park. There will be a commemorative ceremony at the Bridgeville Fire Hall on 09/11 which he will attend.

Councilperson Catena – Wants to thank Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton for the quality Summer Festival.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Council reconvened in chambers.