



**CARNEGIE BOROUGH
PUBLIC MEETING**

Monday, November 9, 2015

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LISTED MOTIONS

Administration (Councilman Sarsfield)

MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on October 12, 19 and 26, 2015. Seconded by Councilman D’Loss. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to engage the Cohen Law Group, in accordance with the terms presented to the Char-West COG, to assist the Borough in performing a cable compliance review and conducting franchise renewal negotiations with Verizon Pennsylvania, Inc. Seconded by Councilman D’Loss. 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 2016 Tax Anticipation Loan from PNC Bank in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 at a rate not to exceed 1.485% with no origination fee (pending credit approval).

Seconded by Councilman D'Loss. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to adopt revised regulations for handling Right-to-Know requests by the Borough.
Seconded by Councilman Luvara. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to offer a Conditional Offer of Employment to Victoria Minor for the position of Part-Time Meter Enforcement Officer in accordance with the current labor agreement. Current wage in accordance with the CBA (Collective Bargaining Agreement) is \$10.79 per hour.

Seconded by Councilman D'Loss. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to offer a Conditional Offer of Employment to Dennis O'Donovan for the position of Part-Time Meter Enforcement Officer in accordance with the current labor agreement. Current wage in accordance with the CBA (Collective Bargaining Agreement) is \$10.79 per hour.

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

Finance (Councilman D'Loss)

MOTION to approve the November Bill List and Bill List Addendum.

Seconded by Councilman Sarsfield. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Works (Councilwoman Demko)

MOTION to approve Payment Application No. 2 to Youngblood in the amount of \$31,047.83 for work completed between August 16 and September 30, 2015 for the 2015 Pavement Maintenance Program, Contract No. 2015-03.

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

MOTION to approve Payment Application No. 2 to Liokareas Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$128,227.81 for work completed between August 31 and October 30, 2015 for the Charles Street / Knox Avenue Bypass Culvert Sewer Project (Contract No. 2015-02A).

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

Councilman D'Loss: Explained that this payment represents the completion of the sewer project to alleviate flooding in the Franklin, Charles, and California corridor.

**MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2015-12, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie authorizing Patrick Catena (Council President) and Steve Beuter (Borough Manager) as signatories for the Carnegie Consent Order Agreement (COA).
Seconded by Councilman Boyd. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION to advertise to begin taking application for the position of Department of Public Works Equipment Operator.
Seconded by Councilman Boyd. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Safety (Councilman Boyd)

**MOTION to adopt Ordinance No. 2419, an ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Chapter 15, Section 204 of the Borough Code of Ordinances relating to motor vehicles and traffic. (Christy Street – No Parking).
Seconded by Councilwoman Demko. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION to advertise Ordinance No. 2421, an ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Chapter 15, Section 204 of the Borough Code of Ordinances relating to motor vehicles and traffic. (Morrow Avenue – 2 Hr. Parking).
Seconded by Councilwoman Demko. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Kobistek: Explained the reason for this Motion is due to commuters utilizing the Bell Avenue Busway parking on Morrow Avenue when the Bell Avenue busway parking lot is full.

**MOTION to appoint Sandy Phillips to fill the current vacancy on the Civil Service Commission with a term ending December 31, 2016.
Seconded by Councilwoman Demko. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

Councilman Sarsfield: Offered comment regarding Sandy Phillips, a lifelong resident of Carnegie very excited about taking on this position. Will do a great job.

**MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2015-11, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie establishing a handicapped parking space at 203 Railroad Avenue.
Seconded by Councilwoman Demko. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

Community Development and Code Enforcement (Councilman Luvara)

**MOTION to authorize the Borough Manager to provide notifications and advertise Borough Ordinance 2420, an ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie vacating Market Alley and Ash Way.
Seconded by Councilman Boyd. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION to approve the application of Leonard and Pamela Klemencic to develop the property located at 301 West Main Street (lot-and-blocks 103-P-322) as recommended by the Planning Commission on October 27, 2015.

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

Mayor Kobistek: Offered comment with regard to the business which will be located on the first floor of this building in addition to the five apartments that will be on the second floor.

MOTION to approve the application of the Allegheny County Department of Emergency Services to install a back-up generator at the property located at 900 Doolittle Avenue (lot-and-blocks 103-E-80) as recommended by the Planning Commission on October 27, 2015.

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

Mayor Kobistek: Stated the reason the back-up generator is needed is due to several outages in this area and the fact that 911 utilizes this cell tower.

MOTION to approve the curb cut application for the property located at 608 Sixth Avenue (103-N-138).

THIS MOTION HAS BEEN TABLED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration (Councilman Sarsfield)

Councilman Sarsfield reported that the Borough is currently looking into replacing the street lights on Main Street, and also that the United States Flag in front of the Municipal Building will soon be lit. Offer thanks to the Department of Public Works for all of their help.

Finance (Councilman D'Loss)

Councilman D'Loss reported that the budget negotiations continue. Budget meetings have been scheduled for November 16 and November 30 at 6:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend any and all of these budget discussions. One last meeting has also been scheduled for December 28 should it be needed for final ratification before the end of the year.

Code Enforcement and Community Development (Councilman Luvara)

No report at this time.

Public Works (Councilman Demko)

No report at this time.

Public Safety (Councilman Boyd)

Councilman Boyd report a small incident at the fire department recently where one of the two cables that holds up the garage doors snapped and the door slammed to the floor shattering at least a dozen window panes on the garage door. Fortunately, nobody was hurt. An insurance claim was filed, and less the deductible the repairs will be made. As precautionary measure, they had a contractor come in and replace all the cables on all the garage doors as they were all about the same age.

President's Report (Council President Catena)

No report at this time.

Manager's Report

The Manager gave an update with regard to grants. The Borough is currently working on a grant with the Department of Environmental Protection for new recycling bins. Also, we are waiting on notification from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation with regard to our Automated Red Light Enforcement grants. These grants consisted of replacement of all traffic signals and pedestrian stations on Chestnut Street, in addition to an RRFB (Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon) for Washington Avenue at the Elementary School. We are also researching grant opportunities for the replacement of decorative street lighting throughout the business district.

Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept. & EMS Report

For the month of October the Fire Department responded to 16 calls, the EMS responded to 147 calls. Of these calls there were a couple more false alarms at Carnegie Towers. To date there have been 11 false alarms from Carnegie Towers; however, this is significantly better than in the past where they were receiving six to seven calls per month. He reported a small kitchen fire on Franklin Avenue and a cooking incident at Honus-Wagner. There was also a CO alarm near Carnegie Park. Upon entry to the home their meters read 1150. Apparently, someone left a car running in the garage. Ten firefighters were sent to Crafton Towers under the mutual aid agreement to assist with a fire at the Towers.

Junior Council Report / Remarks

No report this evening.

Mayor's Report

For the Month of October 2015 -- Criminal Arrests and Citations: 22; Traffic Citations: 31; Parking Tickets: 193; Complaints and Self-Initiating Activities: 959.

The Mayor reported that we are having a major issue in our community with individuals or an individual going through unlocked vehicles. The Mayor reminded everyone to please lock your vehicles and keep any valuables out of sight. This issue is not exclusive to Carnegie, but just about every community is experiencing the same issue.

The Carnegie Police Department made an arrest for a burglary up in the Dow and Dawson area. This individual may be connected to other burglaries in the area. They are waiting for forensics to make that determination.

Recently, we upgraded our solicitation permits. The Borough will now issue a badge with the individual's picture, name, company, identification number, date of issue and expiration date will be issued to all those soliciting in the Borough.

The Mayor gave an update with regard to the Parkway West Improvement Project. The Mayor reported that PennDOT is winding down with the Parkway construction project. If the weather holds up, the project may be completed by December.

The Mayor spoke with the Construction Manager on the Campbell's Run Road Project with regard to the work located at Knickerbocker. They are dealing with a five to six week delay due to a problem with a sanitary sewer. Weather is a big factor in this project.

The Railroad Avenue Bridge project is scheduled for the fall of 2016, or, possibly, the spring of 2017. It is a three to four month project with the bridge being closed during this time.

The Carnegie Police Department is participating in the 2015 Toys for Tots Drive. Please continue to support this program.

The Mayor thanked the Police Department for participating in the volleyball game against the teacher of the Carlynton School District. This game raises money for the anti-bullying program. They raised \$300.00.

Annual Light the Night on Friday, December 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the PNC Parking Lot.

Carnegie Celebrates the Season begins at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 5, 2015 at the Andrew Carnegie Free Library.

November 29, 2015 is Small Business Saturday shopping day.

Boys & Girls Clubs 8th Annual Dinner Dance at the Alpine Club will be on Sunday, November 22, 2015 beginning at 3:00 p.m. The Mansfield Five will perform.

Recently there was an action taken by Council that was in support of an action taken by the Mayor and the Chief of Police. On October 26, 2015 there was a Motion to confirm and approve the personnel action taken by the Mayor for the Police Department. That action was seconded by Councilman Sarsfield with a roll call vote. The Motion passed unanimously.

General Public Comment

Darlene Konzal, 803 Chestnut Street. Addressed Council with regard the speeding on Forsythe Road and Chestnut Street. Council informed Ms. Konzal that they would contact KLH Engineers regarding this issue.

Rick McCall, 523 Grandview Avenue. Returned to remind and address Council with regard to the condition of his road and the issues he has voiced in previous Council Meetings regarding the Industrial Park. He also asked for pot holes on Ridge to be patched. Council informed Mr. McCall that they have authorized a new road study.

Leonard Tiberio, 603 Gormley Avenue. Addressed Council again with regard to tractor trailers on Chestnut and the damage they cause to curbs and sidewalks.

Council Good and Welfare

Councilman Joe Luvara reminded everyone about the Wounded Warriors Project. He made a donation to that program and expressed that he wished we as a community could do more for wounded veterans.

Councilman D'Loss reminded everyone that on Veterans' Day, if you are a veteran, there are a lot of establishments offering free meals as a token of their appreciation. Please support your veterans. He also congratulated Councilwoman Demko, Councilman Mike Sarsfield for retaining their Council seats, and welcomed Stacy Riley as a newcomer to Carnegie Borough Council.

Councilwoman Demko wished everyone and blessed Thanksgiving.

Councilman Boyd talked about the three fire safety programs the Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department hosted at Carlynton Elementary School. He also talked about their involvement in the Firefighter Phil Program at the Carlynton Elementary School. He also wished everyone and Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Sarsfield talked about Veterans' Day support. He spoke about Walmart's support of the Green Light Program, and also went back in history and gave statistics with regard to those serving in previous wars. He reminded people to thank veterans, vote and take pride in your community, and display the American Flag. He also addressed the Wounded Warrior Project suggesting possibly having a fundraiser right here in our own Borough to raise money for this great project. He wished everyone a safe and blessed

Thanksgiving reminding everyone to be thankful for what we have, and to offer help to those who may need it. God Bless all of you.

Council President Catena offered congratulations to Councilwoman Demko, Councilman Sarsfield and Stacey Riley. He wished everyone a happy and blessed Thanksgiving. He shared the story of his son's service project as a boy scout serving lunch at the Center for the Veterans in Aspinwall. He also talked about his son's interest in what family members were veterans. He talked about the need to share the past with the future, or the past will be lost.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilman D'Loss.

Seconded by Councilman Sarsfield. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

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www.carnegieborough.com*