



CARNEGIE BOROUGH PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, April 11, 2016

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

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Council President Pat Catena commented on the passing of former Department of Public Works employee Ed Fisher and asked that we keep him and his family in our prayers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Councilperson Boyd – Present, Councilperson D’Loss – Present, Councilperson Demko – Not Present, Councilperson Riley – Present, Councilperson Sarsfield – Present, Council President Catena – Present, Mayor Kobistek – Present.

Proclamation: Mayor Kobistek issued a Proclamation to the Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall in honor of their 115 Year Anniversary, first opening its doors on May 1, 1901, a fully endowed gift from Andrew Carnegie to the Borough of Carnegie after they incorporated and took his name in 1894. Over the years over \$9 million dollars have been raised to restore and revitalize the library and music hall to date. The Mayor along with the Carnegie Borough Council proclaim May 1, 2016 as Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall Day here in Carnegie to honor its 115 Anniversary.

Councilman D’Loss gave comment on the fact that the current Library Board President, Isabel Ford, has a particular connection with this institution. Her family has been residents of Carnegie for as long as the library has been here, and her great grandfather was instrumental in approaching Andrew Carnegie in this endeavor. He offered thanks to her family as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LISTED MOTIONS

There was no public comment on the listed motions.

Administration (Councilperson Boyd)

**MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on March 14, 2016.
Seconded by Councilwoman Riley. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2016-06, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie in support of State Representative Peter Day (187th Legislative District) introducing legislation to create a statewide advertising database for municipalities and no cost advertising of meeting notices in newspapers of general circulation.
Seconded by Councilwoman Riley. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

Councilman D'Loss offered explanation of the resolution.

Council President Pat Catena also offer explanation of the resolution in addition to reading it in its entirety.

Councilman Boyd also offered comments with regard to this resolution.

**MOTION to enter into an agreement between Carnegie Borough and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton to utilize the property at lot-and-block 102-C-88 and 102-C-90 for municipal parking.
Seconded by Councilwoman Riley. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Kobistek offered explanation with regard to this agreement between the Borough and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

**MOTION to advertise a Request for Proposal for the 2016 Refuse Contract.
Seconded by Councilwoman Riley. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION to accept the resignation (retirement) of Police Sargent Mark Lint effective April 9, 2016.
Seconded by Councilwoman Riley. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

Councilman Sarsfield offered comments with regard to the retirement of Sargent Lint, his professionalism, his leadership, his service to the community. He wished him well in his future endeavors.

Mayor Kobistek also offered his comments with regard to the retirement of Sargent Lint reflecting on his commitment to the community, the DARE program and the children of this Borough. He also wished him nothing but the best in his retirement.

Finance (Councilperson Demko) – Read by Councilman D’Loss

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

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

Public Works (Councilperson D’Loss)

MOTION to approve Change Order No. 1 (Rosslyn Farms – Angora Road) in the amount of \$17,884.50 and Change Order No. 2 (4 Separate Areas of Carnegie Park) in the amount of \$37,702.00 for the 2016 Pavement Maintenance Project.

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

MOTION to approve Payment Application No. 2 to Aqua Infrastructure Rehabilitation Co. LLC, (dba Tri State Grouting) in the amount of \$8,075.00 for work completed between February 28 and March 29, 2016 for the 2015 Sewer System Repairs, Contract No. 2015-06B (sewer lining).

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

MOTION to accept the proposal of Trans Associates for engineering services related to the Jefferson Street & West Main Street Traffic analysis and signal revision in the amount of \$8,100.00.

Mayor Kobistek had concerns with spending \$8,100.00 on a study for a few parking spaces.

Councilman D’Loss explained that before the Borough can do any maintenance planning with the road as far as resurfacing is concerned we will have to further debate this issue of changing the number of lanes being that this would require a traffic study being that this is a State controlled road.

Mayor Kobistek also offered his comments with regard to this matter.

**MOTION TO TABLE by Councilman Sarsfield. Seconded by Councilman D’Loss.
Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Safety (Councilperson Sarsfield)

MOTION to approve the purchase of fourteen (14) portable police radios through Lauttamus Communications & Security in the amount of \$5,481.00.

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

Mayor Kobistek offered his thanks to Council President Catena for his responsiveness with this issue.

MOTION to advertise Ordinance No. 2429, 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 (Mary Street Parking).

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

Councilman Sarsfield explained that there have been many parking issues along Mary Street between Sunset Pizza and the Wine & Spirits which is creating a traffic flow problem.

Community Development and Code Enforcement (Councilperson Riley)

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2016-06, a Resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania authorizing the Borough Manager to execute the Grants Resolution page for the Carnegie Park Phase III Master Plan Implementation with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration. Councilman Boyd reported nothing for this evening.

Finance. Councilwoman Demko reported nothing for this evening.

Code Enforcement and Community Development. Councilwoman Riley reported nothing for this evening.

Public Works. Councilman D'Loss reported on the Change Order No. 2 for the repairs and paving in Carnegie Park. Damage by sewer contractors on Ross repairs are not yet completed, but are being repaired. Sometime ago, a new garage for the Public Works Department was approved by Council. On March 30 our Public Works Superintendent, Borough Engineers and Councilman D'Loss met with the representative from Norfolk Southern Railroad because the new building will encroach on railway right-of-way. Their approval is need, so the Borough is working on that. While in that meeting the Councilman reiterated to the railroad representative that it is the Borough's long term interest create that railway into a path. The representative stated he would have the Rails-to-Trials representative contact the Borough regarding this issue. There were three properties scheduled for demolition this year, and they are all finished, razed and inspected, and concluded. The properties were 332 7th Avenue, 645 Ridge Avenue, and 322 Alice Street Extension. A study has been done on Grandview Avenue for requested repairs. Grandview is listed as a Priority 4 street, we are currently working on Priority 2 streets, not anywhere near Priority 4, unfortunately. Forest Avenue which is an adjacent street is in much worse

condition, and is listed as a Priority 1. That road has not yet been addressed, because half of the road belongs to Scott Township, and there is still a continuing issue with Scott Township on the repair of that street.

Councilman D'Loss then addressed a Zoning issue. Our Zoning Hearing Board held its last meeting on March 31, and a draft document will be sent to the Planning Commission within 30-days of that time.

Borough Manager Steve Beuter reported we would have something in about a week from Environmental Painting and Design that will go to the Planning Commission this month.

Council President Catena reported that Steve Beuter, Sal Sirabella, Township Manager for Collier Township, and Dennis Fitzgerald, Township Manager for Scott Township have made progress with the Rails-to-Trials regarding the railroad path project.

Public Safety. Councilman Sarsfield reported that the Cash Bash is scheduled for May 7, 2016, at the Bridgeville Fire Department.

President's Report (President Catena). Council President Catena reported about a complaint he received from a resident about the Port Authority Park & Ride Lot. The resident was parked illegally in the Port Authority Lot and received a ticket. Stay within the boundaries of the law and you will not receive a ticket. Please stay within the guidelines of the law.

The President played a scam from an I.R.S. scam call warning residents of these scams. This is a 951 number which is a bogus call. Please do not respond to these calls.

Manager's Report. The Manager reported on the new website and asked for any suggestions for the new site. Recently, we had a page dedicated for Pitcher Park, our recycling Kid Zone which we were able to pay for through from our DEP grant, and also pages dedicated to seniors and veterans.

The Borough Map & Guide is in its final draft stage, so hopefully by the end of the month we should have those ready to go out to all of the residents and business owners. As far as Motion 5(a), this is the Phase III of Carnegie Park, and we are working on getting our support letters from our elected officials. The Borough Manager also sent out his condolences to Mr. Eddy Fisher and his family.

Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept. & EMS Report. Councilman Boyd reported for the month of March 2016 the Fire Department responded to 24 calls, and the EMS responded to 239 calls, two false alarms, one at 820 Capital Drive, the Beechwood. With regard to a fire call they responded to, the Councilman cautioned that cats and candles do not mix.

Mayor's Report. For the month of March 2016 -- Criminal Arrests and Citations: 10; Traffic Citations: 43; Parking Tickets: 449; Complaints and Self-Initiating Activities: 1079. The Mayor commented on the increased number of animal complaints being received already this year. He commented that we do indeed have a skunk problem in the Borough, and that some solution will have to be worked on. We are also receiving a lot of complaints with regard to feral cats. The Mayor requested that the Borough look into a feral cat ordinance. The matter was then discussed between the Mayor and Council President Pat Catena regarding the legalities of the matter. The Mayor addressed the problem of speeding. There was a rally in Harrisburg last week with the Mayor's Association, the Borough's Association, and the Chiefs of Police Association all rallied for the use of radar. Also, spring brings out solicitors. Solicitors will be hammering our neighborhoods, and also scammers – some solicitors are scammers. The Borough has put a program in place to address this problem. The solicitor must submit a permit application, pay the applicable fees, provide a photo id and submit to a background check before the Borough will issue them an I.D. Badge that they must wear and show at all times while soliciting in the Borough. The I.D. Badge has the person's picture on it, the name of the company, a permit number and expiration date. The Mayor reiterated that you do not need to request to see a badge or any form of identification, you can simply call 911 to have the person or individuals validated. The Mayor also requested that people lock your vehicles at all times, this is the best way to keep people from going through your car and stealing your items or your vehicle. The Mayor cautioned about burglaries in the spring. Please keep your door and windows locked when you leave your home. Also, if you see something, say something. The police will check out anything and everything. On April 13, 2016, there will be an Irishtown Community Meeting at All Saints Polish National Catholic Church, 500 Fifth Street from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The Borough is looking for ideas as to how we can enhance the living experience in the Irishtown area. The Mayor then discussed the parking symposium. Not well attended, but we did have the usual faces, and we did come up with some ideas and those ideas are being investigated right now. Spring road condition, the first over-night closure that was scheduled for tonight has been cancelled. They will begin tomorrow through Friday, the overnight closure is from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Tuesday the Thursday will be westbound, Wednesday and Friday will be eastbound. With regard to the westbound, the Carnegie ramp will remain open, eastbound, the Carnegie ramps will be closed. Monday, April 4. Work for this project will be from the intersection of East Main Street and Washington Avenue (in Carnegie) to the intersection of Noblestown Road and Poplar Street. Noblestown will be restricted to one lane with alternating traffic flow around the work area. Flaggers and local police will help direct traffic during the construction. Most work will take place from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., but some daylight work will take place between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Work consists of drainage repair, pipe installation, sidewalk construction, base and shoulder repair, milling and resurfacing. There will also be the full two weekend closures in May. The Mayor will get more information and report on those closures. The Mayor also reported that every year during the spring, the code complaints go up, and this is a very busy time of year for code enforcement. And a lot of those complaints deal with the same vacant and blighted properties year in and year out. The Mayor suggested a Vacant and Blighted Property Working Group. He feels that it is important for us to look to this as an opportunity to try and address a lot of the repeated issues year after year. These issues deal with almost every

department at the Borough, DPW, Code Enforcement, District Magistrate, etc. The Mayor addressed the water shed and rain barrel class coming up on May 19, 2016. The Mayor will have a full summer activities scheduled for the next Council meeting schedule. However, he did want to remind everyone that June 4, 2016 is our dogapoolza at the dog park. The Boys and Girls Club Summer Camp registration is now open. The camp has 150 open spots and the charge is \$75.00 per week, which includes and a meal and everything the camp has to offer, such as field trips, trips to the pool, computer work, etc. Also, the Board of Directors for the Boys & Girls Club provides \$20,000 every year for scholarship and teen employment. The Mayor encouraged all to donate to this scholarship fund. The Mayor reminded everyone about the Festival of Colors this weekend at the East Main Street Parking Lot. For more information please contact Holly at the Indian Community Center at 412-613-6853. The event is from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. and the band is No Bad JuJu. On May 6, 2016 at Carnegie Stage, Off the Wall Theater presents "The Musical of Musicals," which will run for three weeks.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Maggie Forbes, Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall. Thank Council for the 115 Year Proclamation presented to the Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Must Hall. She also addressed Council with regard to all the events that will be being held at the Library this month. All details can be found not only the Library's website, but also the Borough's website.

Darlene Konzal, Chestnut Street. Thanked Council for the great job that they always do clearing the roads all winter long. She always thanked the Mayor and the Chief for the presence in the community.

Leonard A. Tiberio, 603 Gormley Avenue. Addressed Council regard Liquid Fuels Tax monies and jointly paving of Forest Road. The Borough went to great lengths to explain to Mr. Tiberio how the Liquid Fuels Tax money is used. He also addressed Council with regard to the sign on Cubbage Street restricting trucks more than 30 feet long – no left turn – this sign is a length restriction. He apparently has requested a similar sign on Chestnut with regard to trucks 40 foot long – regarding the culvert on Summit. Also, joint truck study with Scott Township was declined by Scott Township.

Ron Gazda, 100 Summit Street. Addressed Council regarding the same issue as was addressed by Mr. Leonard Tiberio. He has had able damage to his property due to all of these trucks traveling through a residential area. Also addressed Council with regard to the feral cat problem, which was resolved for him.

COUNCIL GOOD AND WELFARE

Councilman Boyd. The Councilman talked about the 5K Walk/Run scheduled from Saturday, April 23, 2016. We have close to 400 people registered at this time. Thank you to all that have helped and also will participate. The race starts sharply at 8:00 a.m.

Councilwoman Riley. Nothing for this evening.

Councilman Sarsfield. Nothing for this evening, except let's just enjoy all the great events we have going on in Carnegie this weekend. God bless everyone.

Councilwoman Demko. Nothing for this evening.

Councilman D'Loss. The Carnegie Democratic Committee was trying to organize a Senate Candidate \ Meet the Candidates Forum at the Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall for Wednesday, April 13, 2016. However, all of the candidates have decided that Western Pennsylvania is not their priority place to be, and that most of the votes are in the Philadelphia area, so they will be spending their time in Philadelphia. The event has been cancelled.

Council President Catena. Nothing for this evening.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilman Sarsfield.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED.

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