



CARNEGIE BOROUGH PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, December 12, 2016

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 Riley – Present, Councilperson Sarsfield – Present, Council President Catena – Present, Mayor Kobistek – Present.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION: The Mayor presented a Certificate of Recognition to the Church of the Atonement for their 34 year Christmas Day Open House where they provide a free Christmas dinner to anyone who is in need or companionship. They also deliver meals on that day.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LISTED MOTIONS

No public comment on listed motions.

Administration (Councilman Boyd)

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

MOTION to advertise for the 2017 General Fund Budget, Sewer Fund Budget and Liquid Fuels Budget.

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

MOTION to advertise a special meeting to take place on December 27, 2016 at 6:00 PM to finalize the Carnegie Borough General Fund, Sewer Fund and Liquid Fuels Funds.

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

MOTION to advertise the 2017 Borough Council, Planning Commission and Shade Tree Commission meeting schedules.

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

MOTION to advertise Borough Ordinance No. 2438, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie continuing Ordinance 981 of 1982, as amended by Borough Ordinance 2344 providing for setting of Carnegie Borough's Business Privilege Tax for the year 2017.

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

MOTION to advertise Borough Ordinance No. 2439, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie continuing the Local Tax Enabling Ordinance No. 806 (Mechanical Device), No. 808 (Real Estate Transfer), 809 (Earned Income), No. 2279 (Local Services) as amended for the year 2017.

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

MOTION to advertise Borough Ordinance No. 2440, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie continuing ordinance 2386 (Providing for Non-Owner Occupied Dwelling Registration) for 2017.

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

MOTION to advertise Borough Ordinance No. 2441, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie levying and assessing Real Estate Taxes for General and Specific Purposes for the year 2017.

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

MOTION to advertise Borough Ordinance No. 2442, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie amending Chapter 18, Part 6 of the Borough Code of Ordinances relating to sewers and sewage disposal.

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

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2016 - 25, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie authorizing the issuance of a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note, Series 2017.

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

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2016 - 26, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie adopting and authorizing collection costs for collection of delinquent taxes, other than real estate taxes, and fees.

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

MOTION to authorize the Council President to enter into a twenty-year funding agreement with the Andrew Carnegie Free Library of Carnegie, as amended.

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

Per the request of Council President Catena, Councilman Boyd read the original agreement between the Borough of Carnegie and the Andrew Carnegie Free Library.

Councilwoman Demko commented that she was very glad that we could come to this agreement.

Councilwoman Riley commented that she was glad that Council was able to come to the table to help the library and our community.

Councilman Boyd thanked Maggie and all past and present employees for their committed efforts to raise money for the library over the past 12 or so years.

Councilman Sarsfield commented on how productive Council has always been to coming to the aid of those in Carnegie, such as the fire department, and especially the library project.

Councilman D'Loss commented that our library is 115 years old and has never had a stable funding stream in its history, and what we are doing here tonight is historic. The library has a very special place in this community and there is a very special emotional attachment between the Borough and the library. Councilman D'Loss spoke about Hurricane Ivan, its impact on the community, and the ability of Maggie Forbes, and the community to still raise a million dollars for the library renovations two weeks after the flood. He stated it is his belief that the library is the economic generator, the economic stimulus of this community. The community recognizes the importance of the library of this town.

Council President Catena commented on his concerns with the length of the contract and also the length of the contract. However, he read an e-mail that he received from a resident that expressed in great detail the importance of the Andrew Carnegie Free Library and the role the library has played in her life as a small child, a teenager, as an adult and the community in general. While in New York he visited the New York Public Library and did some research on Andrew Carnegie, and he found this quote from Andrew Carnegie – "I chose free libraries as the best agencies for improving the masses of the people, because they truly give nothing for nothing, they only help those that help themselves." And isn't that the truth of our library, it helped itself and now, obviously, we are in turn going to help them along as well.

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

Finance (Councilperson Demko)

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

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

Public Works (Councilperson D'Loss)

MOTION to grant a change order to Soli Construction, Inc. for the 2016 Sewer System Repairs - Excavation, Contract No. 2016-03A, in the amount of \$48,736.33.

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

MOTION to approve Payment Application No. 2 (Final) to Soli Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$184,731.36 for work completed between September 24 and November 30, 2016 for the 2016 Sewer System Repairs - Excavation, Contract No. 2016-03A.

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

MOTION to approve Payment Application No. 2 to Insight Pipe Contracting LLC., in the amount of \$177,338.76 for work completed between October 1 and October 31, 2016 for the 2016 Storm and Sanitary Sewer Facilities Improvements, Contract No. 2016-03B.

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

MOTION to approve Payment Application No. 2 (Final) to R&B Contracting in the amount of \$2,592.00 for work completed between September 29 and October 31, 2016 for the 2016 Carnegie Park Phase II Main Park ADA Sidewalks, Contract No. 2016-05.

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

MOTION to approve Payment Application No. 4 to T.A. Robinson, Asphalt Paving in the amount of \$35,818.20 for work completed between October 1 and October 15, 2016 for the 2016 Carnegie Park Phase II Main Park Improvements (Deck Hockey / Tennis Courts), Contract No. 2016-04.

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

MOTION to extend the Contract Completion Date for Contract No. 2016-03B, Sewer System Repairs – Lining an additional 30 days (Insight Pipe Contracting).

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

MOTION to adopt ordinance no. 2437, an ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Amending Chapter 26 of the Borough Code, regulating the supply of potable water, preventing the use of groundwater as a potable water supply in certain areas and prohibiting the use or instillation of groundwater wells or other means for the conveyance of groundwater as a potable water supply in certain areas.

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

Public Safety (Councilperson Sarsfield)

MOTION to discontinue the Carnegie Police Department K9 Program as of April 1, 2017.

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

Chief Kennedy commented on the future of the K-9 Program for the Borough of Carnegie, and also reminded everyone that DAX is 10 years old.

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2016-26, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie establishing Chapter 15, Part 2, Section 209 of the Borough Code of Ordinances creating an ADA parking space near 214 5th Avenue.

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

Community Development and Code Enforcement (Councilperson Riley)

MOTION to withdraw the Year 43 Community Development Grant Application for the Borough of Carnegie through the Char-West COG to the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development in the amount of \$82,076.50 for the Marshall Avenue Road Reconstruction Project (467-51).

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

MOTION to withdraw the Year 43 Community Development Grant Application for the Borough of Carnegie through the Char-West COG to the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development in the amount of \$69,817.00 for the Lee Street Road Reconstruction Project (467-51).

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration. Nothing for this evening.

Finance. Councilwoman Demko commented that our last budget meeting will be on December 27, 2016.

Code Enforcement and Community Development. Nothing for this evening.

Public Works. Councilman D'Loss commented that Council met with our engineers last week to discuss projects for 2017. The only item that needs to be made a decision on by the end of the year is Plum Street, which is a storm sewer addition.

Public Safety. Councilman Sarsfield thanked Council for the great work on the 2017 Budget. Praised our law enforcement for their work, and also our fire department.

President's Report (President Catena). Nothing to report for this evening.

Manager's Report. Nothing to report for this evening.

Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept. & EMS Report. For the month of October there were 14 fire calls and 103 EMS calls. For the month of November there were 21 fire calls and 130 EMS calls.

Mayor's Report. For the month of November 2016 – Criminal Arrests and Citations: 9; Traffic Citations: 33; Parking Tickets: 249; Complaints and Self-Initiating Activities: 893.

The Mayor commented on the Thanksgiving Day fatal police chase. The Carnegie Police Department does have a chase policy in place that the Allegheny County District Attorney recommends. Stop sticks are recommended. The Carnegie Police Department does have two stop sticks. They will be used judiciously. Also, our police computers are updated twice a day, so it is unlikely that we would be subject to a ransomware attack.

The Mayor reminded everyone that Toys for Tots is still ongoing. Some of the toys collected do stay locally.

The Mayor commented on the stress and pressure associated with being a police officer. He believes that Chief Kennedy has a handle on that when it comes to the Carnegie Police Department. He makes sure that all current procedures are in place.

Christy Crawshaw won a \$250.00 Youth Marcella McGrogan Carnegie Volunteer Award. That money will go to the 2017 Dogapalooza.

The Mayor commented on the Carnegie Boys & Girls Clubs. Stating that there are 138 children in the after school program. They have a lot of really great programs and events for participation by the children, such as – Penguin Games, Ballet Programs, 320 youth participating in sports programs, etc.

The Mayor stated that the GetGo on Washington Avenue is closing on December 16, 2016.

The Mayor commended Pastor Kent for his program, Bridges out of Poverty. It is a great program to help those dealing with poverty issues.

There will be a holiday party on December 19, 2016 from the Screen Writers at Phil's Gallery.

The Mayor commented with regard to Dax's retirement as a K-9 from the Carnegie Police Department. His service to this community was commendable, and he will be truly missed.

The Mayor reminded everyone of the upcoming programs at Carnegie Stage, and then the Carnegie Community Choir will be at St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton on Sunday, December 18, 2016.

The Mayor gave congratulations to the Andrew Carnegie Free Library.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Isabel Ford, Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall. Isabel thanked Council, past council members, friends, and supporters for the new agreement that has been reached between the library and the Borough of Carnegie.

Maggie Forbes, Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall. Maggie also thanked Council and all those involved in reaching the new funding agreement between the library and the Borough of Carnegie.

Marlene Pendelton, Shade Tree Commission. Marlene addressed Council with regard to the Carnegie Screenwriters and the parody they wrote on The Night Before Christmas specifically about Carnegie.

Joanne Letcher, Carnegie Community Development Corporation. Joanne reminded everyone that on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 is Men's Shopping Night in Carnegie from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Also, Holiday Mixer for the CCDC is at PaPa J's tomorrow night.

COUNCIL GOOD AND WELFARE

Councilman Sarsfield. Councilman Sarsfield reflected on his past Christmas' with his family, commended our police and service men and women. He encouraged everyone to remember our service men and woman at this time of year. He also wished everyone a very Merry Christmas. God bless all of you.

Councilman Boyd. Councilman Boyd reminded everyone now that winter is here everyone should keep an eye of your neighbors. He also encouraged everyone to change the batteries in their smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Councilwoman Riley. Councilwoman Riley wished Council and the Carnegie residents a happy holiday and safe New Year. She also encouraged those in attendance tonight to encourage friends and neighbors to come to our council meetings.

Councilwoman Demko. Councilwoman Demko wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year.

Councilman D'Loss. Councilman D'Loss wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Council President Catena. Council President Catena, again, commented on the great accomplishment Council has made this evening regarding the Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall. Quoting Andrew Carnegie, “No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all by himself, or get the credit for doing it all by himself.” Words to live by. He thanked Council for making his job as Council President so much easier because they are truly wonderful members, and he wished each and every one of them a happy holiday.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilman D’Loss.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED.

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www.carnegieborough.com*