



Monday, April 11th, 2022

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

Call Meeting to Order / Moment of Silence / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call of Council

Roll Call of Council

Councilperson Demko; Councilperson D’Loss – Present; Councilperson DiPietro – Present; Councilperson Freshwater; Councilperson Mullins – Present; Council President Boyd– Present; Mayor Riley – Present

Public Comment on Listed Motions

1. Administration (Councilperson Freshwater)

a. MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on March 14th, 2022. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

2. Finance (Councilperson Mullins)

a. MOTION to approve the April 2022 Bill List and Bill List Addendum. Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

b. MOTION to approve the purchase / lease of a 2022 Ford Interceptor SUV AWD from Laurel Auto Group at a price of \$34,055.00. (Acquired through the COSTARS Purchasing Program). Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

COMMENT: Councilperson Mullins explained that this vehicle would be utilized by Detective Lawrence and Detective Lawrence’s current vehicle would be then used by Code Enforcement and the Administration Department. The previous code enforcement vehicle was sold earlier this year as there was no Code Officer and due to the vehicle’s age.

3. Public Works (Councilperson D’Loss)

a. MOTION to accept the bid submitted by Mele & Mele & Sons, Inc. for the 2022 Carnegie Borough Milling and Resurfacing Program in the amount of \$351,276.15. (Contract No. 2022-01). Seconded by Councilperson Freshwater – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

A. Base Bid - \$257,754.85 / Alternate Bid #1 - \$24,045.50 / Alternate Bid #2 - \$69475.80

COMMENT: Councilperson D’Loss explained that the funding and construction are a continuation of the work that began last year. Additional funding for this project came from the state gasoline tax as well.

COMMENT: Councilperson D’Loss added that the next two motions are not ready to be addressed as the dollar amounts are not yet finalized.

- b. **MOTION to accept Change Order No. 1 (Final) in the amount of \$ _____, to account for unforeseen site conditions and to adjust for final quantities installed on the Mansfield Boulevard Sewer Relocation Project. (Contract No. 2020-03 – Jet Jack, Inc.)**
- c. **MOTION to authorize Payment No. 2 (Final) to Jet Jack Inc. in the amount of \$ _____ for the Mansfield Boulevard Sewer Relocation Project (Contract No. 2020- 01).**

4. Public Safety (Councilperson Demko)

- a. **MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2022 – 12, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, accepting the appointment of the following individuals to serve on the Carnegie Borough Police Pension Committee: Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
 - a. **Sgt. Lawrence Gump / Sgt. Shawn Seaman / Steve Beuter / Sue Demko**
- b. **MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2022 – 13, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie establishing Chapter 15, Part 2, Section 209 of the Borough Code of Ordinances creating a handicapped parking space near 102 3rd Street (102-C-238). Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- c. **MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2022 – 14, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie establishing Chapter 15, Part 2, Section 209 of the Borough Code of Ordinances creating a handicapped parking space near 516 Gormley Avenue (66-K-64). Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- d. **MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2022 – 15, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie establishing Chapter 15, Part 2, Section 209 of the Borough Code of Ordinances creating a handicapped parking space near 8 Marshall Avenue (102-M-20). Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

5. Code Enforcement and Community Development (Councilperson DiPietro)

- a. **MOTION to approve the application of KDK Land, LLC. for the land development application submitted for 801 W. Main Street as recommended by the Planning Commission on March 29th, 2022. Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
 - B. **Lot and Block 102-E-74 – Convenience Store w/ Fuel (D3–Arterial Zoning District).**

6. Committee Reports

A. Administration (Councilperson Freshwater) - No report

B. Finance (Councilperson Mullins) - No report

C. Code Enforcement and Community Development (Councilperson DiPietro) – Allegheny County has a lead-based paint program for homeowners, landlords, and caregivers. In one instance a homeowner was able to receive new windows in their home. Information for this program will be available on the borough website. Maggie Forbes from the Andrew Carnegie Free Library will be discussing the grand opening of Library Park during the public comment section of tonight’s meeting.

D. Public Works (Councilperson D’Loss)– Borough Manager Steve Beuter, Councilperson D’Loss, Public Works Foreman Butch Chapman, and the borough’s engineers KLH Engineers viewed the electric power wires and poles on East Main Street. These poles are outdated and in need of electrical rerouting and replacement. This project will target poles from Sansbury Street (near GetGo) down to Jefferson Avenue and are brown and teal colored. Equipment and labor costs are currently high, but a plan will be developed to utilize infrastructure funding when it becomes available.

COMMENT: Council President Boyd added that the federal government has been printing and distributing money as equitably as possible, in that equity Carnegie was promised over \$900,000 of which the borough received half last year and sometime around the same time this year the borough is expecting another check. He also expressed his hope that the \$900,000 will be enough to accomplish the light pole replacement project and if there was money left over, to perform upgrades to Main Street, such as increasing lighting.

COMMENT: Councilperson D’Loss noted the rising rate of inflation regarding workers and equipment.

E. Public Safety and Fire Dept. / EMS Report (Councilperson Demko) – In March, there were 114 ambulance calls and 23 fire calls.

F. President’s Report – Council President Boyd referenced his comments from last month regarding the Campbells Run Road Project meant to widen the road. This project raised several concerns about rising water levels in Chartiers Creek and eventual flooding. However, a retention pond will be installed on Campbell’s Run Road to collect run off water, with the hopes of installing a second retention pond as well. In addition, the deadline to receive a 2% discount on Allegheny County taxes will be extended to the end of April. On the topic of grants, Council President Boyd highlighted the borough’s success with securing grants and promised the borough’s continual application for grants to address the lack of funding to address community issues. The borough also sent Scott Township a letter of support to aid in their joint flooding remediation project, which will see the installation of pipes to funnel water to Chartiers Creek. Hopefully, state, and federal grants will be able to fund Carnegie’s financial portion of the project.

7. Manager’s Report – Borough Manager Steve Beuter announced that photography from students at Bishop Canevin High School is on display in the borough building lobby. The community is welcome to stop in and view the artwork during borough business hours.

Carnegie will now be featured in the Gazette 2.0 along side neighboring communities such as Coraopolis, Crafton, Ingram, Kennedy, McKees Rocks, Moon, Neville Island, Pittsburgh, Robinson, and Stowe. The Signal Item is no longer delivered to Carnegie residents, so Carnegie news will now be featured in the Gazette which will be passed out around the community.

The Spring/Summer 2022 newsletter will be available on the borough website prior to May 1st. The Fall/Winter 2021 newsletter is still available on the website.

Deneen Underwood from the Administration Department and Robert Brown from Public Works assisted with the Easter Bunny event hosted by the Children’s Events Committee that happened in town and nearly 200 children were able to meet the Easter Bunny. The Borough Manager thanked the Children’s Events Committee and those who helped with the event.

8. **Mayor's Report** – In March 2022, there were 12 criminal arrests and citations, 257 traffic stops (72 occurred on Forsythe Road), 53 traffic citations, 93 parking tickets, and 1,232 complaints and self-initiated activity calls.

Mayor Stacie Riley reminded that the Volunteer and Rescue 5k Run/Walk is on Saturday, April 23rd. The registration is \$25 for adults and \$10 for kids 10 and under and Carlynton Students. Registration begins at 6:30am and the race kicks off at 8am.

Also, on April 23rd from 11am-3pm is the grand opening of Library Park. On Sunday, April 24th, the Carnegie Liter Clean Up Day will occur on Bell Station from 9am-12pm. Volunteers can sign up on the borough website.

The Indian Community Center hosts the Festival of Colors, usually in April, there is no date as of yet.

On April 2nd, the mayor and State Representative Anita Kulik were at the Carnegie Dog Park to celebrate the new agility course put together by Parkway West students in collaboration with Skills USA. The three students from the vet tech program also won 3rd place at a competition in Hershey out of 3,000 students and were featured on KDKA.

COMMENT: Council President Boyd announced that State Representative Anita Kulik and Allegheny County Council President Pat Catena are hosting a free community document destruction event.

COMMENT: Borough Manager Steve Beuter added that the date and time are to be determined, but information will be put on the website.

In addition, the Mayor's Monarch Butterfly Pledge was renewed for 2022. Along with the pledge is a call for public art projects, local artist Alicia Kesneck is spearheading this program by utilizing recyclable goods and is seeking volunteers. Art created through this project will be unveiled at the Carnegie Monarch Butterfly Festival on July 31st from 12pm-3pm. Students from Bishop Canevin High School met with Alicia this past Friday to work on the public art project.

Forsythe Mini Golf is celebrating its 80th season. There will be a dedicated celebration in May, a date yet to be finalized. Cruising on the Main will occur in late summer/early fall.

Coffee with CPD is being transformed into Pizza with the Police, with more information to come.

2022 Arbor Day Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

WHEREAS, the holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving up paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Stacie Riley Mayor of Borough of Carnegie do hereby proclaim April 29th, 2022, as Arbor Day in the Borough of Carnegie and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

Further, I urge all citizens to plant and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

9. Jr. Council Report (Jr. Councilperson Johnson) – No report

COMMENT: Borough Manager Steve Beuter added that on Saturday April 16th, Camp Bow Wow is going to be having an Easter Egg Hunt at Carnegie Park and the Dog Park.

10. General Public Comment (Council will hear comments for up to three (3) minutes per person)

Maggie Forbes (Executive Director of the Andrew Carnegie Library and Music Hall) – This weekend was the Civil War Symposium at the Civil War room in the library. The event sold out and there were visitors from six different states and regional visitors. Maggie extended her thanks to the borough and the borough manager for their assistance in helping the library secure the Keystone Commonwealth Libraries Grant, which the library was one of only two libraries in Allegheny County to get the grant and one of only twenty-one in the state. On Saturday, April 23rd from 11am-3pm, the library will be hosting the grand opening of Library Park. A bagged piper will kick off the event with a procession to the library and will concluded with a Motown concert at the Music Hall. There will be arts, crafts, hand radio, double dutch demonstrations, and food vendors. The vision of connecting the library and the music hall to Main Street has come to pass. It has been a long journey to finish this project. There are also new Carnegie Carnegie library cards for upgrade for \$1 for current card holders and free for new cards. Maggie wished luck to the borough for the 5k and announced that the library had recently planted over 20 trees to celebrate Arbor Day. There will be an Earth Day celebration at the library to coincide with the new green spaces.

COMMENT: Council President Boyd added that the library has a benefit coming up in the next couple of months.

Maggie explained that the library will have a Take Us to the Other Side Benefit on Friday, June 10th. The Library Park is completed, but landscaping will take place this spring/summer. The studio space in the library has undergone renovations. In addition, the added space of a mezzanine between the studio level and the library will allow for a kitchen, more programming, and more rental capabilities. The Music Hall will be closing at the end of the summer to undergo extensive renovations.

Joanne Letcher (Carnegie Community Development Corporation) – Thanked donors to the CCDC, specifically Sue and Tom of council. CCDC was able to secure 76 Ukrainian flags from Alteration World to be put in planters through the community. Joanne asked that if anyone sees a planter without a flag, to please visit Alteration World to purchase a \$5 and place it in the planter. Brittany from Alteration World, Barb from More Than Words, and Megan from Pullman’s are working together to make the blue and yellow ribbon sunflower decorations to go on light poles around the Carnegie. These will be available to purchase.

The Ukrainian Club and Ancient Order of Hibernians are hosting a Night at the Races at the Ukrainian Club on May 21st. The entrance fee is \$15, there will be baskets and are asking for donations. Donations will be received by the Holy Trinity Women's Ukrainian Fund, the ribbons mentioned earlier will also go to this fund. A time and more information will be announced.

Mini sunflowers will potentially be planted in the planters across town, if those are unable to be planted, blue and yellow flowers will be planted instead.

COMMENT: Councilperson D'Loss asked Jeanne Williams (Jewish Family and Community Service Organization) about resettlement efforts for Ukrainian refugees and if she had information on timelines of resettlement.

COMMENT: Jeanne Williams (Jewish Family and Community Service Organization) was unsure about information regarding the resettlement of Ukrainian refugees but did explain that JFCS was working with Afghan refugees in the area. The resettlement process is lengthy and requires several levels of approval, so resettlement period is unclear at this time.

11. Council Good and Welfare

Councilperson DiPietro – A representative from the Carnegie Mini Mart is at the meeting tonight. There will be gas pumps put in front of the store, no diesel will be sold so there will be no tractors serviced there. Signs will be put on I-79 drawing drivers down to Carnegie to see all that the community has to offer. Additional lighting will be added as well, helping with security. The pumps will take at least a year to obtain, so this project is still far out yet.

COMMENT: Jimin Kuvadiah (Carnegie Mini Mart) – Thanked the community and those that helped this project happen. He stressed that this project would take some time but is excited for it to happen.

Councilperson Mullins - Nothing for this evening.

Councilperson Demko – Wishing everyone a blessed Easter and a Happy Passover!

Councilperson D'Loss – To those celebrating Ramadan, hopefully your fasting is easy. We also have the Indian event in our community, so we celebrate the diversity in our community.

Councilperson Freshwater – Same as Councilperson Demko.

Council President Boyd – Peace in the Ukraine.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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