



Monday, August 11th, 2025

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

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

Roll Call

Councilperson Demko – Present, Councilperson DiPietro – Present, Councilperson Freshwater – Present, Councilperson Lee – Present, Councilperson Mullins – Absent, Council President Boyd – Present, Mayor Riley – Present

Public Comment on Listed Motions – Nothing for this evening.

1. Administration (Councilperson Freshwater)

- a) **MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council meeting on July 14th, 2025. Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b) **MOTION to offer Employment to Dana Ann Slizik in a probationary status at a payrate in accordance with the labor agreement for a period of ninety (90) days and upon successful completion thereof Full-Time Employment subject to the collective bargaining agreement (Local Union 14034-54). Seconded by Councilperson Lee – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENT: Council President Boyd explained that there has been a seat open for a long time in the Administration Department and this will help greatly.

2. Finance (Councilperson Mullins) Read by Councilperson Lee

- a) **MOTION to approve the August 2025 Bill List and Bill List Addendum. Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

3. Public Works (Councilperson Demko)

- a) **MOTION to accept the bid submitted by Independent Enterprises for the 2025 Carnegie Borough Milling and Resurfacing Program in the amount of \$599,448.55 (Contract No. 2025-03). Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENT: Councilperson Demko explained that this paving project includes Carnegie Park, Bagnato parking lot, William & Mary parking lot, Diamond Alley, and Golden Alley.

b) MOTION to authorize Pay Application No. 6 (Final) from Paramount in the amount of \$26,858.00 for the Carnegie Park Shelter Renovations Project (Contract No. 2023-02). Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

c) MOTION to authorize KLH Engineers to prepare the advertisement for the Irishtown Sewer Separation Project. Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

A. Funding received through the COVID-19 ARPA PA Small Water and Sewer Fund.

d) MOTION to permit the Carnegie Boys & Girls Club to utilize 7th Avenue Field every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (6:00 PM to 8:00 PM) and every Saturday (9:00 AM to 3:00 PM) from September 9th, 2025, to November 1st, 2025, for the Boys & Girls Club Flag Football Program. Seconded by Councilperson Freshwater – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

4. Public Safety (Councilperson Lee) – Nothing for this evening.

5. Code Enforcement and Community Development (Councilperson DiPietro)

a) MOTION to approve the application of Riley’s Properties, LLC, for the land development plan submitted for 215 E. Main Street, as recommended by the Planning Commission on January 28, 2025. Seconded by Councilperson Lee – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

A. Contingent upon engineer and Allegheny County Planning Agency review.

B. Lot & Block 65-E-100

C. D-1 Downtown Zoning District (Pub/Tavern – Permitted Use)

6. Committee Reports

A. Administration – Nothing for this evening.

B. Finance – Council President Boyd added that this year’s paving project budget is nearly \$600,000. Around \$330,000 comes from the general fund, \$100,000 comes from the payment from the alley agreement with Papa J’s, and \$250,000 comes from remaining grant funding which will also go towards updates for parking lot paving, kiosks, and landscaping. The raingardens have become unsightly, but money from the grant will go towards cleaning it up. The remaining ARPA money, which some went towards lighting Main Street, will supplement the paving project as well.

C. Code Enforcement and Community Development – Nothing for this evening.

D. Public Works – Nothing for this evening.

E. Public Safety and Fire Dept. / EMS Report – In July 2025, there were 33 fire calls and 139 ambulance calls.

F. President’s Report – The Borough has a good relationship with neighboring communities, and we often share resources. Several people from our Public Works Department assisted Rosslyn Farms with one of their projects as in-kind work.

7. **Manager's Report** – Paramount has completed the work at Carnegie Park, pending review from KLH Engineers. Everything at the park should be up and running.
8. **Mayor's Report** – Mayor Riley read the proclamation for the 5th Annual Monarch Butterfly Pledge. Carnegie Borough is once again a Monarch Champion, completing 29 action items, which only three other communities meet the standards. The public art project that goes along with the proclamation is on display at the library until the end of September.

In July 2025, there were 20 criminal arrests and citations, 85 traffic stops (20 on Forsythe Road), 7 traffic citations, 82 parking tickets, and 892 calls and self-initiated activity.

On August 16th, the Library is hosting an End-of-Summer Celebration from 11:30am-1:30pm with activities, games, and a touch a truck event with CVFRB. The Monarch Butterfly Festival will be held on August 24th during the Farmer's Market. There will be giveaways and activities in addition to the normal market.

Raise a Glass to Riley's Pour House will be held at the Priory on Sunday, August 25th with doors opening at 1pm. Tickets are currently \$30 or \$35 at the door, food will be served and there is fantastic music lined up.

Carlynton's first day back to school will be August 25th. The Farmer's Market and Crawl are in full swing. Cruising the Main is now Cruising the Park from 1pm-4pm on September 20th at Carnegie Park. Cups & Cones with CPD will be on Sunday, September 14th at Scoops from 11am-1pm.

9. **ACFLMH / CCDC Update**

ACFLMH – Heidi, the Music Hall Director, shared the August activities and programs calendar for the library. The Carnegie Artist Showcase will be open to all from August 2nd-16th during business hours. The library's annual benefit, which is Gatsby: A Jazz Age Celebration, will be on September 26th, 2025, starting at 6:30pm.

CCDC – Sam, Executive Director, discussed the successes of this year's Crawls and that participation is on the rise and under budget thanks to sponsors. The Carnegie Arts Walk will be held on September 13th from 11am-5pm. There will be minor road closures, but we will start planning once the closures are approved.

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

Gary Urbatis (29 Woodruff Drive) – Thanked the Borough and Police Department for their service. Trees on Chestnut Street are overgrown, and the sidewalks are crumbling. There are still political signs up as well.

COMMENT: Borough Manager Steve Beuter stated that the Borough is working with Duquesne Light and Verizon to address tree trimming.

COMMENT: Council President Boyd added that Public Works can take a look at the sidewalks and political signs.

Mike Sauer (607 Bank Street) – Came to a Council meeting several years ago and asked for a progress update on the trail connecting Carnegie to the Panhandle Trail.

COMMENT: Allegheny County President Pat Catena explained that the County had money set aside for this project last year and the Redevelopment Authority also put money aside this year for the purchase. There has been a lot of back and forth between the County, the Redevelopment Authority, and the railroad company to negotiate a sale price. We expect to hear back around October 1st as we are getting closer to a deal. This project has been in the works for over ten years, and we are very close. There will still need to be lots of capital repairs and more money needed, it is going to take time to make it safe.

Mr. Catena added that his visited the site of the Clairton explosion. There were several fatalities and families are still trying to locate their loved ones. Keep Clairton and the Mon Valley in your prayers, they will recover. I just wanted to thank the first responders there and I wanted to stop by and say hello to everyone. I appreciate every one of you and you do not get paid enough.

COMMENT: Mr. Sauer also highlighted an unsafe pothole at the bottom of Cabbage Hill.

COMMENT: Borough Manager Steve Beuter explained that the patch job was done by PA American Water and that they will be returning to correct the issue.

11. Council Good and Welfare

Councilperson Demko – The bacon truck at the Farmer’s Market, their food is delicious. If they have the peaches and the cherries next week, get them.

Councilperson DiPietro – Please be patient with the roadwork, give yourself a few extra minutes when you leave. Beeping does not make it go any faster.

Councilperson Lee – Carlynton goes back to school on August 25th, traffic will be slower and there will be little ones out, so be patient. The hearing for the dog that passed away tragically is on August 21st. The next working session will be on Tuesday, September 2nd. The September voting meeting will be on Monday, September 8th. On Tuesday, August 12th at 7pm, the library is hosting a reading group called Embracing our Differences and concentrates on texts that are from underrepresented parts of society. It is a terrific group of people who attend.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilperson Demko. Seconded by Councilperson Freshwater. Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED.

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