



CARNEGIE BOROUGH PUBLIC MEETING (via Zoom)

Monday, August 10th, 2020

**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

Councilperson Boyd – Present, Councilperson DiPietro – Present, Councilperson Freshwater – Present, Councilperson Popichak – Present, Councilperson D’Loss – Present, Council President Demko – Present, Mayor Riley – Present

TROIANI FAMILY – Michael Troiani discussed the intersection of East Main and Broadway in the Borough of Carnegie. Recently submitted a subdivision plan to consolidate the lots situated at 200-214 East Main Street and 429 Robert Street. Has yet to receive a response. Needs to understand his ability to act on behalf of ownership to develop this property, to assemble these parcels and to actively participate in the zoning language underway. This is necessary to protect and use this property in the future in coordination with the context of the community, the historical buy rights of zoning, and the good faith of Borough Council.

Borough Manager replied regarding the consolidation piece – finalize submission of development would need to be completed initially. Once development is complete we would move forward. The next step is to submit, in writing, a request of vacation. I have already provided the Troiani family with information regarding the direction of what the Borough has to do as far as advertising for it and having it part of the hearing. Once the consolidation is accepted by the Borough that is when the final consolidation would take place.

Mr. Troiani would like to have something in writing from the Borough as far as this position. What he has received is the state statute on the processes. If there are conditions by which the Borough chooses to govern this opportunity to use this land, he would like it in writing. Borough Manager is putting together a timeline for the Troiani family.

Mr. Troiani would also like the opportunity to participate in the zoning language before it becomes ratified. He has some issues with the reduction of parking and parking in general.

Per Councilperson Boyd – Council has not done any work on zoning since the pandemic. We are open to hearing input on zoning issues.

Borough Manager introduced student Darian McGinnis from Chartiers Valley High School. She was in attendance to complete a school summer assignment from her teacher, Mr. Harheigh. Darian will sit in on this meeting and will be able to make comments at the end if she so wishes.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LISTED MOTIONS

ADMINISTRATION (Councilperson Freshwater)

**MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on Monday, June 13th, 2020.
Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to advertise the 2021 budget meetings for September 24th, October 13th, October 22nd, November 17th, and December 10th, 2020 (if needed).
Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to accept the resignation of Mr. Terry Roma as the Carnegie Borough Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer as of Friday, July 3rd, 2020.
Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to appoint Mr. Terry Roma as the Carnegie Borough Zoning Officer.
A. Service to be provided on an as-needed basis at a rate of \$54 per hour.
Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to appoint Plans Examiners, Inc. as the Carnegie Borough Municipal 3rd Party Plan Review Agency.
A. Service to be provided on an as-needed basis for any International Building Code related matters (Adopt Plans Examiners Fee Schedule).
Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to appoint Mr. Stephen Beuter as the Carnegie Borough Deputy Zoning Officer.
Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to appoint Regina Popichak as the Representative to the Carnegie Police Pension Board.
Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

FINANCE (Council President Demko)

**MOTION to approve the August 2020 Bill List and Bill List Addendum.
Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to exonerate lot-and-block 102-B-287 (Logan Street – Carnegie Borough Building) from the 2020 Borough property tax payment.
Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to authorize a payment to Bronder Technical Services in the amount of \$16,252.09 for the Jefferson Street Signal Optimization Project.
Grant reimbursement provided through the PA Department of Transportation (PennDOT) Green Light-Go Grant Program.
Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC WORKS (Councilperson D’Loss)

**MOTION to appoint Robert Brown to the position of Assistant Working Foreman with the Department of Public Works.
Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC SAFETY (Councilperson Popichak)

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Councilperson DiPietro)

**MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2020-14, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, seeing grant funding under the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (“ALCOSAN”) Green Revitalization of Our Waterways (GROW) Program to fund a project that proposes to reduce the sewer overflow at the ALCOSAN point of connection (C-44A, Chartiers Creek) sewershed.
Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to approve the curb cut application submitted by Attawheed Islamic Center for the property located at 401 Washington Avenue (103-H-362).
Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – nothing for this evening.

Finance – Councilperson Boyd and Borough Manager are going to take a hard look at the budget this week. While there are still some concerns regarding revenue coming in and expenses going out, we need to see if the cutbacks and choices we made earlier in the year are enough.

Code Enforcement and Community Development – nothing for this evening.

Public Works – DPW replaced a sidewalk on the Main Street Bridge this past month. The bridge was in very bad condition and it’s great that it has been replaced. This was taken care of in-house with cooperation from the Rosslyn Farms DPW. Public works repaired a section of damaged curb near the intersection of Mansfield Boulevard and Chartiers Street. The property owner immediately adjacent to that is responsible for that curb and they have agreed to reimburse the borough for the repair. Broadway Street Storm Sewer Project is still delayed due to Covid-19. Manpower issues with our contractor, Petrakis will delay the project at least until the end of August. We’re still waiting for dates for that to begin. Lastly, the Borough leases two flow meters. These are devices that lower into a manhole to measure the flow of water through a pipe. We lease two of them for two sanitary sewers for the purpose of measuring how much storm water is getting into that sewer. Storm water is not supposed to be in there. We’ve been looking at the possibility of purchasing two flow meters instead of leasing them for the purpose of saving money. The cost of purchasing the two flow meters is equal to about nine months of leasing them. Our concern is the maintenance of the devices and the collection of data. We will be having a demonstration by the manufacturer for our DPW personnel on Thursday morning. I will have more to report on this next month. This would be paid for out of the sewer fund.

Borough Manager thanked Collier Township DPW for letting our DPW utilize their trimming machine to trim a large number of roads for side street trimming.

Public Safety – nothing for this evening.

President’s Report – nothing for this evening.

MANAGER’S REPORT – the fireworks scheduled for Labor Day weekend have been cancelled. Pyrotechnico will be forwarding me some information for next year’s event. Had another successful weekend for the Farmers Market. We’re going to set dates for the budget meetings.

CARNEGIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. & EMS REPORT – for the month of July there were 23 fire calls and 129 ambulance calls.

MAYOR’S REPORT – Police Dept. Activity for July 2020: Criminal Arrests and Citations-7; Traffic Citations -9; Traffic Stops-19; Parking Tickets-71; Complaints and Self-Initiated Activity - 725.

Thanked Borough Manager and Administration for the great work being done this year, under these conditions, especially with the Farmers Market. The Vendors love that it is spread out on Main Street. The Farmers Market is up for the “Best of Pittsburgh 2020 Farmers Market”. There are 10 nominees and people can go on and vote. Voting started August 5th and will go to September 2nd. It will be narrowed down to the top three and those will be published in the city papers under “The Best of the Best”. That will come out on October 7th. Deneen acting as Market Manager has elevated us to, hopefully, the top three. (Per Borough Manager, Carnegie Dog Park is also up for the Best of the Best dog park).

Back on July 23rd the Council members from Carnegie and Crafton met with representatives from Carlynton School District as well as State Representatives. We all came together to discuss the reopening plan of the school district. There was a lot of discussion and communications. The District plans to start the school year remotely for the first 4 ½ weeks.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Darian McGinnis – CVHS – this has been a nice experience. Thank you for letting me join in this meeting.

COUNCIL GOOD AND WELFARE

Councilperson D’Loss – nothing for this evening.

Councilperson Freshwater – nothing for this evening.

Councilperson Popichak – it’s important for us to have a dialog with the school district, Rosslyn Farms and Crafton. Our new librarian has been working with the school district on offering services to parents on different ways of teaching online. Our library can provide a lot of assistance with parents and students. Kudos to the farmers market, it’s awesome!

Councilperson DiPietro – I visited our farmers market this past Sunday and the staff that runs that is outstanding. It is wonderful and there are a lot of great vendors.

Council President Demko – thought the meeting with the school was wonderful. Senator Fontana and State Rep. Anita Kulik joined in. There were many good comments and ideas. We hope this works better than it did in March, April and May. They feel they have worked out all the kinks. I think they did a great job. Also, I’ve received calls and comments on what a wonderful job our DPW did on the bridge and they cleaned the Carnegie creek side. Great job DPW!

Councilperson Boyd – I was part of a conference call with the Port Authority as it relates to moving forward with the plan that was initially introduced five years ago. This is for a parking structure and potential commercial development on the park and ride lot adjacent to the municipal building. I was shocked by the content of the call because I fully expected them to say that they were going to bag this project. There were eight or nine people on the call and I was blown away by the amount of work that was done. Discussed the crosswalk at Jefferson for the park and ride to make it ADA compliant. Per Borough Manager, the Port Authority is going to be having a public virtual meeting on Monday, August 24th at 6 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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www.carnegieborough.com*