



Monday, August 9th, 2021

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

Public Comment on Listed Motions

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LISTED MOTIONS

Administration (Councilperson Freshwater)

**MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on July 12th, 2021.
Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to advertise the 2022 budget meetings for September 20th, October 18th, November 10th, November 15th, and December 9th, 2021 (if needed). Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss –
Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2021-15, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, appointing a representative (Richard D’Loss) and an alternate (Steve Beuter) to the Governing Board of the Chartiers Valley District Flood Control Authority.
Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION to hire Ms. Judy DeFeo as a School Crossing Guard (\$30.00 / Day with no other benefits) for the Borough of Carnegie effective Monday, August 16, 2021. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

Finance (Councilperson Boyd)

**MOTION to approve the August 2021 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 2021 Borough property tax payment. Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

COMMENT: Councilperson Boyd noted that this is a yearly motion passed since the municipality would not make a payment to itself for yearly tax bill.

MOTION to approve the purchase of a 2011 Ford F-550 Super Duty DRW from Woltz & Wind Ford at a price of \$39,998.00 (Woltz & Wind Ford - COSTARS Vendor). Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

COMMENT: Councilperson Boyd noted that with this being a used truck, that is fully equipped with low miles, the Department of Public Works was able to save the municipality funds versus the purchase of a brand-new vehicle and the addition of the necessary equipment. This vehicle was also funded through the Department Works selling older pieces of equipment that are no longer in use. The Department of Public Works still has a few older vehicles in the fleet and used vehicles such as this will be looked for in the future.

Public Works (Councilperson D’Loss)

MOTION to accept Change Order No. 2 (Final) in the amount of \$26,682.89 for the Broadway Street Sewer Separation Project to adjust the contract based on final installed quantities (Contract No. 2020-01 – W.A. Petrakis Contracting). Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to authorize Payment No. 5 (Final) to W.A. Petrakis Contracting in the amount of \$19,858.34 for the Broadway Street Sewer Separation Project (Contract No. 2020-01).

Change Order No. 2 (Final) included in Payment Request No. 5 (Final)

Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to accept the recommendation of KLH Engineers to reject the bid submitted by Swede Construction Corporation on Monday, August 9th, 2021, for the Carnegie Park Pavilion Project (Contract 2021-04). Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

COMMENT: The anticipated bid for the new pavilion at Carnegie Park was anticipated to come in between \$150,000.00 and \$180,000.00. Based on their only being one bid received and the current increase in cost of materials, the bid received was near triple the price of the projected pavilion cost. This was the reason for the rejected bid and the Borough will proceed with rebidding this project.

Public Safety (Councilperson Popichak)

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2021 – 16, 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 100 Branch Street (103-F-298). Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2021 – 17, 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 217 Second Avenue (102-C-158). Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

Code Enforcement and Community Development (Councilperson DiPietro)

MOTION to adopt Borough Ordinance No. 2477, an ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of PA, authorizing the vacation of Williams Way between Broadway Street and Robert Avenue Pursuant to the provisions of the act of

February 1, 1966, P.L. 1656, No. 581 as re-enacted and amended June 28, 1979, P.L. No. 55, No. 23 (Papa Mondo, LLC).

Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to approve the curb cut application submitted by Mr. Robert Buttermore for the property located at 213 Modern Avenue (103-G-258). Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

Committee Reports

Administration – Nothing for this evening.

Finance – Nothing for this evening.

Code Enforcement and Community Development – Nothing for this evening.

Public Works - W. A. Petrakis Contracting has finalized its paperwork for the Broadway Street storm sewer project and the motions to approve the final change order and final invoice are on the agenda this evening. We should be reminded that the section of Broadway between Main and Chartiers Creek has does not have a finished surface because we are repaving Broadway this summer anyway, and there is no point in twice for a finished asphalt surface.

This summer’s paving program includes Chartiers St between Main St and Mansfield Blvd, Jefferson St, Broadway St. from Main to Chartiers Creek, Federal Ave, and Library Ave between Capital and Lee. Work began on Monday, August 9, with handicap ramps. Street paving will take place in the weeks between the Crawls, i.e., between August 13 and September 10.

The borough received bids for a new pavilion at Carnegie Park. However, there was only one bidder, and the price was more than twice what we estimated. There is a motion for Council to reject the bid and reevaluate the project.

As part of an ongoing project to upgrade 7th Ave Park, new playground equipment is being installed this month. The baseball field has been improved with “infield mix”, which is a sandy soil especially designed for ballfields.

I want to thank the leaders of our Public Works Department for keeping their eyes open for good deals on used equipment. As noted on the agenda this evening, we are purchasing a dump truck that is 10 years old but in very good condition. By comparison, a new F-550 Super Duty DRW dump truck cost is \$90,000.

COMMENT – Mr. Michael Troiani (Papa Mondo, LLC), commented on the final paving for Broadway Street in relation to his development located at the corner of E. Main Street and Broadway Street. As a condition of the development, the developer will be rerouting the sanitary sewer line (130 ft.) from Williams Way, along Broadway Street to E. Main Street. As the municipality plans on paving the portion of Broadway from E. Main Street to Williams Way, this will need to be coordinated with the developer to plan for paving upon completion of the sanitary sewer line installation.

Councilperson Boyd commented that in coordinating the paving project for 2021, KLH Engineers has been made aware of the development and instructions have been provided to plan for the paving of Broadway around the development schedule.

Public Safety – Nothing for this evening.

President’s Report – Nothing for this evening.

Manager's Report

Borough staff is in the process of finalizing the Body Worn Camera (BWC) Grant for the body cameras that were received by the Carnegie Police Department and we are anticipating receiving the reimbursement within the next few weeks. This will close the grant application and we will be looking for additional funding for other equipment needed by the police department.

As Councilperson D'Loss mentioned, the playground installation at 7th Avenue Park has been completed. The Department of Public Works removed the old playground equipment and prepped the site for the new installation, which was a savings for the overall grant process. For 7th Avenue Park, an application will be submitted through the Snee-Reinhardt grant program that will be used for replacing and upgrading the basketball equipment.

The month of August is when the Allegheny County Raccoon Rabies Oral Rabies Vaccination (ORV) Program is put into effect and additional information regarding this yearly program is available on the Carnegie Borough website.

Carnegie Borough has leveled up from the nomination phase to the voting round and have made it in the top 10 for the Pittsburgh City Paper's Best of Pittsburgh 2021 Readers' Poll in the Best Farmers Market Category. Voting for this started on August 1 and will end on August 31 with winners being announced at the end of September.

Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept. & EMS Report - For the month of July 2021, there were 21 fire calls and 120 ambulance calls.

Mayor's Report – Police Dept. activity for June 2021: Criminal Arrests and Citations – 11; Traffic Citations – 46; Traffic Stops – 79; Parking Tickets – 87; Complaints and Self-Initiated Activity – 898.

The Carnegie Crawl will be on Friday, August 13, 2021, and we will be headed to W. Main Street for ribbon cuttings, which will begin at 5:00 PM with Pizzeria Davide and following with Antina's Salon and Loki Salon. Also, the "Carl" shuttle will be running and will be stopping at the LeoGreta Parking Lot, Family Dollar Parking Lot, Prestley Heights, and the Carnegie Highlands Developments. Melissa Mentz, who runs the Carnegie Community Page, will be organizing a "Find Carl" game for the kids, which will provide prizes for those who are able to locate all of the "Carl's." This will take place along E. Main Street and ten businesses are included. Lastly, the Sun Champs will be playing at the corner of E. Main and Broadway from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

The Farmers Market is continuing on Sunday from noon to 3:00 PM and as mentioned, the voting for Carnegie Borough to be considered as one of the best farmers markets in Pittsburgh has begun. Also, please visit the voting website due to a number of other businesses in Carnegie being considered for Pittsburgh's "Best Of." Please be sure to provide support!

Monday, August 30, 2021, is the first day of classes for Carlynton School District, which means that everyone should be ready to share the roads due to returning school bus traffic. Please be sure to drive slowly and remain aware of the students while traveling back and forth to school. The following road closures will be in effect on those days when school is in session, which is from 7:45 AM to 8:45 AM and then again from 2:45 PM to 3:45 PM. The roadways include Franklin Avenue between Charles Street and Washington Avenue and on Capital Drive between Beechwood Avenue and Washington Avenue. Best of luck to all the students entering the new school year.

Jr. Council Report

We've been accepted into ICLEI's (Local Governments for Sustainability) 2021-22 Local Climate Action Planning Cohort. In addition to myself, University of Pittsburgh student Samuel O'Connor will also be on Carnegie's Climate Action Plan team. We will work with ICLEI and CONNECT to complete our plan by May 2022.

Art at the Market with Alicia and Nathan Kesneck has been very successful with several interesting projects with children participating every week.

Carnegie is one of 22 Duquesne Light Community Impact Grant Recipients. We received \$2,500.00 to complete the rain garden at the skatepark. For two days, volunteers and the shade tree commission planted 88 native plants and pollinators began to appear within just a few days.

PPG Paints in Carnegie has donated 13 gallons of paint for artist Brian Alfred to use to paint the Richie Cole mural. The building has been washed and primed by volunteer Bill Bigham. We are only waiting for the artist to fit us into his schedule.

I will be returning to school on August 21, so this will be my last in person meeting. I will report on the Climate Action Planning from my dorm.

General Public Comment

Joanne Letcher – Carnegie Community Development Corporation

Ms. Letcher reiterated the Crawl updates presented by Mayor Riley and mentioned that she is working with STA (Student Transportation of America) to confirm the best route for the "Carl" shuttle. Once the route schedule is confirmed it will be posted on social media for locations and times.

Council Good and Welfare

Councilperson D'Loss – Nothing for this evening.

Councilperson Freshwater – Nothing for this evening.

Councilperson Boyd – Councilperson Boyd discussed the "fish kill" that has been in the media lately regarding the large number of fish that had been poisoned along Chartiers Creek. In the media it was mentioned that this was thought to be due to some sort of chemical spill, but with further investigation it may be due to herbicides that were sprayed. However, there is still no origin as to where or why this was caused. Councilperson Boyd found a comment in the media interesting that if this would have been known of or found sooner than it would have allowed the Fish and Game Commission to determine what may have caused this incident. Apparently, this was unreported for a number of days before investigation began.

Councilperson Boyd also commented that surveying activity has started at the Port Authority West Busway Station in anticipation of the proposed development for that site. Tri-State Design, which is a company located in Carnegie Borough, is completing the surveying process. As this project continues and the important impact of the development is recognized, this may allow for greater progress towards the movement of the proposed Rails to Trails project to come through Carnegie Borough and extend to the Panhandle Trail in Collier Township. This would be a major development for the community.

Councilperson Popichak – Councilperson Popichack reiterated the comments made by Mayor Riley regarding the start of school and to remember to be safe along Washington Avenue near Franklin Avenue and Capital Drive. Councilperson Popichak hopes that the students have a safe year. Also, as a reminder, for anyone heading north over the weekend, please be aware that construction work is being completed on the Neville Island Bridge from August 13 to August 15. Lastly, if you are not vaccinated, please be sure to get vaccinated.

Councilperson DiPietro – Councilperson D’Pietro wished best of luck to Mr. Troiani with his development process moving forward and is excited to see the future for the corner of E. Main and Broadway.

Council President Demko – Council President Demko started by wishing Mayor Riley a happy belated birthday. Council President Demko mentioned the number of complaints and concerns regarding the large geese presence in the community this year. The geese have traveled away from the typical spots that have congregated in the past and now have begun to move to new locations. Please be sure to remain patient and safe if the geese happen to travel along sidewalks or roadways.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilperson Freshwater, seconded by Councilperson D’Loss.

*The Borough of Carnegie Code of Ordinances is available “on-line” at
www.carnegieborough.com*