



Monday, November 14, 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

**Councilperson D'Loss – Present (Zoom); Councilperson Freshwater – Present;
Councilperson Mullins – Present; Council Vice-President Sue Demko – Not Present;
Council President Boyd – Present; Mayor Riley – Not Present**

1. Administration (Councilperson Freshwater)

- a. MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on October 10th, 2022. Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b. MOTION to authorize the President of Council, Borough Manager and Borough Solicitor to prepare and execute the documents necessary to obtain the 2023 Tax Anticipation Loan from Washington Financial Bank in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 at a rate not to exceed 5.5% with no origination fee (pending credit approval). Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENT: Council President Boyd explained the original rate was 4.5%, but after a conversation with the bank, it was decided to raise the rate to 5.5%. Last year's rate was 1.89%. This item is regarding the TAN loan, which allows the borough to borrow money for expenditures until the revenues for next year begin coming in. There will be a financial committee meeting Thursday, November 17th.

2. Finance (Councilperson Mullins)

- a. MOTION to approve the November 2022 Bill List and Bill List Addendum. Seconded by Councilperson Freshwater – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

3. Public Works (Councilperson Mullins)

- a. MOTION to accept the bid submitted by Independent Enterprises for the Beechwood Avenue Sidewalk Replacement Project in an amount not to exceed \$47,500.00 for the park shelter/pavilion installation. (CDBG Year 48 Project). Seconded by Councilperson Freshwater – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENT: Borough Manager Steve Beuter explained this item was out for bid multiple times and these numbers were the most reasonable.

- b. MOTION to enter into an agreement with Pennsylvania American Water for the installation of a fire hydrant located near 250 Marshall Avenue, Carnegie, PA 15106. Seconded by Councilperson Freshwater – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENT: Councilperson Mullins explained that the fire hydrant already exists, but there was no agreement in place with American Water.

4. Public Safety (Chief Kennedy) – There were 19 fire calls and 165 ambulance calls in October 2022.

5. Code Enforcement and Community Development (Councilperson DiPietro) – Nothing for this evening.

6. Committee Reports

A. Administration – Nothing for this evening.

B. Finance – There will be a public budget meeting on November 21st at 6pm. The Finance Committee will meet Thursday, November 17th.

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

D. Public Works – This year’s paving project has been completed. Hopefully, the project can begin earlier next year.

E. Public Safety and Fire Dept. / EMS Report – Presented during the Public Safety report.

F. President’s Report – Nothing for this evening.

7. Manager’s Report – The administration department submitted a grant request for funding to replace 13 storm drains and perform 7 demolitions as part of the Community Development Block Grant. Last week, the borough received its reimbursement payment from the Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program through DCED, which brought new playground equipment to the 7th Avenue playground.

In the coming weeks, we will be requesting a letter of support from council to begin applying for the Creative Communities grant which could provide \$25,000 of funding over four years.

The borough completed twenty-four initiatives as part of the Mayor's Monarch Butterfly Pledge through the National Wildlife Federation. This success puts Carnegie as the only community in the Leadership Circle. The Holiday Market is returning this Sunday, November 20th from noon-3pm on East Main Street. As of right now there are 54 vendors scheduled.

8. Mayor's Report (Read by Chief Kennedy) – There were 17 arrests and citations, 153 traffic stops (61 on Forsythe Road), 29 traffic citations, 124 parking tickets, and 1,139 self-initiated activity calls.

The police department is participating in No Shave November, with several officers participating and making donations to cancer research. On Friday, December 2nd from 6pm-8pm the borough is hosting its annual Carols and Lights celebration. Proceeds from the Car Cruise have been used to purchase 100 gifts for children attending Carols and Lights.

The National Wildlife Federation has accepted the action items the borough completed to protect the monarch butterfly. These action items will assist in the continuation of Mayor Riley's Monarch Butterfly Pledge. Do not forget the Holiday Market this Sunday.

9. Jr. Council Report

Ella Snyder – Junior Councilperson Ella Snyder updated council on interest from both Carnegie Elementary and Carlynton High School teachers and students in participating in the Sister City relationship with Kelty, Scotland. Council President Boyd reminded the audience of the work over the last couple months to approach and begin a Sister City Partnership with a city in Scotland, where Andrew Carnegie is from.

The Carlynton Band Spaghetti Dinner was a success and raised funds for the band. A collection box will be at the high school for Toys for Tots, with opportunities for volunteer hours for the National Honor Society. The fall play *Sandbag, Stage Left (or, One Dead Dolly!)* The Spring musical will be *The Little Mermaid*.

Angelika Pyvovar – 50 students attended a Jewish film festival. SATs will be held at the high school on December 3rd. The chorus concert will be on December 13th, followed by the band concert will be on December 20th. A powderpuff football game will take place on December 18th.

10. ACFLMH / CCDC Update

Maggie Forbes, Executive Director of ACFLMH – The library served as a polling place for Election Day, with a great turn out of voters. On Friday, November 11th, the library hosted a Veteran's Day celebration, and the following day was another Second Saturday event in

the Espy Post. The musical *Urinetown* is currently running in the Music Hall, Stage 62 is also celebrating their 60th anniversary this year. The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra held a concert at the library for toddlers and preschoolers this past week as well.

On December 3rd, the library, in partnership with the Carol Covi Children's Event Committee, will be hosting a holiday celebration from 10am-12pm. There will be crafts, treats, and a visit from Santa.

Joanne Letcher, Executive Director of the CCDC – The CCDC kicked off the holiday season with its open house last weekend. Some of the businesses have begun decorating their windows as part of the window decorating contest. Saturday, November 26th will be Small Business Saturday in the borough. Christmas in Carnegie will be on December 17th on East Main Street from 1pm-3pm. From 4pm-6pm, there will be pet photos with Santa. There will also be carolers, inflatables, and voting for the best business holiday window. Finally, Happy Thanksgiving.

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

Jeanne, JFCS – Updated council on the success of the career fair that was held at the library last month, multiple people received job offers. Jeanne thanked the borough, the library, council, and public works for their help in setting up and promoting the event.

Nick Stone – Mr. Stone introduced himself as an interested developer for the land above the Office Park and explained a potential sportsplex development. He updated council on his efforts to get an Opportunity Zone designation to bring even more funding to the project.

Rob Davidoff – Mr. Davidoff expressed his interest in future development projects and the walkability of the borough. He added that he would like to see more climate action projects and funding towards public and private electric vehicle charging.

COMMENT: Council President Boyd added that the council is interested in putting EV charging stations in the borough lot but will have to wait until grant funding is available.

12. Council Good and Welfare

Councilperson D'Loss – Thanksgiving is an important holiday, its more than just eating and shopping.

Councilperson D'Loss read President George Washington's Thanksgiving Day Proclamation from 1789:

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor-- and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be-- That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks--for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation--for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war--for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed-- for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted--for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

and also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions-- to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually--to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed--to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord-- To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us--and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.

Councilperson Freshwater – Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilperson Mullins – Happy Thanksgiving. Last week during the workshop session, a representative from Allegheny County updated council on the progress of extending the Panhandle Trail and we are hopeful it will happen.

Council President Boyd – Bob Veres, a former Carlynton School Board member and Carnegie Borough councilperson passed away recently. Carnegie Park was voted as one of

the top three local parks according to TribLive, voting will take place next month. Representative Anita Kulik will be moving her office into the former tax office soon.

Borough Manager Steve Beuter – The Haunted Trail in the park raised over \$10,000 for park projects.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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