



Monday, December 9th, 2019

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

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

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Councilperson Boyd – Absent, Councilperson Canofari – Present; Councilperson Freshwater – Present, Councilperson Popichak – Present, Councilperson Sarsfield – Present, Council President Demko – Present, Mayor Riley – Present

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LISTED MOTIONS

ADMINISTRATION (Councilperson Canofari)

**MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on November 11th, 2019.
Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to advertise for the 2020 General Fund Budget, Sewer Fund Budget and Liquid Fuels Budget.
Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to advertise a special meeting to take place on December 30, 2019 at 6:00 PM to finalize the Carnegie Borough General Fund, Sewer Fund and Liquid Fuels Fund Budget.
Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to advertise the 2020 Borough Council, Planning Commission and Shade Tree Commission meeting schedules.
Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to advertise Borough Ordinance No. 2465, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie continuing the Local Tax Enabling Ordinance No. 806 (Mechanical Device), No. 808 (Real Estate Transfer), No. 809 (Earned Income), No. 2279 (Local Services) as amended for the year 2020.
Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION to advertise Borough Ordinance No. 2466, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie continuing ordinance 2386 (Providing for Non-Owner Occupied Dwelling Registration) for 2020.

Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to advertise Borough Ordinance No. 2467, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie levying and assessing Real Estate Taxes for General and Specific Purposes for the year 2020 (Millage – 6.75).

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

MOTION to advertise Borough Ordinance No. 2468, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie amending Chapter 18, Part 6 of the Borough Code of Ordinances relating to sewers and sewage disposal.

Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to authorize the President of Council, Borough Manager and Borough Solicitor to prepare and execute the documents necessary to obtain the 2020 Tax Anticipation Loan from Washington Financial Bank in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 at a rate not to exceed 2.25% with no origination fee (pending credit approval).

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

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2019 – 16, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, authorizing the issuance of a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note, Series 2020.

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

MOTION to approve Resolution No. 2019-17, a Resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, requesting a PA Small Water and Sewer Program grant in the amount of \$425,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for its Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

Seconded by Councilperson Popichak –Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

FINANCE (Councilperson Boyd)

MOTION to approve the December 2019 Bill List and Bill List Addendum.

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

PUBLIC WORKS (Councilperson Freshwater)

MOTION to authorize Payments No. 1 and No. 3 (Final) to Insight Pipe in the amount of \$6,412.50 and \$3,391.36 for the completion of Contract no. 2019-02B – Lining.

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

MOTION to authorize the advertisement for the Broadway Street Sewer Separation Project (\$1,006,000.00 Project / \$826,664.00 ALCOSAN GROW Funding).

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

PUBLIC SAFETY (Councilperson Sarsfield) – nothing for this evening.

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Councilperson Popichak) – nothing for this evening.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – nothing for this evening.

Finance – nothing for this evening.

Code Enforcement and Community Development – nothing for this evening.

Public Works – nothing for this evening.

Public Safety – thank you to CVFD and CPD for their help with our light up night.

President’s Report – our light up night, “Carols and Lights” was fantastic. Thank you to our Mayor for arranging everything for this night. Thanks to Steve, our borough manager and our Administration and Department of Public Works for all their hard work to make this a successful event.

MANAGER’S REPORT – the “Rails and Trails” program we’ve been discussing, we received a grant for a study through Active Allegheny. Representatives from Carnegie Borough, Scott and Collier Townships walked the tracks from the borough building to Collier to get an idea of what the track would look like. That was the first step in our process.

We attended a public art focus group, an air quality control workshop, a DCNR grant workshop, and a Walkworks multi-modal transportation webinar. We submitted a streetscape enhancements grant to PennDOT which is for painting of the light poles that are currently turquoise. The administration completed a parking guide which includes all of the parking lots and parking spaces that would be available for residents and commuters. We added a web link on our site to pay Meter Feeder parking tickets. We received our 88 tables from the Char West COG CBDG Grant and we also submitted a CBDG Grant for the upcoming year.

For December, we moved from a Bronze to a Gold status for our Sustainable Pennsylvania certification and we submitted a USDA Farmer’s Market Grant. We will be submitting a small sewer grant and we’re continuing to work on getting our merchant accounts for parking for 2020.

CARNEGIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT & EMS REPORT - for the month of November 2019 there were 15 fire calls and 104 ambulance calls.

MAYOR’S REPORT - Police Dept. activity for November 2019; Criminal Arrests and Citations – 22; Traffic Citations – 60; Traffic Stops – 91; Parking Tickets –186; Complaints and Self-Initiated Activity –837.

December Activities – “Tis the Season to Shop Locally” – everything you want for the holidays can be bought locally. We are gifting free parking from December 9th to the 20th. This coming Friday – December 13th from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. is the Carnegie Crawl. This month’s theme is the Santa Crawl.

Firebox Art Studios is celebrating their second anniversary during the Crawl from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday the 14th from 7-9 p.m. This will include free live music, food and drinks.

Saturday, December 14th from 8:30 a.m. to noon is Breakfast with Santa at the Carlynton High School. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Proceeds will be used to sustain the “Food for Kids” backpack program, which provides weekly backpacks filled with food for needy families living in the district. Also on the 14th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. is the annual Cookie Walk at Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church located at 200 Mansfield Boulevard. December 19th & 20th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Santa visits Carnegie escorted by the Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department. Friday, December 20th is “Ugly Holiday Sweater Day” in downtown Carnegie. Wednesday, December 25th, there will be free Christmas Day dinners sponsored by the Church of Atonement and Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

As we look back on this year we would be remiss if we did not reflect on the 125th Anniversary milestone that we proudly celebrated. Again I would like to extend our thanks and praise to the 125th Committee, headed by Councilwoman Regina Popichak, the various community organizations for their participation, our Department of Public Works, Carnegie Police Department, CVFD, our Borough Administration and the many others who made Carnegie’s 125th, a year to remember.

This past Friday, we celebrated “Carols and Lights”. It turned out to be another successful Carnegie event. We’ve received positive feedback from residents and the community and look forward to continuing this in the future. It was a team effort from, of course, the usual suspects: Carnegie Dept. of Public Works, Carnegie Police Department, Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept. and Council. But there are two individuals who truly made it a phenomenal event, and that’s Renea Holden and Deneen Underwood from Administration. These two women ignited their creativity and transformed the borough building into a scene out of a movie. Their hard work, dedication and teamwork was quite evident when you saw the looks on the faces of the children and residents that came out to enjoy the festivities. I don’t have the words to express my sincere thanks and gratitude for all of their effort. I truly thank them from the bottom of my heart.

We celebrated our second year of our farmer’s market and it exceeded my expectations. Deneen Underwood, our market manager, worked relentlessly to elevate this community event and it was a huge success. Many of the vendors expressed that it was the best run market they attended. Many of those vendors then participated in our Fall Fest, another successful family-friendly event that took place on Main Street in November. We look forward to that becoming another annual event in Carnegie.

We “Crawled” all year long in 2019 and had ribbon cutting ceremonies for Endure Barre and Scoops of Carnegie.

Our police department was able to raise money to offset the purchase of new guns for the department. We introduced surveys so that we can recognize the great work our department does in interacting with the people and we welcomed Officer David Butler. Chief Kennedy leads this department with professionalism, fairness and a constant drive to be proactive to ensure we keep Carnegie safe. We are always looking for areas of improvement and are committed to doing what is right. Thank you, Chief Kennedy.

I think what I heard most this year is how well all areas work together for the greater good of Carnegie. When we keep this as our main focus, great things happen. In my eyes, 2019 was an extraordinary year for Carnegie. We sadly have to say good-bye to two of our colleagues, Councilman Mike Sarsfield and Councilwoman Tess Canofari.

Mike – your experience and leadership will be greatly missed. You have served this community for many years. A true public servant. I truly thank you for your commitment to Carnegie and I wish you nothing but the best of luck in your future endeavors.

Tess – you jumped in because you care about the community. I know at times it was frustrating, but it mattered enough for you to actually get involved.

That’s what this is all about, coming together, despite our differences and points of view, and working together to move Carnegie forward. Friends, with our 125th lookback now complete, we can look forward to 125 more years of growth and prosperity for Carnegie. I wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and a Safe and Happy New Year!

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Joanne Letcher – CCDC – Santa coming to Carnegie was phenomenal! It was so much fun, like a Hallmark movie. Thanks to everyone! There are many pictures posted on “Visit Carnegie’s” Facebook page. December’s Crawl, this Friday, many business are contributing with seasonal drinks and desserts. Dress as Santa or as your favorite Christmas character.

Maggie Forbes – Carnegie Library – our new library director has left and we are starting all over again looking for a new director. Santa must really like Carnegie as he was everywhere this weekend! We have our concert on December 27th tickets are \$25. I’ve really enjoyed having Tess on council. Mike, it seems like you’ve been on council forever. You spoke up on behalf of the library without any hesitation. You’ve given your heart and soul and you’ve been an inspiration. Happy Holidays to everyone!

COUNCIL GOOD AND WELFARE

Councilperson Canofari – I’m going to miss council. It’s the holiday season and it’s about being kind. There is a lot of alcohol and drugs and not everybody is in recovery. Be careful while you are out there shopping. Carnegie is a great town. Thanks to each and every one of you.

Councilperson Popichak – Tess, it’s been enjoyable getting to know you and having you on council. Mike, thank you for your guidance and advice and dedication to this borough. You will both be missed very much. I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holidays and be careful. Look out for those that are alone. Let’s go into the new year in a positive manner.

Councilperson Boyd – Tess, we appreciate your time, effort and comedy. Mike, you’ve spent 12 years and worked hard on council. Thank you for everything. Chief Harbin sent a note regarding Mike’s time on council. Your work will not be forgotten, thank you.

Councilperson Freshwater – Tess and Mike, I’m sorry to see you both go. Best of luck to both of you in your future endeavors. To everybody, Merry Christmas. Don’t forget that Jesus is the reason for the season.

Councilperson Sarsfield – it’s been twelve years of sitting up here and 10 years of being constable. I’ve given 22 years to the borough and I don’t regret a minute of it. It’s been a privilege to serve with this council and our current mayor, Stacie Riley. I just wish that I would have had Stacie for all twelve years. She’s a remarkable young lady. I want to thank my past colleagues also, Vera Freshwater, Bob Veres, Rick D’Loss, Pat Catena and Bob Kollar. Each and every one of you helped to shape me in some way. Reflected on the help his parents gave him over the years and recognized all veterans. After the flood, many people questioned whether or not Carnegie could make a comeback. Look at it now! I’m lucky to have been a part of this great success. Carnegie is the best today that it’s ever been. Recognized and thanked many who have helped him over his years of service. No matter where I end up, Carnegie will always be my home.

Council President Demko – expressed gratitude to Tess for stepping up and becoming a part of Council. Your sense of humor and enthusiasm will be missed. Thank you for your dedication to our community. Mike, after twelve years I have a list of all the things we accomplished together (read list). You’ve done a fabulous job for Carnegie, a lot of hard work and dedication. We’ll miss you both on Council. Your work is greatly appreciated.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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