



Monday, February 9th, 2026

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 Canan – Present, Councilperson D’Loss – Absent, Councilperson Demko – Present, Councilperson DiPietro – Present, Councilperson Lee – Present, President Boyd – Present, Mayor Bigham – Present

Public Comment on Listed Motions – Nothing for this evening.

1. Administration / Parks and Recreation (Councilperson Demko (Canan))

- a) MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council meeting on January 12th, 2026. Seconded by Councilperson Lee – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b) MOTION to advertise a Request for Bids (RFB) for refuse and recycling collection services. Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED
Current contract with Republic Services expires June 30th, 2026.**

2. Finance (Councilperson Canan (Demko))

- a) MOTION to approve the February 2026 Bill List and Bill List Addendum. Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

3. Public Works and Engineering (Councilperson Lee (D’Loss))

- a) MOTION to advertise to accept resumes and employment applications for the Borough of Carnegie Department of Public Works. Seconded by Councilperson Canan – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

4. Public Safety (Councilperson D’Loss (Lee))

- 5. Code Enforcement and Community Development (Councilperson DiPietro (Mayor Bigham)) – Code Enforcement will be giving a monthly report going forward. In January 2026, there were 26 code violations identified, 24 properties with violations, 14 occupancy inspections were completed, and 12 permits were issued.**

6. Committee Reports

- A. Administration – Nothing for this evening.**
- B. Finance – Nothing for this evening.**
- C. Code Enforcement and Community Development – Councilperson DiPietro will be meeting with the Planning Commission as new businesses and restaurants open. We will let the public know.**
- D. Public Works – Nothing for this evening.**
- E. Public Safety and Fire Dept. / EMS Report – In January 2026, there were 147 ambulance calls and 31 fire calls.**
- F. President’s Report – Council does a lot of work leading up to the voting meeting. An example of this is the garbage contract. Once we advertise it, we will be getting responses and begin discussions. We will have to read and digest before we vote, very similar to what we did with the police pension. The main thing I am focused on is getting 100% of our positions filled with good people by the end of the year. We have a police officer retiring, an open position in Public Works, and we have an open position in finance. We have been fortunate to have a person who has modernized things and she has been a fantastic temporary addition. We cannot afford her, but she will help us when we go to hire a new finance person.**

7. Manager’s Report – Business Privilege Tax invoices were sent out, so businesses please be sure to fill it out with as much detail as possible. It always helps to have as much detail as possible on file in case of an emergency. We have a number of grants that we will be planning for later in the year into 2027. We are getting some of our staffing back up and we will be able to focus on that as well. Lastly, I wanted to thank the Public Works Department for their help with the snowstorms we have been having. Also, thank you to the residents for their patience, as well as Council and the staff for their support over the past couple of weeks.

8. Mayor’s Report – In January 2026, there were 10 criminal arrests and citations, 27 traffic stops (11 Forsythe Road), 10 traffic citations, 50 parking tickets, and 771 calls and self-initiated activity. The 2025 CPD statistics are below.

General

13,948 - calls/self-initiated activity in Carnegie Borough responded to by the Carnegie Police
3,656 - calls/self-initiated activity Pennsbury Borough responded to by the Carnegie Police
157 - criminal arrests
289 - traffic citations issued
86 - non-traffic citations issued
1,180 - traffic stops made
1,250 - traffic targets completed
96,510 total patrolled miles in Carnegie & Pennsbury Village Boroughs

Training

13 Officers completed 16 hours of MPOTEC mandatory classroom training
13 Officers completed taser certification
13 Officers completed MPOTEC firearms/patrol rifle/ & shotgun training & qualification
13 Officers completed MPOTEC classroom as well as hands-on training for de-escalation
2 Sergeants completed
120 hours of FBI Leadership Trilogy training
1 Sergeant completed 40 hours of Great Lakes Leadership training by the FBI
1 Officer completed 40 hours of advanced investigation training/drug detection at the Allegheny County Police Academy

Officers

CPD consists of 13 full-time officers with the following rank structure

1 Chief of Police

4 Patrol Sergeants

1 Patrol Detective

7 Patrol Officers

24 hours a day protection was covered by officers working a total of 2,555 shift

1 workmen comp claim was filed from an on duty injury

107 sick days were taken, the majority from extended off duty injuries by 2 officers

No officers were involved in any on-duty motor vehicle accidents

11 Use of force incidents were filed. The breakdown is as follows:

Display of firearm - 5

Display of taser - 1

Taser deployment - 1

Taser deployment for a dangerous dog - 1

Taser dry stun - 1

Hand-to-hand contact to make an arrest - 2

No Use of Force incidents resulted in injuries to an officer or a defendant

No firearms were discharged other than training and to humanly euthanize an injured wild animal

Brief Summary of Calls

194 - alarms answered

139 - animal complaints answered

23 - assaults answered

328 - assists to outside agencies answered.

27 - Burglary calls answered

24 - Sudden death calls answered including, 2 overdoses, 1 suicide

121 - Disorderly conduct answered

68 - Fraud calls answered

40 - Vehicle lockouts answered

98 - Mental Health calls answered

195 - Patrol activity cards displayed on businesses

302 - Vacation checks completed

1,639 - Business checks completed

400 - Bank Checks completed

215 - School checks completed

76 - Bar checks completed

24 - Public Drunkenness arrests made

95 - Theft calls answered

349 - Suspicious activity calls answered
46 - Reportable traffic accident taken
153 - Non-reportable Traffic accidents answered

This is only a summary of the calls, and a detailed report can be obtained at the Carnegie Police Department.

We recently had a major snowstorm at the end of January, and I wanted to give a shout out to our Department of Public Works. They worked all day Sunday and into Monday and throughout the week to keep our roads clear. I think they did a phenomenal job considering the circumstances and I wanted to show my appreciation for it. We recently had a house fire on Wagner Street last Thursday and I wanted to thank our first responders. Sgt. Seman, Officer Quattro, and Assistant Fire Chief Butch Chapman were the first to arrive on the scene. Our fire department, along with several others, quickly got the fire under control. Officer Quattro carried an occupant from the home and went back in to save one of their dogs. There was only a foot of breathable air and he had to crawl. Thankfully, both occupants were safe, so I just wanted to thank our first responders for the great job they did that day.

My predecessor Mayor Stacie Riley began Carnegie's commitment to the Mayor's Monarch Pledge through the National Wildlife Federation, and I am continuing that commitment. The monarch butterfly and their pollinators are integral parts of our ecosystem and unfortunately their population is dwindling due to habitat loss. The Borough and the Shade Tree Commission have done a lot of work over the past several years to help restore their habitat. One of the ways we do that is by giving away native nectar during the annual Butterfly Festival during the summer and we plan on continuing to do that.

We had the grand opening of the community center at the Attawheed Islamic Center this past Friday which I and Councilperson D'Loss both had the honor of attending. They recently purchased the old Methodist Church and restored it to turn it into a community center with a gym, kitchen, and stage. I am happy to say that they have plexiglass to protect the stained-glass windows. I also was invited to another church called Greater Hope Restoration which is at 528 East Main, and they are also building a community center. This will have a gym, children's activities, and a full daycare. I am happy to see Carnegie be home to these diverse communities.

We also just had the soft opening of a new restaurant, Lucatino. It will open fully on Wednesday morning. I, along with Chief Kennedy, were invited to the soft opening. I think we both agree that it was some of the best food we ever had. We are very happy to have Lucatino in Carnegie. It is beautiful on the inside and the staff are wonderful. In addition to that, we also have Sobo Bagels and Deli on 3rd Street and the Wandering Fish Society are both opening soon. We have two events coming up: the Carnegie 5k Run/Walk on April 18th, which benefits the fire department. Registration is open and you can go to carnegieborough.com/5k. Sponsorships are available. Party in the Park will be held on May 30th at Carnegie Park, which is spearheaded by Chief Kennedy. There is going to be live music, food, a car show, kid's events, and fireworks.

Mayors in Pennsylvania have the authority to conduct civil marriage ceremonies and I have to inform Council of my intention to do so. I do intend to do this, but I will not solicit for this.

9. ACFLMH / CCDC Update

ACFLMH – The Pongal Sangamam celebration went great. Several events have to be rescheduled due to the snowstorm. The Free Legal Advice Clinic will be held tomorrow, February 10th. The

library will also be having free tax preparation services. Check out the library's website for upcoming events at <https://carnegiecarnegie.org/upcoming-events/>. The library recently received a grant for \$5,000 from the AEO Better World Foundation which will go towards plant and gardening programming. We are expecting to receive five air purifiers, from the PA Department of Health COVID-19 Response Recovery Team. They are still processing requests from the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic. A new exhibit will be opening this Saturday called "Nurses of Civil War Nurses" in the Lincoln Gallery.

CCDC – The CCDC has a lot planned that will be shared soon.

10. General Public Comment (Council will hear comments for up to three (3) minutes per person) – Nothing for this evening.

11. Council Good and Welfare

Councilperson DiPietro – Thank you to Public Works for an awesome job clearing the snow. Enjoy the 40-degree weather tomorrow, if you are getting your car washed you got a long line.

Councilperson Canan – I wanted to echo about Public Works and the next time we will meet in this setting, it will be March 9th, which is after Daylight Savings Time. So, watch your clocks for that.

Councilperson Demko – Happy Valentine's Day.

Councilperson Lee – With the warmer weather, there will be an issue with a lot of snow melting. Keep an eye on the creek and each other, and do not wear your good shoes.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

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