



Monday, January 10th, 2022

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

Roll Call of Council

Councilperson Demko – Present; Councilperson DiPietro – Present; Councilperson Freshwater – Present; Councilperson Mullins – Present; Councilperson D’Loss – Present; Council President Boyd– Present; Mayor Riley –Present

Public Comment on Listed Motions

1. Administration (Councilperson Freshwater) (Read by Councilperson D’Loss)

- a) **MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on December 13th, December 30th, 2021, and January 3rd, 2022. Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b) **MOTION to appoint Councilperson D’Loss as a primary delegate and Councilperson Boyd and Borough Manager Steve Beuter as alternate delegates to the Allegheny County Southwest Collection District. Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- c) **MOTION to appoint Councilperson DiPietro as a primary delegate and Councilperson Freshwater as the alternate delegate to the Char-West Council of Governments. Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- d) **MOTION to appoint Steve Beuter as the appointed official delegate and Councilperson Mullins and Mayor Riley as alternate delegates to the Congress of Neighboring Communities Group (CONNECT). Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- e) **MOTION to appoint Councilperson Boyd, Demko, and D’Loss as municipal representatives to the Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall Board of Trustees. Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- f) **MOTION to appoint Councilperson Freshwater as the Borough Council Representative for the Carnegie Borough Shade Tree Commission. Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- g) **MOTION to appoint Councilperson DiPietro and Mayor Riley as municipal representatives to the Carnegie Community Development Corporation. Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

- h) MOTION to accept the resignation of Mr. Jim Long from the Carnegie Borough Planning Commission effective January 31, 2022. Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENT: Council President Boyd commented on Jim Long being a member of the Planning Commission for a number of years (exact number?) and worked very hard during his tenure. He was extremely diligent with his efforts, and he will be missed as a member of the board.

- i) MOTION to appoint Emily Moldovan to the Carnegie Borough Planning Commission with a term to expire on December 31, 2025. Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

2. Finance (Councilperson Mullins)

- a) MOTION to approve the January 2022 Bill List and Bill List Addendum. Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

- b) MOTION to sell the 1996 Vactor Combination Sewer Cleaner to Waynesburg Borough in the amount of \$20,000.00. Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENT: Borough Manager Steve Beuter commented that this vehicle was originally purchased on May 12th, 2014, for \$38,000.00. The Public Works Department received a lot of use out of this vehicle, which was purchased used versus a new piece of a equipment, which this piece of equipment new would have cost anywhere from \$200,000.00 to \$300,000.00. Even with this being a used piece of equipment we are still able to sell it and put the new funds towards future equipment purchases.

- c) MOTION to amend the January 10th, 2022, meeting agenda to include the addendum to the Carnegie Borough Manager Contract. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED.**

- d) MOTION to approve the addendum to the Borough Manager Contract. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

3. Public Works (Councilperson D’Loss)

- a) MOTION to accept the Phase II Consent Order Agreement through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENT: Councilperson D’Loss will be providing more detail on this item during the Public Works Committee Report.

- b) MOTION to accept the resignation of Keith Hatcher (Superintendent), Pete Schepis (Working Foreman), and Edward Huehn from the Department Public Works as of Friday, January 7, 2022. Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENT: Councilperson D’Loss commented for those people who just joined at the top of the hour, Mr. Hatcher and Mr. Schepis have been running the department for so many

years and have done an outstanding job that it will create an initial vacuum in the department. Hopes are high that the staff we have in place will meet the expectations and will continue to grow and build upon the projects and tasks completed by the department.

- c) **MOTION to offer Employment to Chad Buckholt and Matthew Kolb in a probationary status at a payrate in accordance with the labor agreement for a period of sixty (60) days and upon successful completion thereof Full-Time Employment subject to the collective bargaining agreement with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (Local 250). Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- d) **MOTION to appoint Robert Chapman to the position of Working Foreman for the Department of Public Works at a pay rate of \$33.89. Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- e) **MOTION to amend the pay rate for the Department of Public Works Assistant Working Foreman (Robert Brown) to \$33.12. Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- f) **MOTION to offer Full-Time Employment to Tyler Clayton at a pay rate of \$25.28 as an equipment operator for the Carnegie Borough Department of Public Works. Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

4. Public Safety (Councilperson Demko)

5. Code Enforcement and Community Development (Councilperson DiPietro) (MOTIONS TABLED)

- a) **MOTION to approve the application of Carnegie RE, LLC and Heartland Restaurant Group, LLC for the land development application as submitted for 500 E. Main Street as recommended by the Planning Commission on November 30, 2021.**
 - A. **Lot and Block 66-E-100 – Restaurant, Fast Food (D3 – Zoning District)**
 - B. **Lot and Block 66-E-172 – Retail Shop, Small Scale (D3 – Zoning District)**
- b) **MOTION to approve the application of Mr. Dustin Jones for the land development application as submitted for 826 Washington Avenue (E-Lane Development) as recommended by the Planning Commission on November 30, 2021.**

A.

102-D-50 (Vacant Lot)	102-D-304
102-D-52 (Existing Unit – 101)	102-D-306
102-D-54 (Existing Unit – 102)	102-D-308
102-D-300	102-D-310
102-D-302	102-D-58

6. Committee Reports

- a) **Administration – Nothing for this evening.**
- b) **Finance – Nothing for this evening.**
- c) **Code Enforcement and Community Development – In continuing to learn through the Code Enforcement and Community Development position, I will be working towards providing more information to Borough Council and the residents regarding any matters for this department. Moving forward, I will be attending the Town Center Associates meetings with**

Joanne (Letcher) and Steve (Beuter). This group has worked with the Borough for several years in following trends and business activity within the Downtown Business District.

During the pandemic Town Center Associates provided updates on the number of businesses that were gained and lost over the two-year period. For 2020 and 2021 combined, the Borough gained twenty (20) new businesses and lost seven (7), which put us at a positive number of thirteen (13) new businesses. These businesses include offices, local retail, and restaurants/eateries.

In addition to the positive numbers received for new businesses during COVID, Town Center also tracks the number of available space for sale or lease, which is only a small number at this point. We hope to see these spaces filled with new businesses for 2022. Overall, we are pleased with the numbers of the last few years and are excited to see what will be in store moving forward.

- d) Public Works – For this year I continue to place focus on stormwater management as I continue to believe that global warming and climate change is a huge threat to the Borough. As long as I am still in this position on Borough Council, I will continue to promote this effort due to the fact that Carnegie’s Main Street goes under water from one end to the other when there are weather events that come through town.**

About twenty (20) years ago the Federal EPA filed a suit against ALCOSAN that claimed too much raw sewage was being displaced into the rivers and creeks, which made ALCOSAN not in compliance with federal regulations. With this being the case, negotiations began for an agreement that was signed in 2007, which was called the ALCOSAN Consent Decree. This agreement provided terms for ALCOSAN to work with the 83 municipalities in Allegheny County to reduce the amount of sewage overflows that occur during storm events. Carnegie Borough was a municipality that worked diligently over the last fifteen (15) years in creating better storm sewer systems. This has been done repeatedly by completing projects each year with the guidance of the municipal engineering consultants. For example, in 2021 there was a major project that took place near Mansfield Boulevard, which included the installation of a new storm sewer connection.

With Carnegie being an older community, there is a lot of older sewer infrastructure, which creates a burden for the community versus the systems in newer municipalities. Municipalities with the space to grow are able to include newer systems that are able to handle increased stormwater flows per the regulations in place.

This month, the Borough signed Phase II of the Consent Decree, which will be in place for the next four (4) years. There will be targets set, which the Borough will work towards achieving. Currently, the Borough is in pretty good shape due to all of the work that has been completed over the years and this process is planned to continue.

Despite the small size of the Borough, there are outfalls all along Chartiers Creek, about seventeen (17), which span from the West End to the East End of the Borough. Whenever there is a significant weather event there will be sewage that comes out of those overflows. With the new plan in place per the Consent Decree, over the next four and a half (4.5) years the goal will be to meet those new targets. With only having a little more than four (4) years to complete the provided targets, the Borough will proceed with putting plans into place as it will take time to implement such projects.

Starting in the spring of 2022, Carnegie will build a new storm sewer along Cabbage Street that will take the collected stormwater from this area, which gathers along Cabbage Street, and direct it towards Chartiers Creek. This will assist in reducing the amount of storm water that ends up in sanitary sewers. After this project, there is a plan being worked on for Jane Street, which is on the eastern end of the Borough, which will collect stormwater from the Parkway on and off-ramps and the hillside that runs towards Main Street. Next, another project in the Irishtown area is planned due to this being a large, flat area of the Borough, which is very susceptible to stormwater.

The plan is to continue mapping out these projects to have project timelines in place for the next four (4) years.

- e) **Public Safety –** There were twenty-five (25) fire calls for the month of December and an update will be provided for the EMS calls in February.
- f) **President’s Report –** In picking up from Councilperson D’Loss’ report, it was indicated in December 2021 that Borough Council was going to engage KLH Engineers in a sewer rate use study to make sure that the billing for the residents is at a fair rate, both residentially and commercially. To compare the two for example, the rates should be structured by those who utilize more water (car washes, restaurants, etc.) should potential bare a greater burden than residential customers. By engaging KLH in this study to make sure that the healthy sewer fund budget remains such and remains fair to all of the residents. This will allow us to continue doing our part as one of the eighty-three (83) communities that ALCOSAN serves during the Consent Decree process.

In working with the Borough staff, we are continuing to gather information on how the municipality can best use the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding that was and is to be received. New information was recently provided, which listed a summary of how the funding could be potentially used. However, the summary was a forty-four-page document, which in my opinion truly is not a summary. For what it is worth, the general understanding of the updated information is that the list of how municipalities could utilize this funding was expanded. This is something we are continuing to work on determining how the funds will be spent. On that note, the goal is to plan on potential projects that will create the biggest positive impact on the Borough as possible.

It is interesting that sewage and sewer system upgrades are still on the list of what funds could be spent on. It still puzzles me as to why this money would be spent on such projects when if the right path is taken, as has been the case with Carnegie Borough of the years, ALCOSAN provides the opportunity through the GROW grant applications to complete such projects. Just in the last few years alone, the municipality has been able to utilize more than a million dollars in grant funding to upgrade the sewer facilities in the Borough. These projects have only cost the Borough roughly \$100,000.00 to complete such a large scale of work thanks to the grant opportunities.

With the different grant applications available to municipalities, there would need to be an extremely worthwhile project in order for the Borough to consider utilizing the ARPA funds for future sewer upgrades.

One thing that I would like to consider for future implementation as a Councilmember is a municipal GIS system that could be used to track resident concerns or complaints and to make sure that those are addressed in a timely fashion. This is something that was being worked towards but due to a turnover in Borough staff this is a resource that we plan to

implement in the future. In addition, with the turnover noted, Steve will continue to work towards a replacement for the Code and Zoning Officer position. The goal is to have the proper staff and resources in place so this type of application can be put into use.

There will be a tenant space that is to be open in the near future. In July, there will be open rental space and it would be great to have that office rented sooner rather than later. It is a very unusual situation that the Borough of Carnegie finds themselves in, which is being a landlord as well as a municipality. However, this is a revenue opportunity that needs to be filled in order to not create any additional budgetary burden. In addition, there are two empty spaces within the municipal building that are not utilized for rental purposes at all. One of them, if prepared at the appropriate time as the Port Authority project proceeds, that could be attractive for a new tenant. Ultimately, adding to the revenue that could be created by the Borough.

Lastly, I would like to see if the Borough would be able to utilize an intern from the Local Government Academy that could assist with an accounts receivable review for the Borough. There is not a dedicated finance department for the Borough and this program could assist with any outstanding funding that may be owed and how to improve practice procedures moving forward.

7. **Manager's Report – The Borough has currently received the 2020 Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Funding Grant Application, which is something we are excited about. This is a grant application that we have submitted for several years to request funding for the installation of a rapid flash beacon near Carnegie Elementary School at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Franklin Avenue. This is an item that will allow students and pedestrians to safely cross at the intersection. The award was in the amount of \$66,193.00 and we are going to be starting the process with our professional consultants on gathering cost estimates for this project.**

Carnegie Borough staff with assistance from our Jr. Council members and college students have been working on the municipal climate action plan. Please visit www.carnegieborough.com/lcap to receive information on this effort. As part of a free program offered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Borough of Carnegie is developing a Climate Action Plan with ICLEI using greenhouse gas inventories collected by CONNECT. The Climate Action Plan will help us understand the sources of greenhouse gas emissions in our community and develop strategies to minimize our carbon footprint. The Borough is seeking input from community members to help guide the Climate Action Plan.

In addition to the information provided on the LCAP page, there is also a survey to gather information from the community to see how we can continue improving on this program. This was an effort that has continued to evolve, so please take the opportunity to review and take the survey.

This is the time of year that we start to plan for the grant applications that Borough Administration plans to submit. From all of the information that is received for available grant applications, we are reviewing those opportunities in order to see what the best options are. This will be worked on over the next few months and once a list of opportunities is completed it will be brought to Borough Council for an update.

8. **Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept. & EMS Report**

9. Mayor's Report

Mayor's Report – Police Dept. activity for December 2021: Criminal Arrests and Citations – 10; Traffic Citations – 11; Traffic Stops – 132; Parking Tickets – 45; Complaints and Self-Initiated Activity – 1,004.

Happy New Year! I would like to offer a special welcome to our new council member Pete Mullins the return of Emmet Freshwater and Phil Boyd, our new Council President. I am confident that with your help, the same spirit of cooperation shared in 2021 will carry through and move us forward in 2022.

The Carnegie Police Department patrolled 48,180 miles in the Borough of Carnegie for the year of 2021. Twenty-Four (24) hour service was given, seven (7) days a week, 365 days.

The Carnegie Police Department for the year of 2021 consisted of 13 officers, broken down as follows: one (1) Chief of Police, three (3) Patrol Sergeants, one (1) Plain clothes detective, and eight (8) Patrol Officers.

All the officers are certified under the Pennsylvania Municipal Police Officers Training and Education Commission. Each officer is currently certified as a first responders along with being currently certified in CPR & First Aid.

The Department has two Firearms instructors, One certified through the NRA and the other Certified through the Pennsylvania State Police. The Pennsylvania State Police certification is a highly recognized certification.

Body Cameras were implemented in March of 2021 and every uniformed officer wears a body camera. The cameras were obtained through grants and donations. Not only do these cameras protect our officers but they show the true picture of every encounter. The public as well as our officers are held accountable for their actions because of these cameras.

The police department was able to purchase two new in car cameras through donation money as well.

The camera footage is reviewed daily by shift Sergeants as well as the Chief of Police. Any questionable footage is brought to the attention of the Mayor.

The Carnegie Police Department consists of eleven (11) male sworn officer and two (2) female sworn officers. The department utilizes a schedule that permits extra coverage on the weekends without paying overtime. Many weekends have four (4) or five (5) officers out at a time.

The Carnegie Police Department fleet consists of the following vehicles:

- 2014 unmarked Ford Taurus used primarily by the Chief**
- 2014 marked Ford Taurus used for patrol**
- 2015 marked Ford Taurus used for patrol**
- 2015 unmarked Ford Explorer used primarily by the Detective**
- 2017 marked Ford Explorer used for patrol**
- 2018 marked Ford Explorer used for patrol**
- 2019 ghost marked Ford Explorer used for patrol**
- 2020 marked Dodge Durango used for patrol**
- 2021 marked Dodge Durango used for patrol**

Self-Initiated activity and arrests for 2021 are as follows:

1468 Traffic Stops were conducted
1499 Traffic Targets were conducted
618 Traffic Citations were issued
129 Non-Traffic Citations were issued
177 Adult were arrested
18 Juvenile were arrested
Officers conducted 473 Bank Checks
Officers conducted 202 School Checks
Officers conducted 74 Bar Checks
Officers conducted 275 Vacation Checks
Officers conducted 1678 Business Checks
Officers conducted overnight business checks and placed 184 patrol activity cards on businesses
Officers conducted 130 Foot Patrols
A total of 11203 self-initiated and complaint calls were answered.

Summary of significant calls for 2021 are as follows:

Alarms - 211	DUI - 10
Animal Complaint - 152	Fights - 27
Assaults - 30	Use of Force - 8
Assists - 385	Fraud - 93
Burglary - 10	Harassments - 107
Civil Disputes - 83	Mental Health Cases - 95
Criminal Mischief - 30	Welfare Checks - 169
Sudden Deaths - 17	Robbery - 3
Overdose Deaths - 3	Rapes - 1
Attempted Suicide - 1	Sexual Assaults - 4
Suicide - 2	Suspicious Activity - 329
Suspicious Deaths - 2	Thefts - 92
Disorderly Conducts - 222	Thefts from Vehicles - 12
Domestics - 190	Traffic Accidents - 199
Drug offenses - 18	Traffic Parking Complaints - 348
	Warrants Served - 46

The goal of the police department for 2022 is to continue to serve and protect the residents and visitors of Carnegie Borough. The slogan the Carnegie Police Department has gone by for the past 25 years is Courage, Professionalism and Dedication. Along with that slogan the Carnegie Police Department is adapting the slogan "Always Ready". Simply meaning we will always be ready for you.

Upcoming Events for January 2022 - Saturday, January 15th, from 10 AM to 2PM, Vaccine and Flu Shot Clinic. at the Indian Community Center (ICC), at 205 Mary St. The ICC management is pleased to sponsor this vaccination clinic provided by the Allegheny County Health Department, available vaccines include: 1st & 2nd Doses of Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson; Booster Vaccines (Pfizer, Moderna and J&J); Pediatric Pfizer (Children Ages 5 to 11); & Influenza Vaccines (All Ages 6 months & above). Walk-ins welcome. 1st & 2ND doses can pre-register online at: <https://vax4.alleghenycountv.us/patient/s>

Children must be accompanied by parent or guardian. Please bring vaccine card for boosters. Photo ID required for adults. There will also be snack food provided by Cafe Delhi.

Monday, January 17th, from 7 PM, Film Screening and Discussion: MLK/FBI. at the Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall. Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr Day with a free screening and discussion of this critically acclaimed 2020 documentary. For more information go to: <http://www.carnegiecarnegie.org>.

On January 17,2022, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday will mark the 27th anniversary of the national day of service. This day was established to honor the life and legacy of Dr. King, and to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities.

Americans celebrated the first official MLK Day on Monday, January 20,1986. In 1994, Congress designated the holiday as a National Day of Service and marking the third Monday in January every year as the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service - a "Day On, Not a Day Off."

I will close with a quote from Dr King, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

10. Jr. Council Report

Bishop Canevin School News

On November 26, the Bishop Canevin Crusaders football team traveled to Heinz Field for the Class 1A WPIAL championship. The Crusaders beat the OLSH Chargers 42-7 for their first WPIAL championship in 31 years.

On Friday, December 10, Canevin hosted prospective eighth graders and freshmen for "Christmas In The Courtyard." The celebration was filled with fun Christmas themed games and activities. It was a fun night for all who attended and a great way for students to learn what it is like to be a part of the Canevin community. All of those who came were asked to bring a toy to help "Stuff the Can-A-Van." The toys would then be donated to kids in need. Throughout the last two months, Canevin students have been bringing in toys for the same cause.

Carlynton School News

On Tuesday, December 21, the junior senior high school is holding a winter celebration of the arts! The junior-senior high school band and chorus are joining forces with the art department to showcase the talent among the Cougar Nation. Families are welcomed to the building for an evening of entertainment and community-building to celebrate the winter season and accomplishments of the students. The celebration starts at 7 p.m.

To prevent the ongoing disposal and waste of paper cups at the water filling stations in the school, teacher Matt Stagl worked with administrators to find grant monies to purchase Carlynton Cougar water bottles for every student, grades 7-12. The bottles were distributed to students during the homeroom period on November 18.

Officers of the National and National Junior Honor Societies organized a drive to collect four hundred (400) cans of green beans! The beans were delivered to the Light of Life Rescue Mission on Pittsburgh's Northside and were used to help supply over seventeen hundred (1,700)

Thanksgiving meals to Pittsburgh area families who have a home but do not have the means to purchase food for a holiday feast.

Carnegie Elementary and the Carnegie-Collier Rotary partnered for the 2021 Carnegie Elementary School “Coats for Kids” drive! A total of eighty-eight (88) coats were distributed to Carnegie community children in need of a winter coat.

Carnegie News

Mayor Riley’s Mayors’ Monarch Pledge report has been reviewed and approved by the National Wildlife Federation Mayors’ Monarch Pledge Team. Communities with eight or more actions receive an achievement badge with their online program. We have completed twenty-one (21) action items out of thirty (30). Mayor Riley has announced that she will be renewing the pledge for 2022 and the Shade Tree Commission has reported that a much larger amount of monarch butterflies will be present in our community next year because of our actions.

Thirty-five (35) vendors from our Holiday Farmers Market reported great success. Even though there was light rain throughout the day, visitors flowed at a steady pace.

Climate Action Plan News

Our Climate Action survey is available on our website. We are seeking input from community members to help guide our local Climate Action Plan. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete, and we really appreciate community response. The plan is being developed as part of a free program offered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, ICLEI, and CONNECT.

During the Holiday Farmers Market, the Climate Action Plan team set up a booth to encourage people to complete the survey. Many people stopped by and filled out the survey.

11. General Public Comment

Winnie Woodland (Honus Wagner Apartments)

Ms. Woodland addressed Borough Council by thanking the Department of Public Works for taking care of the roadways during the winter weather events and also the Police Department, which has visited the Honus Wagner Apartments on a number of occasions.

As you may know, the pandemic has taken a toll on the residents of the apartment complex mentally, physically, and emotionally. Being confined and quarantined has not treated the residents well and the lack of exercise and physical activity. There are 125 apartments in the building and everyone is a fall risk and has become frail since the pandemic has started.

The reason for addressing Council this evening is due to a fall that I experienced at one of the businesses (salon) in the downtown business district last Wednesday. Upon departing the salon and due to my mask covering my face, I was unable to see very well and unfortunately tripped off the step while exiting the building. There is a four (4) to six (6) inch step down to the sidewalk, which is what is being referred to.

After the fall, I realized that all of the businesses along this stretch have the step that enter into the building. The question is whether or not these are code compliant for ADA

standards? Ms. Woodland suggested that possibly a ramp or some sort of other measure could be installed to deter any future incidents from occurring.

Council President Boyd replied to Ms. Woodland that the Borough Staff would look into the matter to see if there are any code-related issues to be addressed at this location.

Ms. Maggie Forbes – Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall (300 Beechwood Avenue)

First, I would like to welcome Councilperson Demko for another term as well as for Councilperson Boyd in the Council President position.

If you were driving around Carnegie last Friday, which was bitter cold, you may have seen an electrician at the library who was working all day to install lighting going into the wall to the steps. The bollard lights have already be installed and while looking back at seeing things come together, the stairway just glows! It already attracts the eyes of individuals, which we hope that it continues to bring in new visitors to the library, and it looks lovely. Work is continuing to proceed, and the planned grand opening celebration will be on April 23, which is the day after Earth Day. It will be a celebration for the opening of Library Park. In working with the library staff, there are a lot of great activities planned for the celebration.

On a serious level, as Councilperson D’Loss mentioned global warming, the Earth Day celebration will be an annual event. With this being such an important topic there are definitely opportunities for possible discussions and presentations to take place at the Library and Music Hall for the community.

On Thursday, January 13, the BGV’s (Background Vocals) will be performing an evening of Motown at the library.

As the library continues to proceed with events and planning events for 2022, the proper safety precautions will remain in place to keep the visitors to the library safe. I hope that as things continue to improve, the events at the library will continue while keeping these safety regulations in place.

There will be a blues concert with Billy Price on February 5. Also, there will be Aron Copeland’s Lincoln portraits on President’s Day.

We are trying to keep things moving forward and I am very pleased with how things are going, and I would like to thank the Borough for all their help.

Joanne Letcher, Carnegie Community Development Corporation

The East and West Main businesses are doing a Valentine’s Day event. We are working on the name right now and calling it “Love Bites.” This has two meanings and are thinking that everyone should come up with some sort of sample drink, appetizer, dessert, etc. for their business. There will be additional activities planned and will keep everyone updated with any new additions.

We are going to continue to closely follow the Omicron status and hope that we are able to proceed with the event safely. The goal is to try and get people out to spend Valentine’s Day Weekend in Downtown Carnegie.

As many of you know, I will be retiring at the end of the year and have been working closely with the new CCDC board. We hope to have a Building and Business Owners of Carnegie (BBOC) meeting at the end of January or early February. We are hoping that we'll be able to possibly meet in person if able to and it is important to get the business owners back together for the beginning of the year. There are many new businesses that have moved into down during COVID and it would be great to update them on the business district efforts and introduce them to others throughout the community.

Lastly, I would like to welcome Councilperson DiPietro as a liaison for the CCDC and Mayor Riley as an alternate. Hopefully 2022 will be a good year. We will be doing the Crawls, planter updates, Fall Festival (October 1), and will be doing another Christmas in Carnegie event. Let's hope 2022 is a great year for all of us!

12. Council Good and Welfare

Councilperson D'Loss – People I talk to on a regular basis are getting very frustrated with COVID. The ups and the downs, you think you are overcoming it and then it comes back again. I would just ask everyone to have a lot of patience with their family and their neighbors. Please be considerate and respectful of those who decide to wear or not to wear masks. We should all be a little kinder and gentler to one another as this two (2) years COVID has caused a lot of mental stress on everyone.

Council President Boyd – I am going to provide the following proclamation for former Councilperson Regina Popichak (attached)

Councilperson Mullins – I am very excited to begin my time here with Council. When I first started to attend meetings, I was not quite sure of what I had ahead of me. But as I started to learn more I was delighted to see the Carnegie Borough has a lot of dedicated public servants and I am excited to join the team.

Councilperson Freshwater – Nothing for this evening.

Councilperson DiPietro – I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and reiterate what Councilperson D'Loss mentioned regarding continuing to work through the pandemic.

Councilperson Demko – Happy, Healthy, New Year to everyone.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilperson Demko. Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss.
Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

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www.carnegieborough.com*