



**CARNEGIE BOROUGH PUBLIC MEETING**

**Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 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**

**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 June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021.  
Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**FINANCE (Councilperson Boyd)**

**MOTION to approve the July 2021 Bill List and Bill List Addendum.  
Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to approve the purchase / lease of a 2021 Durango Special Service AWD from Laurel Auto Group at a price of \$34,604.00. (Acquired through the COSTARS Purchasing Program)  
Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC WORKS (Councilperson D’Loss)**

**MOTION to authorize Payment No. 4 to W.A. Petrakis Contracting in the amount of \$102,446.95 for the Broadway Street Sewer Separation Project (Contract No. 2020-01).  
Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to award the Mansfield Boulevard Sewer Relocation Project to Jet Jack, Inc. in the amount of \$88,825.00. (Contract No. 2021-03)**

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

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY (Councilperson Popichak)**

**MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2021 – 14, 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 209 Railroad Avenue (103-G-132) (Under Review).**

**Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro –Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Councilperson DiPietro)**

**MOTION to approve the application of Mr. Jimin Kuvadia (KDK Land, LLC) for the lot consolidation of 801 W. Main Street (102-E-74) and 803 W. Main Street (102-E-78) as recommended by the Planning Commission on June 29, 2021.**

**Seconded by Councilperson Popichak –Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to approve the application of Papa Mondo, LLC for the conditional use proposal for apartment/flats to be included in the mixed-use development at 200 (103-M-168), 210 (103-M-169), 212 (103-M-170), and 214 (103-M-172) E. Main Street, Carnegie, PA 15106 (D1-Downtown Zoning District).**

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

**MOTION to approve the application of Papa Mondo, LLC for the preliminary land development plan for the mixed-use development at 200 (103-M-168), 210 (103-M-169), 212 (103-M-170), and 214 (103-M-172) E. Main Street, Carnegie, PA 15106 (D1-Downtown Zoning District) as recommended by the Planning Commission on June 29, 2021.**

**Seconded by Councilperson Popichak –Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to advertise 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 –Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administration – Nothing for this evening.**

**Finance – The well-advertised, much discussed federal money is being distributed at all levels. The money comes in two payments. Half of it this year, the other half for next year. The money is to be spent on infrastructure and there is an entire list of rules on what it can be used for. We received our first deposit for \$406,000, which is not budgeted. We are going to spend this very wisely. Most likely on Main Street, making it a much more pleasant place to walk and do business. Happy to report that the money is in the bank.**

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

**Public Works – Nothing for this evening.**

**Public Safety – Nothing for this evening.**

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

**MANAGER’S REPORT –** I would like to confirm that we did receive the \$406,000 as already mentioned by Councilperson Boyd. We received a grant for \$2,500 from Duquesne Light. This will help build out the rain garden at the skate park. The Shade Tree Commission will be assisting us and will be working on that over the next week. We had a great turnout for Sunday’s Farmers Market. We will be going every Sunday now until September. Thanks to everyone who helped with the July 3<sup>rd</sup> celebration this year.

**CARNEGIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT & EMS REPORT –** For the month of June 2021, there were 39 fire calls and 108 ambulance calls.

**MAYOR’S REPORT –** Police Dept. activity for June 2021: Criminal Arrests and Citations – 16; Traffic Citations – 75; Traffic Stops – 128; Parking Tickets – 142; Complaints and Self-Initiated Activity – 939.

**Operation Forsythe activity:** Traffic Stops – 86; Traffic Citations – 64.

**July Events:**

Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 6 to 7 PM, *Stage 62 Presents: Songs from the Steps*, at ACFL&MH, *Songs from the Steps* will take place on the steps in front of the Music Hall’s entrance with audience seating in the parking lot. Each concert will highlight a wide variety of Stage 62 talent. Tickets are \$20, for more information go to: <https://www.stage62.org>.

Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 7 PM, *Open Mic Night*, at the Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall. Enjoy an eclectic evening of live entertainment at the Library’s first Open Mic Night - cover is \$5; <https://carnegiecarnegie.org/>.

Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 6 to 7 PM, *From the Windows of Modern Mercantile PGH to Your Home*, at the Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall. In this program, George and Larry explain how to translate the principles and elements of window design into your own home environment. Learn how to make the most of your living space and belongings to create a unique beauty and elegance at home. This adult program will meet in person, in the library’s second floor Lincoln Gallery. [To register, please call 412-276-3456.](#)

**Carnegie’s Farmer’s Market**

SUNDAY’s July 11 to September 26	Noon to 3:00pm
East Main Street	(Between Broadway & Mary)
New this Year - <a href="#">Fresh Access</a> allows shoppers to use SNAP, EBT, and P-EBT to purchase fresh produce.	

**For those of you that attended the Farmer's Market this past Sunday, just know that it was everything and more of what I envisioned four years ago. The transformation from an idea to sitting in a parking lot with a handful of vendors and low attendance to what this Market has become is like a dream come true. And we all need to thank and praise Deneen Underwood for making this happen, thank you from the bottom of my heart Deneen. There is a tremendous amount of work and planning that goes into making this one of the top Farmers Market's in Pittsburgh and our Administration, DPW and Police do so much to help all our community events go off without a hitch and I am grateful for everyone's time and energy, but Deneen has elevated this particular event beyond what I ever could have imagined. A place where the community meets and gathers coupled with a diverse group of vendors that draws crowds near and far to Carnegie's Main Street. I could not be prouder. The Butterfly Festival was also a tremendous success and to see all the kids that showed up to learn and participate in the crafts... with their butterfly wings was so cute. A special shout out to our Junior Councilman Sam Bigham who manned the booth where the children made their butterfly masks. So that event wrapped a vibrant weekend in Carnegie, but what started it all was the Carnegie Crawl Friday evening.**

**The streets were bustling, the music was playing, and the businesses were thriving! We had 8 ribbon cuttings on East Main Street to celebrate the new businesses we gained right before and during COVID. It truly was a celebration! I want to sincerely thank you Joanne for working with the businesses to coordinate and plan the timeline that allowed us to smoothly move from business to business and stay on schedule. Councilwoman Regina Popichak and State Representative Anita Kulick were also there to introduce themselves and support the businesses. Regina, I am not sure that you have missed a ribbon cutting yet and I greatly appreciate that... especially when you bring your husband, Father Popichak, who has somehow inherited scissor and ribbon duty... thank you! Last but certainly not least, a huge thank you to Madam President Sue Demko, her sister Mimi, our Dept of Public Works, Carnegie Police Dept, Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept and all the other volunteers that helped to make our July 3rd celebration a success. The fireworks were amazing, and the weather was gorgeous. The Park was packed, Life Flight landed, and the Skate Park was filled with bands and competitions all day. Sue, the community really looks forward to the July 3rd celebration every year and it is only possible because of all your hard work, cooking (8lbs of macaroni salad lol), planning and manning the concession stand as well as coordinating games for the kids, so truly thank you. I know there are some great ideas swirling around for next year that I think can help raise even more money for the Borough.**

**SAVE the DATE: Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – Carnegie Police Dept will have our Annual Cruisin' on the Main from 1-5pm.**

## **JR. COUNCIL REPORT**

**Carnegie has officially been accepted into the PA Department of Environmental Protection's Climate Action Plan Program (LCAP). The first training webinar will be schedule in early August. If you have not yet taken CONNECT's Climate Survey, the link is on the Carnegie Borough website and Facebook Page.**

**Allegheny Intermediate Unit Pre-K Counts is currently accepting applications for the 2021-22 school year for children 3-5 years old. The program is free for income eligible families. A family of four can make up to \$78,600.00 per year to qualify. Interested families can call 412-394-5863 to apply and to find out if they qualify.**

**Jim Price from Sustainable PA has done a preliminary review for Carnegie to become a Solsmart Community. The review places Carnegie as a bronze or possible silver member.**

**Opening day of the farmers market was a great success. Fresh Access will be in attendance each week during the season. Families will be able to use SNAP, EBT and/or P-EBT cards to purchase tokens to spend as cash with food vendors and earn an extra \$2.00 food bucks voucher for each \$5.00 spent.**

**The Butterfly Festival drew a large crowd during the farmer’s market. Bob Podurgiel and Marlene Smith-Pendleton from the Carnegie Borough Shade Tree Commission handed out milk weed seeds and spoke about pollinator contribution to food security as well as the transformation, diet, and migration of Monarch Butterflies. Artists Alicia and Nathan Kesneck helped children paint 30 butterfly canvases. Gwen Kalimon and I helped children make 45 butterfly masks. There were chalk drawings and hopscotch and it was an event enjoyed by all!**

**The Shade Tree Commission and several volunteers will begin planting the skate park rain garden this Saturday afternoon. The East and West Main parking lot rain gardens absorb more than 800,000 gallons of stormwater each year so the skate park rain garden will make a significant difference in storm water runoff.**

### **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Robert Davidoff – 326 Lincoln Avenue**

**Mr. Davidoff addressed Borough Council regarding his feedback on the Papa Mondo Development Plan. Mr. Davidoff moved to Carnegie Borough three years ago and the Downtown Business District was a feature of the community that drew him to Carnegie Borough. The proposed plan to include dense housing options for the business district is something that will be a benefit to the community.**

### **COUNCIL GOOD AND WELFARE**

**Councilperson D’Loss – Councilperson D’Loss discussed the 2021 Carnegie Borough Independence Day Celebration at Carnegie Park. This was a great event for the community, especially after the last year and a half and not having the opportunity to have such an event.**

**Councilperson Freshwater – Nothing for this evening.**

**Councilperson Boyd – Councilperson Boyd mentioned that he looked forward to complaints regarding the “dirt and noise” that will come from the new development as this will be a temporary inconvenience for a permanent improvement (PennDOT phrase). Without the noise and dirt, you do not receive and improvements. Councilperson Boyd wished the best of luck to the Troiani Group as they continue moving forward here in Carnegie. Also, thanks were provided for the patience in working with the Borough through this process and continuing to learn together. Mention of the Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall groundbreaking was made regarding the next phase of the facility improvement. Lastly, an update of the 2021 Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department Virtual 5K was provided and it detailed the overwhelming donations that were made to the community despite the challenges of not having the race in person. Donations crossed the \$20,000.00 mark this year. It was very appropriate that the last donation received to date was from former Councilperson Michael Sarsfield, who was a big proponent of the Fire Department and Police Department. Despite Mr. Sarsfield now living in Pennsbury Village, he is still a part of the Carnegie community.**

**Councilperson Popichak – Councilperson Popichack provided comment regarding the July 2021 Carnegie Crawl and the ribbon cuttings for the new businesses in town. It was great to see the expressions of the new businesses and the appreciation for this event. Not to mention, the appreciation of the Borough Council and the community for having these new businesses come to Carnegie. This all continues to add to the growing diversity of the community. Councilperson Popichak also welcomed the proposal provided from the Troiani Group for the Papa Mondo Development Plan.**

**Councilperson DiPietro – Councilperson D’Pietro provided comment regarding the July 2021 Carnegie Crawl and the large crowd it brings to the Carnegie Borough Business District.**

**Council President Demko – Council President Demko also mentioned the positive feedback that she received based on the success of the Carnegie Crawl and the Farmers Market events. Over the past few weekends there has been a lot of activity in the Borough, and it is great to see so many individuals visit the community. Also, Council President Demko provided thanks to all the individuals who donated their time to volunteer to make the July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, fireworks at Carnegie Park such an amazing event after not being able to in 2020. Mayor Riley was present to assist in addition to Councilperson D’Loss (and Rose) and Peter Mullins at the New Shelter concession stand. Thank you to Councilperson Freshwater for taking the time to DJ the event. Thank you to Carnegie Motors (Lee Bodnar) for donating funds for the event and for the Dairy Queen for donating gift cards to provide for the kids’ games. Thank you to State Representative Anita Kulik for sponsoring the face painter for the day. Also, thank you to the Department of Public Works for all their assistance and the Carnegie Police Department for their efforts (traffic control) during the day. Thank you to Mary Zuccaro for her assistance and Victoria Minor and family for their help with the kids’ games. Thanks to everyone!**

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Borough Council did not make a motion to adjourn and went into an Executive Session to discuss Borough Building lease terms and will not reconvene.**

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[www.carnegieborough.com](http://www.carnegieborough.com)*