



CARNEGIE BOROUGH PUBLIC MEETING (via Zoom)

Monday, March 8th, 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

Irv Ferman, representing LSPD LLC. who are property owners on Main Street down from the proposed Dunkin’ Donuts. I wanted to point out a few things from the conditional use hearing last week. Under the conditional use process, it is incumbent upon the applicant to prove the established compliance with the conditional use ordinance. When it comes to the speakers and screens to not interfere with other properties, they did not do that. The engineer, in his letter dated January 22nd, told them that they needed to do that. They did not do it in the application, they did not present anything at the meeting that supports that. Aside from that and more importantly, LSPD’s traffic engineer came to the meeting and said that the exit onto Williams Way is creating a hazard here and it would be quite easy for them to minimize these conflicts simply by closing off the access to Williams Way. They also showed other Dunkin’ Donuts that have the horseshoe, the one in and one out, that worked better than the model being proposed. This comes down to whether they have met the code. If you feel that this needs to be approved, then I feel like you should add on the condition that you close the access to Williams Way to avoid traffic accidents. Thank you for your time this evening.

ADMINISTRATION (Councilperson Freshwater)

**MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on February 8th, 2021.
Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2021-05, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie authorizing the sale of vacant parcel located at 333 Wilcox Street (Lot and Block 103-C-290) in the Borough of Carnegie.
Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2021-06, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie acknowledging the Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall as a historic landmark facility in the Borough of Carnegie.
Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to adopt the Pennsylvania American Water Municipal Sewer Shut-Off Agreement.
A. Statewide implementation for Residential Landlord Ratepayers.
Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to enter into an agreement with Value Payment Systems, LLC for a municipal payment processing application system.
A. This system will allow for the Borough to accept online payments for any municipal applications or permits.
Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to engage the services of Piper Sandler & Co. for the current refunding options of the Carnegie Borough General Obligation Bond (Series 2016).
Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to offer a Conditional Offer of Employment to Emily Moldovan for the position of Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer at a rate of \$28.00 per hour.
Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

FINANCE (Councilperson Boyd)

**MOTION to approve the March 2021 Bill List and Bill List Addendum.
Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

CODE ENFORCEMENT and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Councilperson DiPietro)

**MOTION to approve the application of Charles and Kimberly Fritchman for the lot consolidation of 512 (102-B-380) and 514 (102-B-378) 5th Avenue as recommended by the Planning Commission on February 23, 2021 (Pending Allegheny County and final Borough engineer review).
Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION to table the application of Papa Mondo, LLC. for the lot consolidation of 200 (103-M-168), 210 (103-M-169), 212 (103-M-170), and 214 (103-M-172) E. Main Street and 429 (103-M-164) Robert Avenue as recommended by the Planning Commission on February 23, 2021 (Pending final Borough engineer review).

Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Motion is Tabled.

MOTION to approve the application of the Heartland Restaurant Group (Dunkin' Donuts) for the conditional use development of a drive-through facility to be located at 500 E. Main Street (Lot and Block 66-D-100 / D3-Arterial Zoning District).

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

MOTION to approve the application of Mr. Leonard Klemencic (Rome Corner Properties, LLC) for the conditional use development of a beauty salon (personal service) to be located at 607 W. Main Street (Lot and Block 102-B-204 / D3-Arterial Zoning District).

Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – nothing for this evening.

Finance – nothing for this evening.

Code Enforcement and Community Development – two new eateries have opened up, Pizza Davide and Afghan Kabob House. I have heard great things about these two establishments.

Public Works – nothing for this evening.

Public Safety – not for this evening.

President's Report – nothing for this evening.

MANAGER'S REPORT – we are beginning to implement the Value Payment Systems online payment processing application so people may begin to pay online with a debit card or credit card for any borough permits and/or fees. We are hoping to have that up and running within the next few weeks. Admin is also working on a four-part blight series webinar. This will help with putting vacant properties back to use. We have just become eligible to apply for Walmart Community Grants. We can submit up to 25 applications per year. We have been working with The City Paper for them to put one of their paper boxes in Carnegie. Deneen has been working with Just Harvest, a program that will allow customers at the farmer's market to use SNAP, WIC and senior coupons. Just Harvest will have representatives present at the farmer's market. This will be a huge help as we have had numerous inquiries regarding this in the past. Finally, the business privilege tax invoices were sent out at the beginning of February with a due date of March 1. To date we have collected \$87,050.

CARNEGIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. & EMS REPORT – for the month of February 2021, there were 18 fire calls and 98 ambulance calls.

MAYOR'S REPORT- Police Dept. activity for February 2021: Criminal Arrests and Citations – 12; Traffic Citations – 13; Traffic Stops – 28; Parking Tickets – 130; Complaints and Self-Initiated Activity – 638.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's fish fry is back during the Lenten Season. Take out and curbside pick-up only. On March 5, 6 & 7, Modern Mercantile is holding their spring open house.

Riley's Pour House is having their St. Patrick's Day celebration, Covid style. Everything requires advance registration. Your table can be booked online. Visit their website for more information.

We will be having the CVFRB 5k this year, virtually. This will be ongoing from April 24th through May 24th. People will have one month to complete the 5K. All participants will receive a digital event bag. Look for more information in the upcoming weeks.

March is Women's History Month. Celebrate women!

JR. COUNCIL REPORT – Sam Bigham

I gave Envirothon PA website and information to Mrs. Herrmann and Mrs. Gallagher to share with high school students. Teams of five compete in five topics areas – Soils and Land Use, Aquatic Ecology, Forestry, Wildlife, and Environmental issues. The program combines classroom learning with outdoor activities.

I gave information for the PA American Water Watershed Protection Poster Contest to Mr. Donnelly to share with 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students at Carnegie Elementary.

In-Carlynton magazine printed an article about our trail support page that should bring more letters of support from the community.

I began working on layout and information editing for the Carnegie Parks Guide.

I will attend the CONNECT Climate Action Subcommittee Forum on March 15, 2021.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Maggie Forbes – Carnegie Library – welcomed Emily Moldovan to working for Carnegie Borough. We are working on an Earth Day Program that will be outdoors. It will have spring elements and may become an annual event. A new program to announce is bilingual story time. We have a growing Arab speaking community and we are working with Rema Abdin, an early childhood educator. We had 32 children participate in the first program. The whole point is to get to families to break down barriers and have them come to the library. The stories are read in Arabic and then in English. This is about being welcoming and one community.

Irv Ferman – while I'm disappointed with your decision for the Dunkin' Donuts drive through, I'd like to commend the board on their professionalism. I also want to thank Mr. Beuter and Mr. Boring on their support and transparency throughout this process.

Joanne Letcher – CCDC – welcomed Jackie and Emily to the borough. She will be in contact to get information from Jackie for her businesses list. April 17th is the clean-up day in Carnegie and May 22nd is our planting day. On March 17th, we will be getting a free consultation from Claire Schupin from Professional Gardens. She will be giving her thoughts on the best plants and/or flowers to plant in the borough's planters.

Jackie Hellwig – Lo+Kie Studio – first day of business will be Monday, March 15th. We offer hair services, brow and lash services and we will be offering nail services in the future. We are excited to be in Carnegie!

COUNCIL GOOD AND WELFARE

Councillperson Boyd – the vote regarding Dunkin Donuts was something that we all spent time thinking about. There are concerns about the volume of traffic. I have spent morning sitting in the parking lot watching the traffic. I did not see any issues. I consulted with Nate and his advice was to look at what you see. I was initially concerned but I did vote yes.

Councilperson Popichak – I think we are coming out of a dark place. The Covid rates are down, and vaccinations are up. I hope everyone continues to stay safe and let us move forward.

Councilperson DiPietro – our Department of Public works did an awesome job this winter with snow removal!

Councilperson Freshwater – in last Thursday’s Post Gazette, there was a big article on Papa J’s titled, “The Troinai Group presents plan for a new restaurant and apartments in Carnegie”. Michael Troiani is hoping for final council approval at its April meeting. He estimates a 15-month construction schedule once council gives the go-ahead. I hope we can all work together with this to make this happen. If you have not read the article yet, please do so. It seems a little extra than what we have talked about at meetings.

Councilperson D’Loss – I have been thinking for a long time that we need to adopt Robinson Township’s motto which is “Approve every development that possibly could be and create the most traffic jams you can imagine then call the State and tell them to fix it.” If Phil wants to see the Parkway Ramps redone, the best way is to cause a traffic jam right there. Phil, you voted in the correct way. The Rennerdale fire hall fish fry is the best in the area! You should try it!

Council President Demko – I had my grandsons Friday night and they wanted to go Family Dollar and Scoops. While we were walking we saw that Modern Mercantile had the cutest pillow in their window. Our Carnegie businesses are putting very cute things in their windows. This is what is bringing people to Carnegie to shop.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilperson D’Loss, seconded by Councilperson Boyd

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