



Monday, November 10th, 2025

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 Demko – Present, Councilperson DiPietro – Present, Councilperson Freshwater – Present, Councilperson Lee – Present, Councilperson Mullins – Present, Council President Boyd – Present, Mayor Riley – Present

Public Comment on Listed Motions – Nothing for this evening.

Carnegie Park – Lowe’s Hometowns Volunteer Program Recognition – Monarch Shelter Renovation

1. Administration (Councilperson Freshwater)

- a) **MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council meeting on October 13th, and November 3rd, 2025. Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b) **MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2025-12, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, granting, as a matter of grace, exoneration, or refund of the 2025 Borough Real Estate Tax for the property at 338 Thomas Street, Carnegie, Pennsylvania, owned by Warren J. Meinen, pursuant to 43 PA. Code § 5.25(b). Seconded by Councilperson Lee – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENT: Council President Boyd explained that there is a Pennsylvania law that exonerates taxes for veterans who are 100% disabled from their service.

- c) **MOTION to authorize the President of Council, Borough Manager and Borough Solicitor to prepare and execute the documents necessary to obtain the 2026 Tax Anticipation Loan from Washington Financial Bank in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 at a rate not to exceed 5.0% with no origination fee (pending credit approval). Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

2. Finance (Councilperson Mullins)

- a) **MOTION to approve the November 2025 Bill List. Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

b) **MOTION to authorize the Borough Manager to enter into an agreement with ACME Fireworks Company for the 2026 fireworks display to take place on Friday, July 3rd, 2026, in the amount of \$9,500.00. Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

3. Public Works (Councilperson Demko) Read by Councilperson DiPietro

a) **MOTION to authorize Pay Application No. 1 from Independent Enterprises in the amount of \$356,789.97 for the 2025 Milling and Resurfacing Program (Contract No. 2025-03). Seconded by Councilperson Lee – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

b) **MOTION to accept the bid submitted by Grit Industries for the 2025 Irishtown Sewer Separation Project in the amount of \$249,610.00 (Contract No. 2025-02). Seconded by Councilperson Lee – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

A. PA Small Water and Sewer Grant Program (\$250,000.00)

COMMENT: Council President Boyd explained that this was the low bid and was under the grant award amount. The contractors now look at budgets, so they know what to bid to get awarded.

4. Public Safety (Councilperson Lee) – Nothing for this evening.

5. Code Enforcement and Community Development (Councilperson DiPietro) – Nothing for this evening.

6. Committee Reports

A. Administration – Nothing for this evening.

B. Finance – The next budget meeting will be Tuesday, November 18th at 6pm. Thank you Trisha for providing a detailed budget as we have not received something like this in years past.

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

D. Public Works – Nothing for this evening.

E. Public Safety and Fire Dept. / EMS Report – In October 2025, there were 114 ambulance calls, 37 fire calls, and 3 mutual aid calls.

F. President's Report – Nothing for this evening.

7. Manager's Report – Last Friday, the Borough submitted a State-wide Local Share Account grant application for \$700,000 for a generator and roof repairs. This grant is 100% funded, however it does get increasingly more competitive. There is no update on last year's applications as the state budget has not been passed at this point in time. The milling and paving work at Carnegie Park will be done soon, weather depending. DPW has been installing the new decorative light poles between Mary Street and Pine Street, there will be a few more from Mary Street to Elk Avenue as well. Thank you again to Jason and the team at Lowes for their help at Carnegie Park, you all were great to work with.

8. Mayor's Report – In October 2025, there were 11 criminal arrests and citations, 62 traffic stops (7 on Forsythe Road), 9 traffic citations, 83 parking tickets, and 809 calls and self-initiated activity. On Halloween, the Carnegie Police Department and Carnegie Volunteer Fire & Rescue Bureau were out

patrolling and handing out candy. The Police Department is participating in No Shave November with all of the proceeds going to benefit the families of the three detectives in York County who were killed in the line of duty in September.

On Tuesday, November 11th at 1:30 pm, the library is hosting their Veteran's Day service to honor those who served our nation. The Holiday Farmer's Market returns on Sunday, November 16th from 11am-2pm on East Main Street. Small Business Saturday is on Saturday, November 29th. Carols & Lights will be on Friday, December 5th from 6pm-8pm. This is Carnegie Borough's annual tree lighting here at the Borough Building. Carnegie Celebrates the Season will be on Saturday, December 6th from 10am-1pm. There will be pictures with Santa, crafts, cookies, caricatures, and more in the studio at the library.

Let us take time to honor our veterans, support our local businesses, and celebrate the traditions that make Carnegie such a vibrant community.

9. ACFLMH / CCDC Update

Sam Bigham, Executive Director CCDC – The Holiday market is this Sunday, November 16th from 11am-2pm. It is similar to the normal Farmer's Market, however it is more holiday themed and there is more of a focus on gifts and crafts. This will be the biggest one and this year we will have some charities there collecting. Small Business Saturday is on November 29th, once I hear back from the businesses, I will put something out on social media. There will be a small light up night on December 6th in the business district.

Thank you to Carnegie for having their faith in me and I am excited to work with everyone in the next four years.

Businesses owners in Carnegie are invited to attend a business meet up here at the Borough Building on Monday, November 17th. We will talk about upcoming events and how to make Carnegie more vibrant.

10. General Public Comment (Council will hear comments for up to three (3) minutes per person)

Robert Davidoff (326 Lincoln Avenue) – We were pleased with Halloween, it seems like we get more kids every year. In the minutes from the August 2025 Council Meeting, there was discussion on a grant for the extension of the Panhandle Trail. Has an agreement been reached with the railroad and it is just waiting on the money or has a purchase price not been agreed on?

COMMENT: Council President Boyd explained that there is a gap between the County and the Railroad on the dollar amount value of the tracks. Negotiations are ongoing, but not aggressive. The County is applying for a grant, however right now the state and federal government are without a budget. I do not understand how a Borough cannot operate without a budget, but the bigger governments can. I would expect that after there is a state budget, the County will be able to understand where their grant applications are for the trail and be able to get more aggressive with their negotiating.

COMMENT: Councilperson Lee added that right now with the LSA applications, the current year applications are closed, but they have not even awarded or announced the previous year's projects.

Dennis Dewey (1004 Forsythe Road) – Last month, I was here about my driveway sinking. With the help of Council President Boyd, Councilperson Lee, Steve, and Mancini Plumbing, it was fixed. Everyone told me I was going to be stonewalled, but you all came through. I am really thankful.

11. Council Good and Welfare

Councilperson DiPietro – Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilperson Mullins – Happy Thanksgiving. Congratulations to our newly elected officials. I know you will serve Carnegie well.

Councilperson Freshwater – As everyone knows, tomorrow is Veteran’s Day. I would like to say to my fellow veterans, and especially to those who gave their life serving our country, God bless you and thank you.

Councilperson Lee – Today is the 250th birthday of the Marines, Semper Fi. We have a Councilperson-Elect celebrating and honoring veterans in France. On November 14th, Apis is having a food drive. We have a budget meeting on Tuesday, November 18th. Have a Happy Thanksgiving. We have a workshop session on Monday, December 1st at 6pm, followed by a working session on Monday, December 8th at 6pm, and a voting meeting to follow at 7pm. The St. Peter & Paul Cookie Walk is on December 13th from 10am-2pm. Thank you for everyone that turned out for Election Day and congrats to the winners. Congrats and good job to Councilperson Demko for her hard work with the Trail of Terror. It is a lot of fun up there.

Council President Boyd – Mark your calendars for May 30th, 2026, for the Party in the Park. Chief has organized this large event which includes kids’ events, bands, fireworks, and more. This will cost taxpayers nothing as Chief is collecting donations. We will definitely be accepting volunteers.

Councilperson Demko – Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Trail of Terror, especially Terry, Vicki, Public Works, and Jack Kobistek. They were great, I do not know what I would have done without them. Thank you to Lowes for the renovations they made to the Monarch Shelter, this helps a lot with events like Independence Day. I wanted to wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

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