



Monday, November 11th, 2019

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

Call Meeting to Order / Moment of Silence / Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Councilperson Boyd – Absent, Councilperson Canofari – Present; Councilperson Freshwater – Present, Councilperson Popichak – Present, Councilperson Sarsfield – Present, Council President Demko – Present, Mayor Riley – Present

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LISTED MOTIONS

**Honus Wagner Fire Incident (September 23rd, 2019) – Mayor Stacie Riley
Building Residents Recognition Letter - Sandy McDonough, Jeff McCoy, Darla Rieger**

ADMINISTRATION (Councilperson Canofari)

MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on Monday, October 14th, 2019 and Monday, November 4th, 2019.

Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to authorize the President of Council, Borough Manager and Borough Solicitor to prepare and execute the documents necessary to obtain the 2019 Tax Anticipation Loan from Washington Financial Bank in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 at a rate not to exceed 3.16% with no origination fee (pending credit approval).

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

MOTION to approve Resolution No. 2019-15, a Resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, recognizing and supporting participation of Carnegie in the Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Essentials Certification Program.

Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION to accept the bid provided by Trans Associates Engineering Consultants, Inc. for the Green Light Go Traffic Signal Modification Project to Bronder Technical Service in the amount of \$15,151.72 (Mansfield Blvd., West Main St., and Jefferson St.)
Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

FINANCE (Councilperson Boyd)

**MOTION to approve the November 2019 Bill List and Bill List Addendum.
Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC WORKS (Councilperson Freshwater) – nothing for this evening.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Councilperson Sarsfield) – nothing for this evening.

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Councilwoman Popichak)

**MOTION to approve the encroachment request of 221 2nd Avenue (102-C-154) for the sidewalk / Right-of-Way construction of an ADA accessible ramp to be located along 3rd Street (Pending Insurance Certificate).
Seconded by Councilperson Canofari – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – nothing for this evening.

Finance – working on the budget for 2020. Have enough funds to pay for all the bills for 2019. Prices and costs go up every year. Taxes have not been raised in over 6 years. We may not be able to continue that going forward. We may need to make an adjustment in taxes, but we're still working on it.

Code Enforcement and Community Development – nothing for this evening.

Public Works – on the Cabbage Street step rehabilitation project, they have started to remove debris. Leaf pickup is beginning and will go through the end of November. We are preparing vehicles and other equipment for winter projects. There was an Allegheny League of Municipalities Public Works Seminar which two of our employees attended.

Public Safety – we are the only state in the country that does not allow local police departments to use radar. Our police have to use Vascar, which makes it tough to enforce speeding. This looks like it may be changing and legislation may be passed. Please contact your state legislator to help push this through.

President's Report – nothing for this evening.

MANAGER'S REPORT- last Friday we submitted the PennDot Multimodal Application. This is for Carnegie Borough's downtown streetscape enhancement project. This would enable us to repaint some of the poles on Main Street, replace the lights, and add new benches, recycling bins and trash cans. We also submitted two applications to Allegheny County for demolition of properties. We are resubmitting to get the sidewalks taken care of near Beechwood Avenue. We met with Active Allegheny for the grant we received for the "Rails to Trails" program that would connect Carnegie Borough, Scott Township and Collier Township. Deneen Underwood and I met with the Allegheny County Public Art Program. They had reached out to the borough, as one of only five communities. They typically only work in the city but they are reaching out to their neighbors to add more art to their communities. We will be having a Fall/Winter newsletter which will be updated to our website tomorrow and will provide information for the next few months. Also we will be including a public parking information guide for residents and commuters. Within the next few weeks we will be attending an Air Quality Workshop as well as a DCNR Workshop for park grants. We have an opportunity for a farmer's market grant which will help gather funds for that.

CARNEGIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. & EMS REPORT - for the month of October 2019 there were 20 fire calls and 104 ambulance calls.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Police Dept. activity for October 2019; Criminal Arrests and Citations – 23; Traffic Citations – 74; Traffic Stops –122; Parking Tickets – 178; Complaints and Self-Initiated Activity –971.

On Veterans Day we honor those who sacrificed for our country in the name of freedom and democracy. Thank you to all of our nation's veterans. In our community, we have two churches that will be providing free meals on Thanksgiving Day – November 28th. St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church located at 200 Mansfield Avenue and Solid Rock Foundation Ministries will deliver a free Thanksgiving dinner to residents from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday, November 29th, is "Plaid Friday". This is Carnegie's Small Business answer to Black Friday. Saturday, November 30th is "Small Business Saturday". Keep your holiday shopping local and support the local small businesses in Carnegie.

Monday, December 2nd, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., there will be the Library tree lighting. This will be at the Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall on Beechwood Avenue. You can create ornaments for the tree, eat some holiday treats, and watch while the library lights their tree for the first time this season. For more information visit <https://carnegiecarnegie.org>.

I'm excited to announce that on Friday, December 6th from 6-8 p.m. we will have Carols and Lights here at the municipal building. This is a switch from previous years' location at the PNC Bank parking lot. You will be able to enjoy caroling, lighting of the Christmas tree, hot chocolate and cookies, and Santa. Children of all ages can enjoy "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" while snacking on popcorn. For more information, see our website <http://carnegieborough.com/> and please spread the word that the location has changed.

Saturday, December 7th, doors will open at 10 a.m. as Carnegie celebrates the season and Santa will come to the Library from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. You can enjoy crafts, cookies and other fun activities.

This Thanksgiving, I'd like to share a sincere thank you to our Borough Council, our Borough Manager, Steve Beuter; Patty Reaghard, Renea Holden and Deneen Underwood, our borough administration; Chief Jeffrey Kennedy and the entire Carnegie Police Department; our Department of Public Works and the Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department. Thank you all for that you do to keep Carnegie moving forward. You've had a great year and all of your hard work is such a big part of that. I'm grateful to serve as your mayor and I hope everyone has a Blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Maggie Forbes – Carnegie Library – introduced new library director, Rachel Moore. She started early in September. Pleased with turnout on Election Day. Had ceremony on the Saturday before Veterans Day. This has become a yearly event and all are welcome to join.

Rachel Moore – Carnegie Library – thanked everyone and is excited to start new things in the community.

Jeannie Williams – JFCS – wanted to thank Council for support in using the borough building. Had a career fair workshop at borough building followed up by the career fair Wednesday at the library. Thanks to Steve, Renea and Deneen, we were able to utilize these facilities for the workshop. We had 32 employers and over 100 people attend the career fair. Carnegie was on display. A special thanks to Councilman Boyd for his display of leadership. Thanked various individuals for their help in carrying and setting up tables.

Joanne Letcher – CCDC – thanked Phil Boyd for all his help with the Fall Fest, especially doing the hay ride. I've been doing this job for 7 years and I think this is the best I've ever felt about Carnegie. Everyone is working hard to make Carnegie great, and it shows! Getting Stuffed on Main was a fun event and we raised close to \$500, which PNC Bank is going to match.

COUNCIL GOOD AND WELFARE

Councilperson Sarsfield – I always reflect on my father, who served in WWII. He received some medals and a campaign ribbon with three bronze stars. He was in the army for four years. He didn't talk much about his service. I'm always proud of him. Veterans Day always makes me think of my dad. Reflected on local veterans that he knows.

Councilperson Freshwater – had the honor of serving our country while in the Navy during the Vietnam War. This is a day to remember and honor those who fought, especially those who died, while serving our country so that we may enjoy the prosperity that we have today. It's because of the veterans that we have the freedoms that we do. Unless you have served, you have no clue what it is like. Our WWII veterans are passing away quickly. It's up to us to see that this time of remembrance is passed on to the next generation so that those who have served our country are not forgotten.

Councilperson Canofari – This is the anniversary of the dedication of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (1921). Fifty years ago, on November 5th, Richard Nixon was elected president. There are more red stripes on the flag than there are white. This Wednesday, November 13th, there is a Nar-non 30th anniversary at the Beth El Synagogue on Cochran Road at 6 p.m. Condolences to Maggie on the loss of her brother. Make a gratitude list. We should all appreciate what we have today. Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilperson Popichak – we are all pretty blessed and lucky to be in Carnegie. Hope everyone has a Blessed Thanksgiving with their loved ones. If you don't have a place to go, please visit one of the churches offering free dinners. If anybody knows of anyone who would like to be a crossing guard for Carnegie Elementary school, please contact the Carnegie Police Department. We really need people to help the kids cross the road safely.

Councilperson Boyd – thrilled to see so many people at this evening's council meeting. Being on council can be fun at times – and not so much at others. I'm grateful to have served with this board with Mike and Tess, who will not be returning to council next year. Mike was on for 12 years – thank you very much. We've got a great group that respects each other and can work towards building a better Carnegie. Happy Thanksgiving.

Council President Demko – we finished up the Haunted Trail last week. It was our best year ever. We ended up making \$9,000. We can finish the memorial at the skate park and the rest we will donate to a local organization. This is a lot of work. This takes 6-8 weeks to build and take down. There are so many people to thank. Our DPW volunteers their time for each night of the trail. Special thanks to Vicky Minor, parking enforcement, was there every night and was amazing! Thanks to everyone that came and everyone that helped. Our CPD and fire department; Tess for making walking tacos. A great community event! Happy Thanksgiving!

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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www.carnegieborough.com*