



**Monday, November 8<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 – Not 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**

#### **1. Administration (Councilperson Freshwater)**

- a) **MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b) **MOTION to adopt Borough Ordinance No. 2478, an ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of PA, amending the existing Carnegie Borough Non-Uniformed Employees Pension Plan to include defined contribution features. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- c) **MOTION to authorize the President of Council, Borough Manager and Borough Solicitor to prepare and execute the documents necessary to obtain the 2022 Tax Anticipation Loan from Washington Financial Bank in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 at a rate not to exceed 2.5% with no origination fee (pending credit approval). Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- d) **MOTION to execute a five (5) year Lease Agreement between the Borough of Carnegie and Deacon Hoover Real Estate Advisors for the rental of the second-floor tenant (Suite 204) space located at 1 Veterans Way, Carnegie, PA 15106. (Carnegie Municipal Building) Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- e) **MOTION to amend the November 2021 Public Meeting Agenda to include Motion 1G regarding the 2021 Business Privilege Tax. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- f) **MOTION to waive any fees associated with the Carnegie Borough Business Privilege Tax (BPT) Ordinance between November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, for the 2021 BPT Collection. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

#### **2. Finance (Councilperson Boyd) (Read by Councilperson D’Loss)**

- a) **MOTION to approve the November 2021 Bill List and Bill List Addendum. Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**3. Public Works (Councilperson D’Loss)**

**4. Public Safety (Councilperson Popichak)**

**5. Code Enforcement and Community Development (Councilperson DiPietro)**

- a) **MOTION to approve the application of Papa Mondo, LLC. for the revised 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 October 26, 2021. Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b) **MOTION to extend the approval for 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**

**6. Committee Reports**

- a) **Administration – None for this evening.**
- b) **Finance – The next budget meeting for the 2022 budget review will be on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 (Update provided by Borough Manager)**
- c) **Code Enforcement and Community Development – None for this evening.**
- d) **Public Works – Councilperson D’Loss provided an update that the 2021 Pavement Maintenance Program has been completed for the year thanks to good weather in late October and early November. For many years, the Borough has had Jefferson Street on the paving list, which is a concrete road that has been in bad condition. Also, Chartiers Street, another road that was partially concrete, has been milled and completed with asphalt paving. There were two areas in town including a portion of James Street and Barrett Way (near Jefferson Street), which were not originally on the paving list. Despite the late start for the paving program this year, everything has been completed in a satisfactory manner.**
- e) **Public Safety – Nothing for this evening.**
- f) **President’s Report – Nothing for this evening.**

**7. Manager’s Report – The Borough currently has openings in both the Administration and Public Works Departments. Letters of interest and resumes for Administration staff member are being accepted until Friday, November 12 and the job information is available at [www.carnegieborough.com](http://www.carnegieborough.com). For the Department of Public Works (two openings), the posting will be advertised this week and letters of interest and resumes will be due on November 29, 2021.**

**Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept. & EMS Report - For the month of October 2021, there were 27 fire calls and 136 ambulance calls.**

**8. Mayor’s Report – Police Dept. activity for August 2021: Criminal Arrests and Citations – 15; Traffic Citations – 71; Traffic Stops – 214; Parking Tickets – 118; Complaints and Self-Initiated Activity – 1,251.**

**Upcoming events in the Borough will include on Thursday, November 11, 2021, the members of American Legion Post 82 will be holding a ceremony in front of the flagpole at the Andrew Carnegie**

Free Library and Music Hall, which will take place at 1:30 PM. There will be refreshments to follow afterwards in the Lincoln Gallery at the library.

The annual holiday open house will take place from November 12 to November 14. Please be sure to visit the businesses in downtown Carnegie during this time and take advantage of the deals and promotions that the local businesses will be offering.

On Sunday, November 21, from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM is the holiday market, which will take place along E. Main Street between Broadway Street and Mary Street. Vendor and business information for the holiday market is now available at [www.carnegieborough.com](http://www.carnegieborough.com).

Saturday, November 27, is Small Business Saturday. Please be sure to shop locally for all your holiday shopping needs.

Friday, December 3, at 6:00 PM will be the Carols and Lights celebration at the municipal building and Saturday, December 4 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM will be Carnegie Celebrates the Season, where Santa will be arriving at the Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall.

It is the season to be grateful, to our service men and women, past and present, thank you for all their service and sacrifice.

Lastly, as Thanksgiving approaches, I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday with their family. I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve with the other members of Council to make an impact in our community. I am also very happy to have the opportunity to continue serving the community for the next four years.

Lastly, I'd like to leave with this, be thankful for what you have, and you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you do not have, you will never, ever have enough.

## 9. Jr. Council Report

### Bishop Canevin School News

On November 13, BC will be performing in *All Together Now!*, a Music Theatre International sponsored event that celebrates local theater. The performance is a one night only event where songs from popular musicals, such as *Annie*, *Fiddler on The Roof*, *Rent*, *Marry Poppins*, and much more will be performed. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online for \$10. The show starts at 7 P.M.

### Carlynton High School News

On December 2-5, Carlynton High School presents the fall play, *The [Best] Worst Christmas Pageant Ever*. The *[Best] Worst Christmas Pageant Ever* tells the story of the Herdman children, who are the worst kids in the history of the world. Based on the book by Barbara Robinson, the comedy will reveal how the six Herdman siblings find themselves at the center of a local church Christmas pageant. Tickets will be sold online and at the door; \$10 adults, \$5 students.

On December 21, at 7:00 P.M., the JSBS will host an instrumental and choral winter concert and a student art exhibit. Admission is free and all members of the community are welcome. (masks are required)

Residents of the District who are age 62 or older can sign up for a Green and Gold Card, which offers free admission to all school district-sponsored athletic events and discounts to tickets for school plays and musicals.

## Carnegie News

On October 22, a mural honoring world renown jazz musician Ritchie Cole was dedicated. The mural is on the wall facing the parklet on 17 East Main Street. Cole was a beloved member of the Carnegie community and enjoyed volunteering at local schools.

The annual Trail of Terror was a big success this year. Many families came by to enjoy the festivities. On some days, the whole Stone Shelter in Carnegie Park was filled with people. Many students and local volunteers helped to make it so successful.

Lastly, on Monday, November 15, Carnegie will celebrate America Recycles Day, a program of Keep America Beautiful®. It is a nationally recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States. We will use graphics and tips provided by Keep America Beautiful to educate and motivate others using our website and Facebook as well as encouraging the community to take the America Recycles Day Pledge and pledge to learn, act, and share.

### 10. General Public Comment

#### Walker Evans (Director) – Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall

Walker Evans attended on behalf of Maggie Forbes to provide an update for the library. Mr. Evans provided information on the 2021 Veterans Day Event, which will be taking place on Thursday, November 11 at 11:30 AM. The 9<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Reserves as well as American Legion Post 82, State Representative Anita Kulik and Senator Wayne Fontana will be in attendance at this event. This is an event that the library has continued to hold and are excited to continue the tradition.

Mr. Evans also provided an update regarding the Library Park Rehabilitation Project. Everything has been proceeding with the landscaping and the installation of the steps, benches, garbage cans, etc. Once the project is completed the plan is to hold a grand opening ceremony, which will be in line with Earth Day in the Spring.

#### Jeanne Williams – JFCS Career Development Center

Ms. Williams provided a thank you to the Borough, the Borough staff, and the library for all the assistance with the JFCS Career Development Center initiatives. The Career Center will be once again meeting in person for career counseling every other Friday. This assistance is provided through the United Way and there will be no cost to those interested in utilizing this service. Individuals who are employed, unemployed, or looking to improve the trajectory of their careers are able to take advantage of this service, which has been able to assist many individuals over the years.

Currently, the group is working with thirty-five Afghan residents to assist in getting them settled in the area and providing career counseling to empower them in the workforce.

### 11. Council Good and Welfare

Councilperson D’Loss – Councilperson D’Loss congratulated Mayor Riley, Councilperson Boyd, and Councilperson Freshwater on being re-elected to another four years of serving the Carnegie Borough Council. Also, Councilperson D’Loss congratulated Mr. Pete Mullins, who will be a new addition to the board starting in 2022. Lastly, a congratulations was provided to Councilperson Popichak for her time and service on the board. After a break for Councilperson Popichak we hope to see her back in the future.

As a reminder, Veterans Day will be on Thursday (11/11/2021) and the Marine Corp. birthday will be on Wednesday (11/10/2021), which is a big deal for Marines who have served. Thank you to all

the veterans, including Councilperson Freshwater, for their service, which is an honor and a privilege.

Councilperson Freshwater – Councilperson Freshwater would also like to salute and thank all the fellow veterans, especially those who may currently be in harm’s way and for those who paid the ultimate price for serving our country.

Councilperson Popichak – Councilperson Popichak stated her thankfulness and optimism as we continue to move forward through the pandemic and for the opportunity to serve for the last four years on Borough Council. Congratulations to the elected officials and best of luck to those who were re-elected to continue serving the community.

Also, it is important to thank the veterans, which allow us to do what we do.

As we are continuing through the pandemic, please be sure to keep yourselves and your families safe.

Councilperson DiPietro – Councilperson DiPietro reiterated the comments of Councilperson D’Loss and Freshwater in thanking the veterans and wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Council President Demko – Council President Demko also thanked all the veterans at this time. There are so many friends and family that have served, which all take their service to the country as an honor and a privilege. Their sacrifices allow us to do what we do.

Lastly, Councilperson Demko wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilperson D’Loss, seconded by Councilperson DiPietro.  
Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

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