



**Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Call Meeting to Order / Moment of Silence / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call of Council**

**PA State Associations of Boroughs (PSAB)**

**Junior Council Recognition (2020-2021) / Communications Award Presentation (1<sup>st</sup> Place) – Census Video**

**Mr. Thomas Gramling, President of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB), presented the Junior Council Recognition award to Samuel Bigham for his representation at the Carnegie Borough Council meetings from the fall of 2020 to the summer of 2021.**

**Also, The Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs recognized Carnegie Borough for the 1<sup>st</sup> Place PSAB Communications Award for the municipal census video submission. The goal of this video was to provide information and awareness on the importance of the annual census and the benefits that communities receive from its completion. This video was completed by Carnegie Borough Administrative Staff with assistance from Junior Council Member, Samuel Bigham. This award can be added to the list of recognitions that the municipality has received from the PSAB over the years.**

#### **ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL**

**Councilperson Boyd – Present; Councilperson DiPietro – Present; Councilperson Freshwater – Present; Councilperson Popichak – Present; Councilperson D’Loss – Present; Council President Demko – Not Present; Mayor Riley –Present**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON LISTED MOTIONS**

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

- a) MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b) MOTION to enter into a bargaining agreement with the Carnegie Borough Administrative Department for a term to last from January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2025. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- c) MOTION to authorize a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Carnegie Borough Administrative Department (Code Department) for the January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025, bargaining agreement. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- d) MOTION to authorize the ordinance advertisement of a 401(A) Money Purchase Plan for Carnegie Borough Municipal Employees. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMENT:** The Borough Manager commented on motion 1d that this is for a revised retirement benefit for any new employees joining the non-uniform plan, which includes Administrative and Public Works Employees. All new employees will fall under the new 401(A) Money Purchase Plan, which is a defined contribution versus the defined benefit program that is currently in place.

Councilperson Boyd followed by noting that motions 1b through 1d are the results of months of effort towards negotiating contracts for the Borough staff. Carnegie Borough staff (non-uniform) fall under union bargaining agreements, which are updated at each contract expiration. Most municipalities are moving in the direction of the defined contribution plan opposed to the defined benefit, ultimately saving the municipality money and assisting with the yearly budget process.

- e) **MOTION to approve Resolution No. 2021-19, a Resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, authorizing participation in the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) Junior Council Program (Maclaen Johnson –Bishop Canevin High School). Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**Mayor Stacie Riley swore-in Maclaen Johnson for his new appointment to Carnegie Borough Junior Council:**

*I, Maclaen Johnson, do solemnly pledge, that I accept the position of Carnegie Borough Junior Councilperson. I promise to attend monthly Council meetings, observe Borough Council meeting rules, and actively participate in Borough business. I understand that I cannot vote on any issue and cannot attend any municipal executive session.*

- f) **MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2021-20, a Resolution of the Borough of Carnegie authorizing Council President Susan Demko and Borough Manager Stephen Beuter as signers for the 2021 Keystone Commonwealth Libraries grant being submitted by the Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

## **2. Finance (Councilperson Boyd)**

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

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

- a) **MOTION to advertise to accept resumes and employment applications for the Borough of Carnegie Department of Public Works. Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMENT:** Councilperson Boyd made note that three long-term Department of Public Works Employees, including the DPW Superintendent and Foreman, will be retiring in January of 2022. The three employees retiring have all been with the municipality for 30 plus years and the contributions they have given to the municipality are greatly appreciated. The Borough wishes these three individuals the best of luck with their retirement and look forward to the opportunity to bring new, skilled-staff members to the Public Works Department. Over the last decade, the Public Works Department has been able to bring a lot of work that was once sub-contracted in-house, which allows the staff to building upon and

utilize their skills and also save funds for the municipality. We look forward to this trend transitioning into the new group of Public Works employees.

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

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

- a) **MOTION to approve Resolution No. 2021-21, a Resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, confirming that the Borough of Carnegie has submitted a Community Development Block Grant application through the Char-West COG to the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development in the amount of \$41,008.00 for the Carnegie Borough Beechwood Avenue Sidewalk Replacement Project. Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMENT: Councilperson Boyd made note that the Borough has already received funding in the amount of \$23,348 under the CDBG Year 47 Grant Application through Allegheny County. Unfortunately, the amount awarded was not enough to complete the entire Beechwood sidewalk between Williams Way and Home Street. The Year 48 grant will be submitted in order to request funds for the completion of the Beechwood Sidewalk. We want to complete this project since the Library is underway with their sidewalk project and this area will soon see additional pedestrian traffic.**

- b) **MOTION to approve Resolution No. 2021-22, a Resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, confirming that the Borough of Carnegie has submitted a Community Development Block Grant application through the Char-West COG to the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development in the amount of \$55,935.00 for the Carnegie Borough Storm Drain Improvement Project (Catch Basins). Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- c) **MOTION to approve Resolution No. 2021-23, a Resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, confirming that the Borough of Carnegie has submitted a Community Development Block Grant application through the Char-West COG to the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development in the amount of \$85,000.00 for the Carnegie Borough Demolition Project. Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- d) **MOTION to approve Resolution No. 2021-24, a Resolution of the Borough of Carnegie declaring that several dilapidated and vacant structures individually and collectively in the Borough of Carnegie constitute blighted property as defined by the Urban Redevelopment Law. Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**6. Committee Reports**

- a) **Administration – Nothing this evening.**
- b) **Finance – Nothing this evening.**
- c) **Code Enforcement and Community Development**  
Councilperson DiPietro reviewed the monthly Code Enforcement Department report for the month of September, which included nine (9) residential occupancy inspections, one (1) magistrate citation filed, four (4) magistrate hearings held, and one (1) Zoning Hearing Board meeting.

- d) **Public Works** – The 2021 Paving Program is currently delayed due to equipment issues with the contractor, A. Liberoni, but the paving will continue next Monday, October 18, 2021. Two of the streets are complicated due to the concrete surface, which will need to be milled prior to the asphalt replacement. These two roadways include Jefferson Street and Chartiers Street.

Also, there will be sewer project underneath Mansfield Boulevard near PNC Bank, which will be completed in order to turn over certain sewer pipes to the ALSCOSAN. The pipe that is being replaced/reconfigured has water running through not just from Carnegie Borough but also from Robinson Township. Pipes that serve multiple communities are being transferred ALSCOSAN for future ownership and maintenance. Before they can do so, it is up to the municipality to bring these facilities up to standard.

- e) **Public Safety** – Nothing this evening.
- f) **President’s Report** – Nothing this evening.

**7. Manager’s Report**

The Administration Department has been working on a grant application with the Police Department, which was noted at the September 2021 Public Meeting, that will request \$49,646.00 for the following items:

6 Tasers (X1)	6 Bulletproof Vests
8 Rugged Tablets	1 Police Interceptor EBike with Saddle Bag
5 Police Bicycle Helmets	100 Certified Children’s Bicycle Helmets
2 Portable Radar Driver Feedback Signs	

This request for funding will be two replace outdated police equipment and also add new items that we do not currently have available.

Also, as an update regarding the CDBG Year 48 grant applications, in addition to the Beechwood Avenue Sidewalk Replacement request, we will be asking for funds for demolition (5 properties) and for miscellaneous catch basin repairs.

**Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept. & EMS Report** - For the month of September 2021, there were 23 fire calls and 110 ambulance calls.

**8. Mayor’s Report**

Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> *Cookie Walk –Virtual*, Join St. Matrona Ladies Society of St. Peter & St. Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church for their 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Cookie Walk – virtually. Orders can be placed online at [www.stmatronacookiewalk.com](http://www.stmatronacookiewalk.com) starting today.

Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM *Carnegie Elementary School Open House*.

Friday and Saturday, October 15-16, 22-23, and 29-30 from 7 PM – 10 PM, it’s back again...*The Trail of Terror* at Carnegie Park located off of Forsythe Road. Come get your scare on while raising money for Carnegie Park projects. There is also an area for the little kids to have some Halloween fun! Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under.

Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 7 PM, *Pierogy-Fest!* at Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church, 726 Washington Ave. The church will host their pierogy food festival. Enjoy delicious homemade ethnic food such as: pierogies, holupsti, kielbasa, pastries, and much more. There will be church tours. Take-out is available and MC/Visa is accepted; to place order on day of event call 412-276-9897.

Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 12 Noon, *The Annual Children's Halloween Promenade*, registration is 12 noon at the Main Street Bridge in downtown Carnegie. The promenade begins at 12:30 PM with free treat bags and prizes for all children in the promenade. Also, Awards given for the top three costumes in five different age groups: Infants and Toddlers (age 2 and under), Preschool (ages 3, 4, & 5), Grades K & 1<sup>st</sup>, Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Grades 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. After the promenade many local businesses will be open for trick-or-treat. Free and open to all community children, infants thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Don't miss the wonderful community tradition!

Sunday, October 31, 6 to 8 PM - Trick or Treat hours in Carnegie – Please Drive Carefully.

Save the Date:

Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6 PM – Carols and Lights, Carnegie's Tree Lighting at the Carnegie Borough Building – more details to follow.

Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at 10 AM – “Carnegie Celebrates the Season” – Santa comes to the Library from 11 AM to 1 PM. We are currently monitoring CDC protocols, so more information to follow.

Farmers Market - Another successful season!

Thank you to everyone for a fantastic 2021 market season!

The City Paper Best of Pittsburgh Results have been revealed. The top 3 farmers markets are Bloomfield, Bethel Park, and Market Square. Although we didn't make the top 3 it's great to be in the top 10!

Stay tuned for details on this year's Holiday Market.

## 9. Jr. Council Report

The Carlynton School District partnered with Literacy Pittsburgh to provide free English classes at Carnegie Elementary for adult immigrants and refugees living in the district. All class materials are provided for free as they were paid for by the PA Department of Education and through donations. PA senate candidate, John Fetterman, has partnered with Carnegie Elementary to provide support to immigrants and refugees and makes frequent visits as well.

The 2021 farmers market ended on September but the virtual market will be available all year. Visitors can connect directly with their favorite vendors. Our holiday market is currently planned for Sunday, November 21, weather permitting.

I have an update on the Local Climate Action Plan. We are forming our task force and have so far received 4 confirmed responses. The next step will be community engagement that will include our online climate survey. The next Zoom training meeting will cover Vulnerability Assessments. I will continue working on Carnegie's climate action plan even though I will no longer be Junior Councilman

I want to thank the PA Association of Boroughs president, Thomas Gramling, for attending the meeting to recognize me and to present the 1st place Communications Contest Award for the census outreach video.

I also want to thank Mayor Riley, Borough Council, and Borough Manager Steve Beuter for giving me this opportunity. And I want to offer good luck wishes to the new Junior Councilman, Mac Johnson.

## **10. General Public Comment**

**Joanne Letcher** – Carnegie Community Development Corporation

Ms. Letcher addressed Council regarding the upcoming November 2021 business district events. It has been decided by the businesses to move the annual holiday open house, which is usually on the first Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in November. Unfortunately, businesses are currently encountering issues with receiving supplies and products for sale. With that being said, the new date for the holiday open house will be on Friday, November 12, Saturday, November 13, and Sunday, November 14. Each business that is participating in the open house will determine their own hours and additional details will be shared through fliers and social media.

Small Business Saturday will be on Saturday, November 27, which is typically a great day for the Carnegie Business District that sees an increase in local foot traffic for the local shops.

On December 18, the CCDC, which has several new board members, has decided to bring back the holiday window decorating contest, with the winner being announced on Saturday, December 19. The Wassel Walk will also be back for this holiday season. Finally, the goats will be back this year for pictures with Santa, which will take place in the E. Main Street Parking Lot. The goats were originally in town for Valentines Day and we look forward to their return for the holiday season.

## **11. Council Good and Welfare**

Councilperson D’Loss – There is an election coming up in three weeks, which people may forget since it is an off year when local elections are held. Election Day will take place this year on Tuesday, November 2. Compared to areas such as the city of Pittsburgh, the local elections typically do not receive much attention so please be sure to go out and vote for your local representatives.

Councilperson Freshwater – N/A

Councilperson Boyd – As a reiteration of Councilperson Popichak’s comments, please be sure to check your smoke detectors as we move towards the winter months.

Also, if you have not been there before, please be sure to visit the Trail of Terror in Carnegie Park. This event will take place on Fridays and Saturdays in the month of October starting on Friday, October 15. This fundraiser is for a great cause and also gives both volunteers and visitors a chance to enjoy the Halloween holiday here at Carnegie Park.

Councilperson Popichak – As a reminder, the month of October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Also, the month of October is fire prevention month, which promotes fire safety awareness. Please be sure to keep in mind the local volunteer fire departments during this time as they are struggling to get volunteers. Any assistance to these groups is always a major help to both the volunteers and the communities being served.

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

Councilperson DiPietro – N/A

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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