



CARNEGIE BOROUGH PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, August 8, 2016

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 – Present, Councilperson D’Loss – Present, Councilperson Demko – Present, Councilperson Riley – Present, Councilperson Sarsfield – Not Present, Council President Catena – Present, Mayor Kobistek – Present.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LISTED MOTIONS

No public comment on listed motions.

Administration (Councilperson Boyd)

MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on July 11 and July 25, 2016. Seconded by Councilwoman Demko. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

Finance (Councilperson Demko)

MOTION to approve the August Bill List and Bill List Addendum. Seconded by Councilman Boyd. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION to exonerate lot-and-block 102-B-287 (Logan Street – Carnegie Borough Building) from the 2016 Borough property tax payment.
Seconded by Councilman Boyd. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Works (Councilperson D’Loss)

**MOTION to approve Payment Application No. 3 (Final) to Youngblood Paving, Inc., in the amount of \$10,881.06 to release the retainage for milling, resurfacing and ADA ramp work for the 2016 Pavement Maintenance Program, Contract No. 2016-01.
Seconded by Councilman Boyd. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION to approve Payment Application No. 4 (Final) to Youngblood Paving, Inc., in the amount of \$1,968.07 to release the retainage for milling, resurfacing and ADA ramp work for the 2016 Pavement Maintenance Program – Carnegie Park Improvements, Contract No. 2016-01.
Seconded by Councilman Boyd. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

Councilman D’Loss pointed out that both of these motions are to close out our paving project for the year. The reason they are segregated is because the second motion is for the pavement work done in Carnegie Park. The first motion is for regular street maintenance.

Public Safety (Councilperson Sarsfield)

No motion for Public Safety.

Community Development and Code Enforcement (Councilperson Riley)

No motions for Community Development and Code Enforcement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration. No report for this evening.

Finance. No report for this evening.

Code Enforcement and Community Development. No report for this evening.

Public Works. Councilman D’Loss reported that the Borough has concluded the paving program for 2016. This, however, does not mean that all work has been completed. We still

have park improvements remaining for this working season. Last month we approved bids for park improvements, and that work will be commencing soon. He also reported that last month the Borough approved the sewer maintenance contract. Part of that contract, Contract C, will be concentrated on storm water management at Carnegie Park. Public Works has been working on a project on Main Street doing repairs between Mary Street and Broadway Avenue. This works includes a lot of concrete and brick repair which would normally be out of the scope of work for our Public Works Department, so Councilman D'Loss wanted to recognize Public Works for taking on work that the Borough would have normally sent out. Public Works has saved us a good bit of money, and did a very good job.

Councilman D'Loss reported that on Thursday, August 4, a design meeting was held at the Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall to discuss improvements to the library grounds. The meeting was open to the public. Overarching themes that came out of the summary were keep the project simple, no major earth moving on the property. Connect the library park to the Main Street with a significant entrance way at the bottom of the hill at the intersection of Beechwood and William. Add more parking spaces. Retain the old trees that are healthy, and the park should retain a feeling of peacefulness and tranquility. The designers will then come back with some preliminary drawings.

Councilman D'Loss reported that the Borough should be trying to organize a meeting as soon as possible with Alcosan and our engineering group to discuss the connection of the storm water from the library park and the library facility to our sewer system at the bottom of the hill at Broadway.

Council President Catena reported that the Borough has a meeting scheduled with Alcosan this evening at 6:00 p.m. to discuss potential opportunities for green infrastructure.

Public Safety. No report for this evening.

President's Report (President Catena). Council President Catena discussed the skunk issue in the Borough. He reported that there is not any real way to deal with the wide spread issues like we are having with skunks. Most communities basically make the resident responsible for dealing with their own inherent skunk problems. We are trying to figure out a more broad based solution for the entire Borough. Our Solicitor has some presented some ideas that we are going to explore.

The President then reported on the feral cat issue within the Borough. He reported that we are considering changing our ordinance with regard to feral cats.

The President then reported on the 1st Place Award the Borough received from the Pennsylvania State Boroughs Association for the best new website in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Council President Catena commented on an ongoing issue that we continue to struggle with. Not so long ago, we made some changes to our zoning basically prohibiting converting single family homes into multi-family dwellings or units. This is an ongoing struggle, because you consistently find people that come in and try to do this on the slide, and you have to catch them so that we can enforce it. It is a hard act to try and keep track of all this going on. Council President asked for everyone to keep an eye out and report it to the Borough so that we can keep track of this. Please be aware, because this is a big issue for the Borough. The Borough does not want any more single family homes converted into multi-family units. It is a drain on resources for all of us.

Manager's Report.

The Manager extended thanks to Deneen Underwood for her work on the Borough's new website, and also thanked Council for their patience during this project.

The Manager reported that two grants were filed for the month of August. One for the Duquesne Light Cobrahead Conversion Program, and the other was for the Pittsburgh Pirates Field for Kids Grant Program for field maintenance equipment.

An upcoming grant due on September 30 will be the Borough Annual Recycling Grant with the Department of Environmental Protection.

The Manager reported he would be attending the Local Government Academy's 2016 Recognition Luncheon on Thursday, August 11, 2016 where the Borough will be recognized for its New Sustainable Pennsylvania Certification. The Borough has achieved the Bronze Level.

The Manager reported that he will be meeting with Johnna Pro, Southwest Regional Director of the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development on Tuesday, August 16, 2016.

Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept. & EMS Report. Councilman Boyd indicated the he does not have the numbers for the month of July as they are not available from the County of Allegheny until the 10th of the month. However, he did report that the new engine, known as 118-3, and the new truck are both in service, and thanks to the hard work of the local volunteers we saved approximately \$60,000.00 to \$70,000.00 by doing a lot of the work on the engines after they came back from the factory by mounting our own equipment, hand tools, and radios.

Mayor's Report. For the month of July 2016 – Criminal Arrests and Citations: 18; Traffic Citations: 13; Parking Tickets: 261; Complaints and Self-Initiating Activities: 947.

The Mayor reported that the Chief and he have been getting all the officers accredited to perform Narcan. Our EMS is already administering Narcan, and we are working with St. Clair Hospital to provide the does for free.

The Mayor reported that this week they will be partnering with the Boys & Girls Clubs with two of our officers will be doing a team talk with the teens from the Boys & Girls Club. We want to start creating a dialogue between the teens in our community and our officers.

The Mayor reported that Carnegie Borough played international host to Cuban. The Cuban Delegation visited Pitcher Park Memorial Skatepark. The Country of Cuba is very interested in developing skateparks.

Campbell's Run is closed. We are awaiting speed humps to be installed by Allegheny County in the Lexington Court area. The County is also paying for officers for the first week and a half to help monitor the traffic situation.

Last month the Mayor was appointed to the Chartiers Valley Area Flood Control Authority. The Borough Manager and the Mayor attended a recent meeting. At the meeting the Army Corps of Engineers discussed what the Flood Control Authority needs to do and what they need to implement with the Army Corps of Engineers. They are soliciting bids to clean up the shores in and around Carnegie.

First day of classes for Carlynton are on Monday, August 22, 2016. The Mayor reported he met with the Chief to discuss upgrading of crossing areas and signage in the crossing area.

The Mayor reminded everyone about the Carnegie Day at AMF Noble Manor Lanes, Saturday, August 13, 2016 from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Carnegie Boys & Girls Clubs Annual Comedy Night, Friday, August 19, 2016.

Carnegie Night at the Washington Wild Things in conjunction with the Carnegie Historical Society, Friday, August 26, 2016, 6:05 p.m., gates open at 5:00 p.m. All proceeds support the Carnegie Historical Society.

The Mayor reported we have a new principal at Carnegie Elementary School. He welcomed John McAdoo. I want to work Mrs. Hudson good luck at her new endeavor at McKnight Elementary in the North Allegheny School District.

Movies in the Park on August 18, it will be a family movies, and then on August 20 we have a tween movie just for the kids.

Pittsburgh New Works Festival which will begin its 26th Season here with Stage Greetings on August 21 and 22, 2016, and then the actual festival begins on September 1, 2016.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Maggie Forbes, Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall. Maggie addressed council with regard to the design concept for the library park. She also reported on the project to develop the library grounds, including lighting, storm water management, and greenspace.

JoAnne Letcher, Carnegie Community Development Corporation. Invited everyone to a business mixer meeting next Thursday night at Riley's at 5:00 p.m. There will be a corn hole tournament and free appetizers, and some free beer. The CCDC will be holding its 2nd Annual Golf Outing, Monday, September 19, 2016 at Chartiers Country Club. \$125.00 per person.

COUNCIL GOOD AND WELFARE

Councilman Boyd. The project that our Department of Public Works undertook on our Main Street in front of the Wines & Spirits is really way above what they would have attempted to do in the past. They are replicating what the street looked like before the bricks started deteriorating and bringing it back to life. This was not an easy task, and they have done a fine job.

With regard to the Campbell's Run Road project. Don't speed in Lexington Court, because the police and sitting down there. Be more careful when passing through Lexington Court. They don't care if Campbell's Run Road actually ever opens, because they don't have to wait very long to get out onto Campbell's Run Road or Chartiers if you want to come into Carnegie, because there is not so much traffic anymore.

Councilwoman Riley. No comment for this evening.

Councilman Sarsfield. No comment for this evening.

Councilwoman Demko. No comment for this evening.

Councilman D'Loss. The month of August brings around the anniversary of the famous Ku Klux Klan rally here in Carnegie in 1923, which was on August 25. The only reason I mention this is because with the current presidential campaign there has been a lot of discussion of immigrants and how they are dangerous to our country. That was the theme of the 1923 rally, that immigrants are a danger to our country. This is not a theme that ever goes away. In 1923, the danger was my great grandparents and their children, and probably the grandparents of everybody sitting here and there and how we were going to destroy America. I think America is a pretty great place, and I don't think my grandparents did a bad job. So, it is an opportunity to remember that. The Carnegie Historical Society does a great job of reminding us of these things, and we appreciate that.

Council President Catena. I would like to add to the comments made regarding the work that the Department of Public Works has done on Main Street in front of the Wines & Spirits. It is truly artwork with the placing of the bricks and concrete, and it is saving us a lot of money. It is an intricate process, and with our new street opening ordinance, we included this and the street opening ordinance specifically states that if brick streets were torn up, they would be replaced with brick. The cost of that is astronomical, and what Public Works is doing down there with the artwork involved, and the time that they are spending, it is very impressive. Jason from A'Wards Cheesecakes suggested that Public Works should be allowed to sign their artwork.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilwoman Demko.

Seconded by Councilman D'Loss. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

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