



Monday, October 9, 2017

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

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

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Councilperson Boyd – Present, Councilperson D’Loss – Present, Councilperson Riley – Present, Councilperson Sarsfield – Present, Councilperson Popichak – Present, Council President Demko – Present, Mayor Kobistek – Present.

Special Presentation and Certificate of Achievement– Jordan Allen, Editor and Photographer for WPXI. Jordan received an Emmy Award for the “Team Coverage: Pittsburgh Water Emergency”. He is a Carnegie resident, a 2013 graduate of RMU and a member of Second Baptist Church.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LISTED MOTIONS – no public comment on listed motions

Administration (Councilperson Boyd)

MOTION to approve the minutes from the Council meeting on Monday, September 11, Monday, September 26, 2017, Monday, October 2, 2017.

Seconded by Councilperson Riley. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to advertise for the position of administrative secretary.

Seconded by Councilperson Riley. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to advertise the public hearing for the proposed zoning ordinance on Monday, November 6, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Seconded by Councilperson Riley. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

Finance (Councilperson Popichak)

MOTION to approve the October 2017 Bill List and Bill List Addendum.

Seconded by Councilperson Riley. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

Public Works (Councilperson D’Loss)

MOTION to approve Payment Application No. 1 to Robinson Pipe Cleaning Co. in the amount of \$26,183.84 for cleaning and CCTV work completed on the SHACOG Joint Municipal O&M CCTV Inspection and Cleaning (Year 7).

Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to accept recommendation of KLH Engineers to provide Insight Pipe Contracting with a 45-day extension for the 2017 Consent Order Contract No. 2017-03B (Lining Contract).

Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

Public Safety (Councilperson Sarsfield)

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2017-11, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie establishing a handicapped parking space at 507 Library Avenue.

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

Code Enforcement and Community Development (Councilperson Riley)

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2017-12, a Resolution of the Borough of Carnegie approving that the acquisition and subsequent disposition of a parcel of vacant property known as block and lot numbers 103-K-214 (332 7th Avenue) would be in accord with the comprehensive plan of the municipality.

Seconded by Councilperson Popichak. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to approve Resolution No. 2017-13, a Resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, 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 \$68,408.00 for the Beechwood Avenue Sidewalk Replacement Project.

Seconded by Councilperson Popichak. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – regarding the motion to advertise for position of administrative secretary. Councilperson Boyd indicates that this will be advertised soon and encourages residents who meet the qualifications, or knows someone who will, to apply.

Finance – nothing for this evening.

Code Enforcement and Community Development – nothing for this evening.

Public Works

Borough Council approved awarding a contract to Stash Trucking Company for a sewer project on Darlington Road. This is to separate some sewers that are actually in Carnegie that flow into Collier Township. This has become problematic and this project will entail rerouting some of the sewer pipes.

Council also approved to advertise a sewer project on/near 150 Grienbrier Drive. The sewer is collapsed and cannot be repaired with a liner but will have to be dug up. Due to all the development over the decades, fill has been placed over top and in some places is up to 20 feet deep, so it cannot be dug up. A new pipe has to be put in. This complicated as it has to go through various residential yards, which the Borough had to get easements for.

Paving work has been done on Lee Street and PNC Parking Lot has been milled and prepped for paving.

The parking lot phase has been completed at the Library. New sidewalks and parking lots are beautiful and include designated handicapped spots. More work will continue next summer.

Public Safety

Councilperson Sarsfield would like an auxiliary created for the Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department. Spoke with the CVFD and they are in agreement. Anyone interested should leave contact info at the borough building.

President's Report

Reminder that there are budget meetings scheduled for October 16th and 30th.

Manager's Report

Borough has applied for the Alcosan Grow Grant which is a green revitalization for our waterways and has to do with the sewer systems.

Received funds in the amount of \$825,000 for a storm sewer separation project on Beechwood Avenue near the Library. This funding represents 85% of the project cost.

Lot 10, the East Main Street lot near the post office and coffee shop, has been done. The borough received a reimbursement of \$121,000 for the water that was removed out of the sewer system.

Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept. & EMS Report

September 2017 – 16 fire calls and 19 ambulance calls were responded to.

Mayor's Report

Police Dept. activity for September 2017:

Criminal Arrests and Citations – 27; Parking Tickets – 317; Traffic Citations – 46;

Complaints & Self Issued Activity – 680

Last week was a bad week with a couple of overdose deaths in Carnegie. Currently there have been three overdose deaths this year, which is three too many. This is a problem in many communities.

Met with Father Dave and members of the parish of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (SEAS). They are in the process of starting SEAS Hope Alliance to provide support, education and outreach to families in our community. A number of organizations in Carnegie have substance abuse ministries and help with problems with alcohol.

Attended a DEA Workshop in Ingram. This workshop explains the current drug trends and what is happening in local communities. Another workshop, in partnership with another community, is where to obtain Narcan and how to administer it. Hopefully will be bringing more workshops to Carnegie.

CPD will be playing the Carnegie Elementary Teachers in volleyball on Thursday, November 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary school gym. This is to raise money for and promote the school's anti-bullying program.

Police daily activity reports are available on borough's website and are updated on a regular basis.

Would like to commend CVFD for handling a structure fire on Lincoln Avenue. They responded very quickly and had the fire out before it could damage nearby structures.

If you see police cars at the elementary school, the CPD does daily checks of Carnegie Elementary including walk-throughs. The school does not have a resource officer so Chief Kennedy is very proactive in making sure there is a police presence to show support to the school. They do not get into disciplinary issues, but instead are there for security purposes if needed.

Juan Perez, of the Boys and Girls Club has been promoted to Vice President of Operations in Western PA. He will still help with some of the teen programs. Dominic Panucci will be taking over as director of the Carnegie Boys and Girls Club.

Open Streets Carnegie was again successful. Many thanks to the businesses and non-profit agencies that participated. Special thanks to the CPD, CVFD and Steve Beuter, Borough Manager for their work.

Carlynton Homecoming Parade is scheduled for Friday, October 20th. Washington Avenue will be closed from East Main to Lee Street from 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Children's Halloween Promenade is scheduled for Saturday, October 28th. East Main Street will be closed. Registration is at noon and the promenade is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Gun safety workshop will be held on Saturday, October 14th at 10 a.m. at the borough building. This is a free workshop and no preregistration is required.

An emergency alert system will be up and running by the end of the year. Residents will be able to sign up to receive alerts for emergencies in the borough via phone calls and texts.

Halloween trick-or-treating is scheduled for Tuesday, October 31st from 6-8 p.m.

It is budget season and this is a very important time of the year. Last year we discussed upgrading some downtown benches and garbage cans, infrastructure and light poles. We are making progress and have been informed that six light poles have been ordered.

Another parking kiosk has been ordered and we're in the process of transitioning from parking meters to kiosks. PNC Lot, which is owned by Carnegie Borough, has been paved and the lighting will be corrected. Bagnato Lot (next to the fire department) is going to have the lighting upgraded.

Would like to see a committee formed for blighted and vacant properties within the borough as is done in other communities. The committee would triage the properties in both the commercial and residential districts and determine the best solutions. The CDBG Grant money is no longer to be used for demolitions. Need money in the budget for demolitions. Not a major problem now, but this needs addressed before it becomes one.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Wendy Schoppe – 302 5th Avenue – having issues utilizing their driveway as other residents block it. She has discussed this with Chief Kennedy and would like to have this issue resolved. Would like the help and support of the CPD and Borough. This is an ongoing issue.

Mary Ann Skiba – 316 Mansfield Avenue – owns business, Glam Earth, at 218 East Main. On behalf of herself and businesses owners on East Main, they are concerned about the lack of trash cans and recycling bins on their block. They are trying to keep their storefronts looking good and would like to see more receptacles. They would also like continuity with regard to the light poles, trash cans and benches.

Mary Ann Wilkeson – 322 5th Avenue – has been effected by the parking situation. She’s been watching it for the past 6-9 months. The parking and traffic problems on 5th Avenue caused by the overflow of traffic has gotten out of hand. This causes friction and arguments in the neighborhood. Suggests forming a committee to research and investigate the parking on 5th, 6th and 7th Avenues. There are too many people that have too many cars. Maybe an ordinance change should be considered.

Christine Spitzer – she and husband Sam own Forsythe Mini Golf. People drive through their little parking lot on Chestnut to get into Carnegie Park. They are concerned about the families, children, bike riders and skateboarders getting hit by a vehicle. Wondering about the possibility of putting in speed bumps. Chief Kennedy suggests putting in signage stating no thru traffic.

Ralph Lamson – Sunrise Drive – he and wife have been residents since 2016. Experience with borough has been less than stellar. Did not receive sewage bills from JTS until April 2017 and were back billed. They paid and are current. Received shut-off notice from JTS in July 2017 for \$2,394.22 which was from the previous owner. This is a lien that did not exist on the property at the time of the title transfer. Thanked members of council who helped get this shut off notice cancelled. On September 21st received another notice from JTS claiming a landlord tenant relationship on the property and threatening to lien the property for \$2,394.22. Borough Solicitor suggested conference call with resident and borough manager to see where the ball was dropped and to help rectify this with JTS.

Ron Gazda – 100 Summit Street – in March 2016 he filed complaint with borough manager regarding the heavy trailer truck traffic on Summit Street. Appeared before council April 2016 to express concerns. As of this date, the traffic has increased. Sign on Summit says no trucks over 5.5 tons, but Mr. Gazda feels they are over the weight limit. Main concern is the heavy trucks constantly running over main gas and water shut off valves at the curb. Last year trailer truck went 3-4 feet on his property and caused over \$400 damage to one of his trees. Why can’t ordinance to the weight limit be enforced? Traffic study was done in area but no recommendations given to the borough per Mayor Kobistek. PennDot would not approve restrictions from trucks turning from Chestnut Street to Summit Street. Possibility of putting landscaping boulders on property to deter trucks from coming on property.

George Jordan – 404 Lydia Street – concerned about 2 hour parking sign on his street. Businesses taking over parking spaces. Mayor indicated that this was done to prevent people from parking on the street that work in downtown Carnegie. No residential permit is necessary.

Barb Johnson – More than Words – 33 East Main Street – requesting addendum to garbage can request. Would like council to consider placing pet waste bags and dispensers along Main Street. Many residents walk their dogs but do not pick up after them. About 18 months ago a car took out the light pole by her building. The pole is gone but the electronics are still there covered by a construction barrel. Would like something done with this.

Joanne Letcher – CCDC – few events happening in the borough – final Carnegie Crawl of the year is on October 13th. Saturday, November 11th holiday kick off at 11 a.m. Businesses having open house weekend – November 3, 4 and 5.

Maggie Forges – ACFL&MH – last Wednesday 50 kids from Carlynton volunteered for planting at the library for Phase I of the library park. Kids were so industrious, incredibly polite and worked very hard. Officially dedicating flag at the library on November 11 at 2:30 p.m. with the American Legion.

Ryan Kanto – Quantum Spirits – 230 East Main Street – made commitment to build in Carnegie. He and wife Sarah love the community. Concerned about parking availability in the upcoming future. Realizes this is being worked on but as a business and building owner they are afraid of the long term parking situation. Would like to become a part of the solution.

COUNCIL GOOD AND WELFARE

Councilperson Popichak – reminder that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and she encourages women to get tested.

Councilperson Boyd – special guy who grew up in Carnegie, Pete Matweechek going to be honored Friday the 13th at the Pour House. Pete has captured over 50 groundhogs and removed them out of the town. Always helping neighbors. Mayor is presenting a plaque and certificate to Pete. This is also Pete’s birthday. If you see him, please congratulate him and wish him happy birthday.

Councilperson Sarsfield – was at last COG meeting with Councilperson Riley. Form Rep. Nick Kotik is spearheading a committee that will have regional meetings to combat the problem of blighted properties.

Councilperson Riley – nothing for this evening.

Councilperson D’Loss – Saturday night was the annual benefit concert at the Library. Many visitors from the city came out. Joe Negri was performing, he’s 91 years old. This was an incredible evening and a great event for Carnegie and the Library.

Council President Demko – the Haunted Trail starts this Friday, October 13th and ongoing for the next three weekends from 7-10 p.m. The cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. There is also a pumpkin patch for the little ones, good food and fire going in the shelter.

Motion to adjourn – Councilperson Sarsfield

Seconded – Councilperson D’Loss. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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www.carnegieborough.com.***



CARNEGIE BOROUGH BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING

Monday, October 30, 2017 / Workshop Meeting @ 6:00 PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER (7:30 PM)

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

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

1. Administration (Councilperson Boyd (Read by Councilperson D’Loss))

- a) MOTION to enter into an agreement with ONSOLVE/CodeRed for emergency alert services in the amount of \$3,995.00 that will expire on December 31, 2017. (Services to cover Carnegie Borough and Pennsbury Village). Seconded by Councilman D’Loss. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilperson Sarfield.
Seconded by Councilman D’Loss. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

MEETING ADJOURNED (7:35 PM)

