



Monday, August 13th, 2018

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 Canofari – Absent, Councilperson Freshwater – Present, Councilperson Sarsfield – Present, Councilperson Popichak – Present; Council President Demko – Present, Mayo Riley – Present.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LISTED MOTIONS

Jack Kobistek – Marshall Avenue – ADA Ramps – when these were repaired after the initial install, the newly paved road was damaged. Would like these checked by manager and DPW before payment is made. Has concerns about safety until these are fixed. The ramps are repaired but the asphalt isn't. Discussion continued regarding the bond vs. holding final payment. Solicitor advised to hold it until such time as the engineers could determine the cause of the damage to the asphalt. Discussion to withhold final payment until ramps could be inspected.

ADMINISTRATION (Sarsfield)

**MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on July 9th, 2018.
Seconded by Councilperson Boyd Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to advertise the 2018 budget meetings for September 24, October 22, October 30, November 26, and December 6, 2018 (if needed).
Seconded by Councilperson Popichak Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to advertise Ordinance No. 2452, an ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of PA, amending Part 4, Chapter 13, Section 402 of the Borough Code of Ordinances relating to Licenses, Permits and General Business Regulations.
Seconded by Councilperson Freshwater - Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED**

FINANCE (Boyd)

MOTION to approve the August 2018 Bill List and Bill List Addendum.

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

MOTION to exonerate lot-and-block 102-B-287 (Logan Street – Carnegie Borough Building) from the 2018 Borough property tax payment.

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

PUBLIC WORKS (Freshwater)

MOTION to approve Change Order No. 1 for Contract No. 2018-03, 2018 ADA Ramp and Sidewalk Project in the amount of \$10,590.08, adjusting the contract based on final installed quantities (additional curb and sidewalk quantities).

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

MOTION to table Payment Application No. 2 to DePasquale Construction Services, LLC in the amount of \$15,648.37 for ADA ramp and sidewalk work completed for the 2018 ADA Ramp and Sidewalk Project, Contract No. 2018-03.

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

MOTION to approve Payment Application No. 4 (Final) to Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC. in the amount of \$21,097.81 for sewer system repair work completed between June 30th and July 16th, 2018 for the 2018 Sewer Facilities Improvement Project, Contract No. 2018-02B (Lining Contract).

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

MOTION to enter into an agreement with Swede Construction Corp. in the amount of \$145,000.00 for the construction of a 40' x 90' public works garage to be located at 1 Glass Street (COSTARS Purchase).

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

MOTION to accept the proposal from Landau Building Company for the Williams Way Stabilization Project for jersey barriers and fencing in the amount of \$42,515.00.

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

MOTION to accept the resignation of Dept. of Public Works Employee Richard Ruffennach from the position of Assistant Working Foreman as of July 27, 2018.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Popichak)

MOTION to approve the application of David and Tina Tomachesky for the lot consolidation of Lot and Blocks (103-B-230) and (103-B-228) as recommended by the Planning Commission on July 31, 2018.

Seconded by Councilperson Boyd - Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION to approve the application of the Carnegie Community Development Corporation for the temporary development of Lot and Blocks (103-R-154, 156, 158, 160, 162) as recommended by the Planning Commission on July 31, 2018 (Community Garden).
Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield - Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC SAFETY (Sarsfield) – nothing for this evening.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – nothing for this evening.

Finance – we’ve concluded the negotiation with the police contract for the next five years. The good news about that is the current contract doesn’t expire until December 31st of this year. The pressure is off to get it done this year.

Code Enforcement and Community Development – nothing for this evening.

Public Works – nothing for this evening.

Public Safety – Councilperson Sarsfield wanted to thank Chief Kennedy and all those who were involved with the car cruise on Main Street. It was a great success and fortunately the weather was fantastic. I’m sure the fire department is thankful for what the police department does, helping with the 5K and now this event. The turnout was fantastic and it was great seeing the people walking through looking at the vehicles. Later in the evening the cars were still there and people were socializing at different businesses.

President’s Report – nothing for this evening.

MANAGER’S REPORT – nothing for this evening.

CARNEGIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. & EMS REPORT - last month we had 14 fire calls and 102 ambulance calls.

MAYOR’S REPORT – Police Dept. activity for July 2018: Criminal Arrests and Citations – 24; Traffic Citations – 58; Traffic Stops – 56; Parking Tickets – 188; Complaints and Self-Initiated Activity – 806.

I want to highlight an event that is going on Friday, August 17th at 6:30 p.m. The Carnegie Boys and Girls Club is having their 10th Annual Comedy Night Fundraiser which will be held at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriot. Tickets are \$75, which includes the food and the show. Proceeds from this event are used to provide summer camp scholarships for our local children who are in need of financial assistance. This also supports the Teen Employment Program. If you would like more information, please contact Don at the Boys and Girls Club.

Summer is beginning to wind down. School resumes for the Carlynton School District on Monday, August 20th. Back to school means back to sharing the road. It’s very important for drivers to slow down and pay attention when our children are present, especially before and after school. I’d like to review a few precautions that go along way with keeping our children safe: Do not block a crosswalk when stopped at a red light or while waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; In school zones, when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to the pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection; Always stop for the school patrol

officer or crossing guards holding up a sign; Take extra care looking out for children in school zones, especially near playgrounds and parks in residential areas; Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians; Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians, no matter who has the right of way. If you are driving behind a bus, allow a greater distance than if you were driving behind a car. Never pass a bus from behind, especially if it's loading or unloading children; if the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop. The area ten feet around the school bus is most dangerous for children. Stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the school bus. Always be alert as children can be unpredictable and tend to ignore hazards. Between Franklin, Charles and Washington Avenue and between Capital Drive, Beechwood and Washington Avenue, these are road closures 7:45-8:45 a.m. and 2:45-3:45 p.m. I wish the students and teachers a safe and happy school year.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Carrie Pancake – 505 Flynn Avenue – Neighbors' son-in-law fixes small gas powered motors out of their garage, 501 Flynn. The smell and noise are bad at times. Made complaints before and they have been checked out and also documented his activities. He does a cash business. This area is not zoned for a business. Council President Demko advised borough manager to have code enforcement involved in this matter again.

Kurt Johnson – business partner Lunga Vita – Wanted to bring to light an issue which needs discussion – closing streets during events and the effects it has on merchants. Would like alternative solutions considered. Streets being open for retail merchants are very, very important. Doesn't feel that merchants are being considered when roads are being closed. Mayor Riley responded that this has been discussed by council and moving forward they will not shut down Main Street (except for the already planned car cruise scheduled for September 15th.) Was not aware of the impact on businesses.

Jack Kobistek – Marshall Avenue – Open Streets is the week after the car cruise. This event is to highlight our health and wellness businesses. This highlights those businesses and others in our community – the skate park and miniature golf and the Boys and Girls Club. I understand about not closing streets, but this gives us a connection with the City of Pittsburgh with the Open Streets initiative and highlights things to do in our community. It's only from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. but with the other events that close streets, I can understand the stressors. If you don't want Open Streets to continue, let me know. It would be one less thing for me to do, but I think it's a really good thing for the community. Mayor Riley responded by encouraging the feedback and the businesses and borough working together.

Donna Mittner – 853 Kennedy Street – there's a house at 842 Library Avenue and it is my understanding that this property is condemned and was to be demolished. There's still a sign on the door that states that the building is unsafe and its use and occupancy has been prohibited by the borough official, Carnegie Borough Council, Inspector, Ordinance Officer and its dated February 2018. It's my understanding that there was a line item in the current budget in 2018 and approved for that property to be demolished. Someone had that premises cleaned out in April 2018. Last Thursday, August 7th between 7-8 p.m., a young couple with a very small child along with three foreign men moved into that house. Keep in mind there was a padlock on the screen door of that house which has been removed and a new doorknob was put on the steel door. My husband inquired as to what they were doing and a young man told him that he was moving into the house. On Friday, August 10 between 9:30 and 10 a.m. Mr. Mittner went to the borough building to discuss this situation. Was told that Mr. Roma would call within 30 minutes

only to find out that Mr. Roma was on vacation. Asking of Council, can a house be sold if it is condemned? This house is in no condition for occupancy and is not in livable condition. Have all of the inspections been completed? Utilities connected? Is everything up to code? Has an occupancy permit been issued? I checked the county website and found that this house has been sold twice. Wants to know why house wasn't demolished earlier in the year as it was supposed to be and how were people able to buy this house without anyone from the borough knowing about it? Also upset that I can't receive a recycling bin from the borough. Had to buy one on my own. Councilperson Sue Demko responded that the property on Library Avenue is being investigated and the borough manager will be in touch.

Debra May – 286 Lexington Court – the wall is still in the creek. I spoke with Steve last week and told I would be contacted by Mr. Sites and he'd come and inspect the property and get bids to see how much it would cost to fix. As of today I haven't heard from Mr. Sites. Borough manager said he'd follow up with Mr. Sites to have him call Ms. May. Feels like she's getting the run around from the Army Corp. of Engineers.

Jeannie Williams – 107 Cathedral Court – Career counselor with JFCS Career Development Center. Wants to thank everyone who is supporting this effort. If you are able to work, we can help you as career counselors. We are funded through the United Way and have these grants renewed year after year. We are able to come here every Friday and offer our assistance. If anybody is underemployed or unemployed or knows anyone who could use these services, they will work with me and we'll come up with a career plan.

COUNCIL GOOD AND WELFARE

Councilperson Boyd – there's a law in Pennsylvania that everything we do in the borough we have to advertise. Right now we only have one resource that allows us to advertise, The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. They're the only newspaper that meets the minimum criteria of being available daily and sold. The Post-Gazette is going to discontinue daily delivery and become a 5-day a week newspaper. We may not even qualify if we advertise in the Post-Gazette. We need to call this to the attention of our State Representative. We spend a lot of money on advertising. If we could advertise more effectively and inexpensively than the monies saved could be used in other areas of the borough.

Councilperson Sarsfield – it's good when residents attend the meetings and bring things to our attention.

Council President Demko – thanked everyone who helped with the July 3rd celebration. It was a great success!

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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www.carnegieborough.com*