



Monday, March 12th, 2018

Workshop Meeting @ 6:00 PM / Conditional Use Hearing (420 E. Main Street (Rear)) @ 6:45 /

Voting Meeting @ 7:00 PM

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

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Councilperson Boyd – Present, Councilperson Freshwater – Present, Councilperson Sarsfield – Present, Councilperson Popichak-Present, Councilperson Canofari – Present, Council President Demko, Present, Mayor Riley – Present

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

Administration (Canofari)

**MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on February 12, 2018.
Seconded by Councilperson Popichak. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION to accept the proposal of Ackenheil Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$11,500.00 to provide a geotechnical slope stability study for the Williams Way slope investigation between Broadway Street and Mary Street (Agreement between Borough of Carnegie and the Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall).

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

MOTION to offer a Conditional Offer of Employment to Lauryn Gossett for the position of Administrative Secretary effective Monday, March 19, 2018.

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

Finance (Boyd)

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

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

Public Works (Freshwater)

MOTION to award Contract No. 2018-02A to Roto Rooter Service in the amount of \$85,496.00 for sewer excavation repairs.

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

MOTION to award Contract No. 2018-02B to Insight Pipe Contracting, L.P. in the amount of \$192,337.00 for sewer lining repairs.

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

MOTION to award Contract No. 2018-05 to Independent Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$98,750.00 for the Grienbrier Drive Storm Sewer Project.

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

MOTION to accept the bid submitted by Youngblood Paving Inc. for the 2018 Pavement Maintenance Program in the amount of \$278,036.26.

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

MOTION to award Contract No. 2018-03 to DePasquale Construction Services, LLC. in the amount of \$34,172.50 for the 2018 ADA Ramp Project.

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

MOTION to purchase ten (10) 32-gallon litter receptacles in the amount of \$14,335.00 from GEA, Inc. (George Ely Associates) to be placed along E. Main Street (CoStars Vendor).

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

MOTION to permit Carnegie Sunday Softball Association to utilize 7th Avenue Field every Sunday for their Men's Softball League beginning April 1 through August 31, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

Public Safety (Sarsfield)

MOTION to purchase three (3) police in-car camera systems from Watch Guard in the amount of \$19,110.00 (CoStars Vendor / Five (5) Year Warranty).

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

Code Enforcement and Community Development (Popichak)

MOTION to approve the conditional use application of Ms. Christine Amorose for the cosmetic tattoo studio (permanent make-up) located at 420 E. Main Street (Rear), Lot and Blocks (66-E-104) as recommended by the Planning Commission on February 27, 2018. – Councilperson Popichak – this motion has been removed from tonight's agenda and will be revisited next month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – nothing for this evening.

Finance – Councilperson Boyd – for those of you that don't attend these meetings very often, you will witness this evening the spending of a great amount of money. This does not happen every month, we don't have that much money to spend. However in the springtime we do bidding relatively early because we've found historically that we get great bids from contractors if they can start to book their calendars with bids early on. They get more aggressive with their bidding. We've training ourselves over the years to work with our engineers to get our bids out as early as possible. It's been effective in saving money so we're early in the process. It doesn't mean that the paving or the excavation for the pipe work or the inline pipe work or any of the other things will happen any sooner but it does mean we get very good prices on these things. You won't see us spend that much money every month if you come back.

Code Enforcement and Community Development – Councilperson Popichak – this coming Saturday, March 17th, there will be a new business opening at 9:30 a.m. There is a ribbon cutting ceremony for Quantum Spirits. If you are available, please stop down. It's going to be a busy weekend in Carnegie. We'd like to welcome them and wish them the best. They are on East Main Street next to Puhmann's Flowers.

Public Works – nothing for this evening.

Public Safety – Councilperson Sarsfield – I'd like to comment on the purchase of the in-car cameras. This is probably one of our best \$19,000 that the borough spends because it goes for the protection of our officers and also those being taken into custody. Nothing beats the cameras. I feel this was a good decision and I applaud the Chief putting in his due diligence and finding a good system that would work for the borough.

President's Report – nothing for this evening.

MANAGER'S REPORT– nothing for this evening.

CARNEGIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. & EMS REPORT– with the ongoing issues in the borough, I will give a report for last month and this month at our next monthly meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Police Dept. activity for February 2018: Criminal Arrests and Citations – 11; Traffic Citations – 90; Traffic Stops – 100; Parking Tickets – 318; Complaints and Self-Initiated Activity – 863.

I'd like to mention that we've always known there's been a speeding problem on Forsythe and in our first Coffee with CPD in February we had many residents that came to bring that to our attention. Since then we have put in place different traffic targets. Just to let you know, thirty-four cars were stopped for speeding and twenty citations were issued for speeding. There is definitely a problem there and we are addressing it.

As we're all aware there was a tragic event that occurred last week here in Carnegie. I would personally like to thank all of the first responders that saved so many lives that evening, contained that horrific five alarm five and provided support and aid to all who worked throughout the night and into the next day. The firemen and firewomen of Carnegie and all surrounding communities were tremendous. It is devastating because we had loss of life. We have residents who are homeless and have lost everything. We have a business that has lost everything they worked hard to build. I commend Carnegie Borough on a superb job in handling this crisis. The outpouring of support and offers of assistance has given me

hope in humanity, our community and far beyond. I continue to pray for all those affected by this tragedy. On Saturday, March 31st there is a pasta dinner fundraiser to benefit the victims of the fire at Cefalo's from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Carnegie Elementary School teachers and PTA are organizing this. Tickets are adults - \$12 and children - \$8. We thank the elementary school teachers and PTA for this on. We are Carnegie Strong!

We had another successful Coffee with CPD this past Saturday. I'd like to thank the residents who came out for that. They met Office Cogar and Detective Lawrence. We continue to gain great feedback from our community members which allows us to address issues and concerns appropriately. I encourage you to stop by, and grab your neighbor to stop by, at our April forum.

As Councilperson Popichak mentioned, we are having on March 17th at 9:30 a.m. a ribbon cutting for the grand opening of Quantum Spirits. We are lucky to have them call Carnegie home. This will kick off our first official ribbon cutting ceremony. I look forward to those to come in the future.

Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe St. Patrick's Day.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan McMann (with) Randy Tozzie – own Bakn Restaurant and property located at 335 and 337 East Main Street. We are really excited that Quantum is coming to Carnegie as well. My issue, which we wanted to discuss today, is the food trucks. I am very opposed to having food trucks on East Main Street. We have a restaurant and have employed many Carnegie residents at our restaurant, we pay taxes here in Carnegie and food trucks that are allowed to come onto Main Street are detrimental to our business. This is an urgent issue for me because on St. Patrick's Day we typically do a very nice business and I understand there have been food trucks invited to come to Main Street on Saturday, which will directly impact us. I know you've spent a lot of money today, like you said, and as I'm sitting back here looking at all the money that is being spent, I'm thinking that is coming from our tax dollars we've been paying. When the food trucks come, they don't pay anything. If they even get a permit, I don't know what the permit situation is. I've heard that they can get a permit for a very low cost. Most of them don't even do that. They pull up and take around 100 customers away from us each time that they come and that is very detrimental to us. So what I would like is a restriction of food trucks on Main Street.

Councilperson Boyd - I can address that. What we have in place right now is a general ordinance that covers food trucks that permits them. They do pay a fee of \$50 for a peddler permit. The primary reason is not to generate \$50 for the Borough, it just covers the administrative effort to make sure that we have liability information regarding who is going to be here on the off chance there's some issue down the road. We've all imagined that someone might come to complain at some point in time, but truthfully this is the first time I've ever heard a complaint.

Susan McMann – I went to the Carnegie Development Corporation first, in fact. We tried to work through it last year when Apis would bring food trucks in. They were inviting food trucks to every Carnegie Crawl. The purpose of the Crawl is to bring business to the people in Carnegie that are paying taxes. We put almost a million dollars into the building renovations and restaurant. We have a significant investment here and we love Carnegie. We've been really welcomed and happy here and we feel we've done our part to help build Carnegie. When you allow food trucks on Main Street that directly hurts us. From talking to the other business owners, they feel the same way. Food trucks are not permitted on many other streets and in many other communities because of this and I ask that you do something about this if possible.

Councilperson Boyd – to my knowledge, no one has a permit for this Saturday. Confirmed by Steve Beuter. Truthfully, since the ordinance is in place, you can't just rescind it overnight. Sadly, the terminology "at the speed of government" is an oxymoron. It can't happen that quickly. We can only restrict on Main Street.

Susan McMann – would like a process started to restrict food trucks on Main Street before the Carnegie Crawl starts. I am uncomfortable and angry when I lose business to a food truck on Main Street.

Council President Demko – businesses are permitted to have food trucks on their own property. So far no one has asked for a permit for this Saturday.

Maggie Forbes – Carnegie Library – on this contract that we're doing with the borough, the geotechnical survey, we're paying for half of it so I want to be at the table for 100% of the discussions. This hasn't been the case so far and I want to make sure that is the case. I want to invite everybody on Sunday the 18th, we are building, as part of the Library Park, a mosaic mural. The artist has come up with images that celebrate Carnegie, celebrate Pittsburgh, and celebrate the Library Music Hall. She is holding ten workshops for people to fabricate these. You really will be leaving a legacy behind for generations to come. Please check our website and register for these workshops so we know who is coming and can set up accordingly. The hours on Sunday for the mosaic workshop are 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Children under twelve are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. This will be a lot of fun!

Pamela Prophett – we have an urban farm in Rosslyn Heights. We're officially open and have a farm stand and hoping to have a farmer's market this year. Our location is 324 Alice Street Extension. We started last year after meeting in November 2016. We have a CSA going on and excited to be in Carnegie and are hoping to supply some of the businesses in Carnegie. An explanation of a CSA was given.

Jeannie Williams – 107 Cathedral Court – I work at the Career Development Center in Squirrel Hill and thanks to Maggie and thanks to our director, for the first time in three years we are going to have a program called, "Work Launch". On the 21st at the Lincoln Gallery in our Carnegie Library we are having a Carnegie "Work Launch". It is free for the different workshops and will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Discussed reaching out to the former employees of Papa J's.

Taran Keller – 504 Lincoln Avenue – my issue is with mail delivery. I've lived there almost five years. There is a Lincoln Avenue in Heidelberg that has the same street numbers and zip code as the Lincoln Avenue in Carnegie. All our mail comes out of the Greentree Post Office. You can only imagine the nightmare of receiving the correct mail. This is not just the regular mail but is also UPS and FEDEX or any other delivery. I have communicated with the Post Master General in Washington D.C. and have gone as far as I can go with this issue. The solution we were given was to use the plus four on our zip code. We still get incorrect mail and deliveries. The last communication from the post office was to take this to Carnegie Council to maybe change the street name. We need a solution and I'm coming to you to ask for ideas.

Joe Lucas – Solicitor – discussed this issue as related to emergency services and how this is related to homeland security. The option of changing the street name is viable but the residents and businesses owners could incur significant costs. This matter will be explored further.

Darryl Deangelis – 33 Woodridge Drive – Steve has been monitoring situation as far as trash and recycling pick up on his street. Scott Township provides trash and recycling as well as the recycling

bins for all its residents. Is concerned about items blowing out of recycling bins and onto the streets creating a litter situation. Republic Services damages the bins by throwing them after emptying them. Would like to see Carnegie take control of the trash and recycling pick up. This will be looked into by Borough Council.

Jack Kobistek – 252 Marshall Avenue – would like to commend Carnegie on its handling of the recent tragic fire at PaPa J's. Thinks the borough has responded very well to this crisis. Special thanks to Mayor Riley for showing great leadership and to Chief Kennedy for keeping things under control. This devastates the entire community and I think the borough has done a wonderful job in trying to get some normalcy back.

COUNCIL GOOD AND WELFARE

Councilperson Rem-Canofari – I'd like to wish everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Councilperson Popichak – I'd like to comment that the visit with the Carnegie Police Department was very successful again this month. I think it's a great thing and have been hearing comments that people are glad you are doing this. I want to commend our police chief and our mayor who were there again with the officers. I want to remind everybody to vote tomorrow. Everyone needs to vote. It's really important so vote and make your voice heard.

Councilperson Boyd – there are many people who work on the 5K to sponsor the CVFD. This year we have a title sponsor, Quantum Spirits. The name for this year's race has been changed to Quantum Spirits – Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department 5K Run/Walk. We are grateful to Quantum Spirits for making this commitment and hope they do well in Carnegie.

Councilperson Sarsfield – Carnegie will be a busy town this weekend as its St. Patrick's Day weekend. Carnegie is a fantastic place to be. I look forward to the ribbon cutting ceremony at Quantum in the morning and I hope the weather will cooperate. I'd like to thank our mayor, police chief and fire chief, for dealing with the recent tragedy. It makes me proud to work with this council. We may not always agree on certain things, but when it comes to an event like the fire, we unify and get behind the community. I think it's important that the community sees that we have good leadership and that we're bonded together to do the best for the town.

Councilperson Freshwater – I don't know if anyone caught Fox News this morning, but Carnegie was all over the country. There was a reporter who was covering President Trump in Moon Township and she happened to be reporting down on Main Street. You could see the liquor store, Nazcars, the old post office right behind her. It was so cool to see Carnegie, PA very large on the television screen.

Council President Demko –I took my young grandchildren to see Madagascar at the Library and it was fabulous! Anytime you get an opportunity to go to our Library to see anything that Stage 62 puts on, it's unbelievable! They should be on Broadway. Want to wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe St. Patrick's Day!

Motion to Adjourn – Councilperson Sarsfield

Seconded – Councilperson Boyd – Vote: UNANIMOUS – MOTION CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED

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