



Monday, January 8, 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

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Councilperson Boyd – Present, Councilperson Freshwater – Present, Councilperson Sarsfield – Present, Councilperson Popichak – Present, Council President Demko – Present, Mayor Riley – 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 December 11 and December 28, 2017 and January 2, 2018.

Seconded by Councilperson Popichak. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to appoint Phil Boyd as a delegate to the Allegheny County Southwest Collection District.

Seconded by Councilperson Popichak. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to appoint Emmett Freshwater as an alternate delegate to the Allegheny County Southwest Collection District.

Seconded by Councilperson Popichak. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to appoint Steve Beuter as an alternate delegate to the Allegheny County Southwest Collection District.

Seconded by Councilperson Popichak. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to appoint Michael Sarsfield as a primary delegate to the Char-West Council of Governments.

Seconded by Councilperson Popichak. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to appoint Phil Boyd as an alternate delegate to the Char-West Council of Governments.

Seconded by Councilperson Popichak. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to authorize the Borough Manager to enter into an agreement with Pyrotecnico for the 2018 fireworks display to take place on July 3rd, 2018 in the amount of \$6,075.00.

Comment by Borough Manager – The price of the fireworks went up from last year. By signing the agreement early in the year, it saves the borough money.

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

MOTION to enter into an agreement (5 Year) with Lamar Advertising for bus shelter reimbursement in the amount of \$400 per shelter per year.

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

MOTION to adopt Borough Ordinance No. 2450, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie amending Chapter 18, Part 6 of the Borough Code of Ordinances relating to sewers and sewage disposal. Comment by Councilperson Boyd – This reduces the borough's portion of the sewage rate by 26 cents which will offset about half of the increase assessed by Allegheny County.

Seconded by Councilperson Popichak. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

Finance (Councilperson Popichak)

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

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

Public Works (Councilperson Freshwater)

MOTION to advertise the 2018 Pavement Maintenance Program contingent upon finalization of road paving list. Comment by Councilperson Sarsfield – We always get good pricing on paving as we send it out to bid early. Our engineers are good at prioritizing at what roads are in the worst condition. Over the last few years we've really stayed ahead of the game plus our DPW have been doing alleys and some streets for us which has helped improve the community as well. Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to advertise the 2018 A.B.C. Sewer Contract for continuing consent order sewer repairs. Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to authorize KLH Engineers to prepare bid specifications for the Broadway Street Sewer Separation Project in an amount not-to-exceed \$63,800. (ALCOSAN GROW Program – Round 2).

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

Committee Reports

Administration – Nothing this evening.

Finance – Nothing this evening.

Code Enforcement and Community Development – Nothing this evening.

Public Works – Nothing this evening.

Public Safety – Nothing this evening.

President's Report – Nothing this evening.

Manager's Report - With this time of year, the weather is up and down. I want to remind people that if you have any issues, please feel free to contact our DPW or Administration to report them. We'll make sure to hit any spots that need attention.

Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept. & EMS Report – for the month of December, there were 19 fire calls and 111 ambulance calls. For the year, the fire department had 185 fire calls. This is an average of 15 calls per month. For a small community, this is a lot for the volunteers. The CVFD does a great job!

Mayor's Report – Police Dept. activity for December 2017: Criminal Arrests and Citations – 13; Traffic Citations – 29; Traffic Stops – 47; Parking Tickets – 231; Complaints and Self-Initiated Activity – 780.

With the extreme temperatures we have been experiencing lately, I want to make everyone aware that there is a new animal cruelty law that went into effect in mid-2017. The name of the law is Libre's Law and it was named after an abused puppy in Pennsylvania. The main thing to know is that owners can no longer leave their dogs outside on a lead for more than nine hours in a twenty-four hour period. The tether must be at least 3 times the length of the canine. When the temperature is above 90 degrees or below 32 degrees, the dogs cannot be tethered outside for more than thirty minutes. In all cases, the dogs must have access to water and shade when tethered. I have met with the Chief and we have instructed the officers to be on the lookout for this type of abuse. Our officers will work closely with the South Hills Cooperative Animal Control to prevent or stop this type of abuse. If you observe a dog outside on a lead, for more than thirty minutes in these extremely cold temperatures, please call 911 and inform our officers so that they may take the appropriate action.

On Wednesday, January 31st from 6-9 p.m. Narcan and general first aid training will be held at SEAS Church which is located at 330 3rd Avenue. This is sponsored by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Hope Alliance. The training will include a hands on awareness level by medical professionals on how to obtain Narcan and how to use it and what to do before the ambulance arrives. The general first aid will focus mainly on airway management. You do need to RSVP for this by January 28 and you can do that by calling the borough or by emailing SEAS at seascarnegie.org. There will be a Carnegie Police officer on site as well.

On January 20th at 7 p.m. at Cefalo's presented by Ooh La La Boutique, there will be a "Don't Miss the 2nd Annual Purple Party". On February 3rd there is the annual fundraiser for victims of domestic violence which is in memory of victim Melissa Bowers. That is also at Cefalo's and tickets may be purchased on line for \$25 (prior to January 25th) or \$30 at the door. There are six bands performing that night. All the money raised goes to the Center for Victims.

I want to remind everyone that there is an opening on Borough Council. To apply for the open council seat you must be a resident of Carnegie for at least one year and live in Ward 2. The term expires January 1, 2020. Carnegie Borough Council is currently accepting letters of interest from qualified residents to fill that vacancy. The anticipated appointment date is for Monday, January 22nd at 6 p.m. at a scheduled special council meeting. You can address letters of interest to the president of council and they must be delivered by 3 p.m. on Thursday, January 18th.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Lamar Kemp – 102 3rd Avenue – Back by STA where the buses are was recently paved and it is awesome. It was pretty messed up for a while. Also, I'm always impressed with the Christmas decorations on Third Avenue. Would like to commend the DPW for an awesome job.

Joanne Letcher – I want to wish everyone a happy 2018. Carnegie has never looked more beautiful for the holidays. The tree, thank you so much! I don't think that there was one pole that wasn't wrapped with something in Carnegie this year. That really helped generate interest in the businesses as they did a tremendous job too. I really want to thank Keith and the DPW for a tremendous job. Not any pressure but I'm hoping to make 2018 better! I met with Jim Trumbull and there is a big clay/art show coming to Pittsburgh and Carnegie is going to be one of the sites. It happens to fall on St. Patrick's Week but the days are alternated for what's going on. It's going to be a wild week in Carnegie from March 13-17th. I will be emailing everybody with all the details. We want to get it out early so that all the restaurants know that a lot of people will be in Carnegie during that time.

Maggie Forbes – First let me wish everyone a Happy New Year and welcome to our new mayor and councilperson. Something for the first time since I've been in Carnegie, I've seen the sidewalks on Beechwood Avenue were plowed! Just to echo what Joanne said, this NCECA Conference is a big deal because Standard Ceramic is probably one of the biggest things in clay in the country. NCECA was here ten years ago and I was blown away by how many people came. Because of Standard Ceramics' standings, people will come from all over the country to go to things here in Carnegie, especially the party at Jim's place. We have a couple things coming up. Our Lincoln Portrait, which is on February 19th is a gorgeous performance and it's different every year. The President of Robert Morris University, Dr. Chris Howard will be narrating and Duquesne University's wind symphony will perform. It should be a beautiful evening and is at 7 p.m. For those that like rockabilly, rhythm and blues, and New Orleans barroom songs, The Red Beans and Rice Combo will be performing on Saturday, January 27th at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

COUNCIL GOOD AND WELFARE

Councilperson Popichak – the roads were great today. Thanks to our Department of Public Works.

Councilperson Sarsfield – I'd like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. On Saturday I took part in the Orthodox Christmas Eve dinner, something I was a part of when I was a kid. I haven't done it in years and it really brought back a lot of memories. Merry Christmas to all of the Orthodox and Happy New Year to everyone else. I am really excited to have Stacie Riley as our new mayor. I think that she's going to do a fantastic job for us and I look forward to working with her. I'm excited to have Councilperson Freshwater back on Council. I think his years of experience will serve us well.

Councilperson Freshwater – Touching on what Councilperson Sarsfield said, he brought up a religious theme here. Why don't we open up the meetings with a short prayer instead of a moment of silence? Council always used to open up with a short prayer. Our House of Representatives in Washington do, the Senate does, the Supreme Court does and our Founding Fathers intended that to be the case. I don't know why we got away from that, I don't know who is responsible for it but I think that we ought to. The Founding Fathers knew the importance of connecting God into our government and our lives. I think that would be a good thing. By the way, the two most important documents in our country, The Declaration of Independence and The Constitution both begin and end with reference to God and there is a reason for that. To quote James Madison, our fourth president and the primary author of our Constitution, "We have staked the whole future of American Civilization not on the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all of our political institutions upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God." James Madison authored The Constitution. To quote John Adams, our second president, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." Now they didn't put a clause in The Constitution that only Christianity or Judaism could be worshipped here. They just made it possible for all people to worship as they wish, if they wish. There's no clause that all other religions are unwelcome in this country. So anybody else here who would come to our country with other religions must want to be here in the United States to take part and assimilate into our country knowing that it was founded by God fearing men. I don't think they would have a problem with us praying. They would probably give thanks that they're here knowing that it was started by Christian, God fearing people. So I'd like to see us get back to praying a short prayer at the beginning of the Council meeting. We said the Pledge of Allegiance. And if you remember, One Nation Under God. I don't understand if there's a problem, but there shouldn't be.

Council President Demko – next workshop meeting we'll talk about it and see what we can do.

Council President Demko – I'd like to welcome Councilperson Freshwater and welcome Stacie to the Mayoral position and I think it's going to be very good. I just wanted to thank Lomas and Jim Beck because they donated the machine to decorate the Christmas tree. Lomas donated the machinery and paid the man who ran it.

Motion to adjourn – Councilperson Sarsfield

Seconded – Councilperson Boyd Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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**CARNEGIE BOROUGH
SPECIAL MEETING – COUNCIL VACANCY / APPOINTMENT
MEETING MINUTES**

January 22, 2018 / Meeting Start @ 6:00 PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER (7:20 PM)

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

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

1. Administration (Councilperson Sarsfield)

- a) MOTION to appoint Theresa Rem-Canofari to fulfill the unexpired term of Council Member Stacie Riley to be expired on December 31, 2019. Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote (Councilperson Boyd – Yes, Councilperson Popichak – No, Councilperson Freshwater – Yes, Councilperson Sarsfield – Yes, Council President Demko – Yes). MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilperson Sarsfield.

Seconded by Councilman Freshwater. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING ADJOURNED (7:25 PM)