



**Monday, December 11, 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 via telephone.**

**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, November 13, 2017. Seconded by Councilperson Riley. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to advertise for the 2018 General Fund Budget, Sewer Fund Budget and Liquid Fuels Budget. Seconded by Councilperson Riley. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to advertise a special meeting to take place on December 28, 2017 at 5:00 PM to finalize the Carnegie Borough General Fund, Sewer Fund and Liquid Fuels Funds. Seconded by Councilperson Riley. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to advertise the 2018 Borough Council, Planning Commission and Shade Tree Commission meeting schedules. Seconded by Councilperson Riley. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to advertise Borough Ordinance No. 2446, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie continuing Ordinance 981 of 1982, as amended by Borough Ordinance 2344 providing for setting of Carnegie Borough’s Business Privilege Tax for the year 2018. Seconded by Councilperson Riley. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to advertise Borough Ordinance No. 2447, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie continuing the Local Tax Enabling Ordinance No. 806 (Mechanical Device), No. 808 (Real Estate Transfer), 809 (Earned Income), No. 2279 (Local Services) as amended for the year 2018. Seconded by Councilperson Riley. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to advertise Borough Ordinance No. 2448, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie continuing ordinance 2386 (Providing for Non-Owner Occupied Dwelling Registration) for 2018.**

**Seconded by Councilperson Riley. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to advertise Borough Ordinance No. 2449, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie levying and assessing Real Estate Taxes for General and Specific Purposes for the year 2018 (Millage – 6.75). Millage continues to be the same as 2017.**

**Seconded by Councilperson Riley. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to advertise 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.**

**Seconded by Councilperson Riley. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to authorize the President of Council, Borough Manager and Borough Solicitor to prepare and execute the documents necessary to obtain the 2018 Tax Anticipation Loan from PNC Bank in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 at a rate not to exceed 2.046% with no origination fee (pending credit approval).**

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

**MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2017 – 15, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie authorizing the issuance of a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note, Series 2018. Councilperson Boyd – this TAN Loan funds borough operations until such time as taxes and other revenues come into the borough. This is borrowed at a very favorable rate.**

**Seconded by Councilperson Riley. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2017-16, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, in opposition to House Bill 1620 "Wireless Infrastructure Deployment" (WED) bill. Basically this removes boroughs' and townships' authorization to limit where cell towers can be.**

**Seconded by Councilperson Riley. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED**

#### **Finance (Councilperson Popichak)**

**MOTION to approve the December 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 Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC. in the amount of \$113,815.23 for sewer work completed between October 1 and October 21, 2017 for the 2017 Sewer Facilities Improvement Project, Contract No. 2017-03B (Lining Contract).**

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

**MOTION to approve Payment Application No. 2 to Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC. in the amount of \$5,852.47 for sewer work completed between November 1 and November 30, 2017 for the 2017 Sewer Facilities Improvement Project, Contract No. 2017-03B (Lining Contract).**

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

**Public Safety (Councilperson Sarsfield) – nothing for this evening.**

**Code Enforcement and Community Development (Councilperson Riley)**

**MOTION to approve the application of Mr. Robert Buttermore for the lot consolidation plan of Lot and Blocks 103-G-258 and 103-G-262 as recommended by the Planning Commission on November 28, 2017. Councilperson Boyd – this is a perfect example of the County's side yard program falling into line with some work that the borough did removing a blighted home from the property. If not for the county's program allowing for the addition of this narrow piece of property allowing it to become part of the lot of one of the neighbor's, it would be an empty lot that the borough would be maintaining and would serve no useful purpose. In this case, the gentleman adopted the lot and went through all the proper channels and it's going to become part of his lot, add value to his property and get a small amount of tax revenue. Borough won't have to maintain the property. This is a perfect example of all things working together.**

**Seconded by Councilperson Popichak. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED**

**Committee Reports**

**Administration - Nothing for this evening.**

**Finance - Nothing for this evening.**

**Code Enforcement and Community Development - Nothing for this evening.**

**Public Works – Council met with KLH Engineers to discuss sewer and road projects for 2018. A list of streets was identified and we'll be putting together some specifications in the early months of winter. We can start putting out bids for road repairs for 2018 and preparing bids for summer.**

**Public Safety – In our budget this year we allotted money for new cameras for our police cruisers. These serve many purposes, including training. This is a great benefit to the police department and the community. It was very important that council approved to put this in the budget.**

**President's Report – we will be passing the 2018 budget on December 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.**

**Manager's Report – Thank you to Council and the Mayor for another great year! There will be some changes for 2018. I've been fortunate that everyone has been in place for a long time. I am looking forward to 2018!**

**Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept. & EMS Report** – this past month there have been 22 fire calls and 20 ambulance calls. A reminder that Breakfast with Santa is this Saturday from 10 a.m. until noon. Please bring the children and stop by. We're hoping for a good turnout. Christmas trees sales went really well. We sold out of trees!

**Mayor's Report** – Police Dept. activity for November 2017: Criminal Arrests and Citations – 13; Traffic Citations – 60; Parking Tickets – 370; Complaints and Self-Initiated Activity – 789.

SEAS Hope Alliance has been working to bring some training and information on the drug epidemic that is plaguing every community. We have coming soon (hopefully in January) a Narcan training program. I have worked with Mayor Riley to make sure that the information gets disseminated. Shortly after that a seminar by the DEA. The Narcan training program will be available to anybody who wants to take it.

I'd like to thank all those that helped with our holiday functions and events. The Library did a wonderful job and this has become an outstanding success! Three or four years ago we moved the event to the Library from the Borough Building. Would like to thank the Carol Covi Children's Event Committee, especially Cheryl and Jeff Stephan, for all of their hard work. Really nice light up night. What a crowd! Children were excited and it was an incredible night! First Christian Church always volunteers and serves hot chocolate, Thank you! Thanks to Meals on Wheels for donating cookies and to Higher Voice for performing. Special thanks to the DPW – for all of their hard work and the tree looks absolutely fabulous! I think Carol Covi would be very proud!

Plenty going on this holiday season, the Nutcracker will be at the Library this weekend; Ugly Holiday Sweater Weekend in downtown Carnegie. Breakfast with Santa at the CVFD on Saturday and a Christmas concert at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on Sunday.

Church of the Atonement will have their annual Christmas Day Dinner this year. The dinner, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., is cooked for anyone who is in need. No reservations needed.

Lastly, as this is my last meeting, it was an honor to work directly with the Carnegie Police Department, Chief Harbin and Chief Kennedy – especially Chief Kennedy. The Carnegie Police Department is a professional group that is dedicated to keeping our residents safe. It was my privilege to work with them. I want to thank the Carnegie DPW and Carnegie Fire Department, for their support of our community. I want to thank my colleagues that I've worked with the past eight years and lastly I want to thank the residents for the opportunity to serve. It was an absolute privilege and I know we will be in great hands going forward. I'm very excited for Mayor Riley, she is going to do a fabulous job! Thanks to everyone for letting me be a part of this. Happy Holidays!

## **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Maggie Forbes – thank you Jack for eight great years of incredible service. I wish you all the best! Rick's last night – this is a sad night. Let's turn that around. What a beautiful tree we have! It's gorgeous! A year ago we were cautiously optimistic about the fate of the library. The proudest experience I have had was signing the twenty year contract for the Library. We are interviewing candidates for a full time librarian. Thanks to Carnegie Borough and Mayor Jack Kobistek for their ongoing support.

**Councilperson Sarsfield – before council good and welfare I'd like to read a proclamation in honor of Councilperson Rick D'Loss. This proclamation expresses appreciation for over two terms of service with Carnegie Borough Council.**

## **COUNCIL GOOD AND WELFARE**

**Councilperson D'Loss – thank you for the opportunity to serve for eight years. Serving in the military you learn the importance of civic duty and you just do it. There's nothing better for a person to do than to say little and do much. The operation of council is dramatically different than it was fifteen years ago. The Borough that supports itself is in a great position right now. As politicians we can't take credit for that. We can take credit for the library piece. As far as businesses coming here, I think that's just math. I have a small business here and people who own businesses look for properties that are good values based on taxes. Although we'd like to say we did this, I think there are a lot of factors involved. Wonderful things are happening and I think Carnegie has a very good future ahead of it. I live on Main Street and plan on staying here.**

**Councilperson Popichak – I'd like to take a moment to thank you, Rick, for your great advice and guidance during my brief time here. You will be sorely missed on Council but I'm very happy you will be around. Thank you for all you have done! You will be missed as well, Mayor! You have done a tremendous amount for this community. Thank you both, very much! I am honored to be here and hope everyone has a joyous holiday.**

**Councilperson Riley – I'd like to thank Mayor Jack Kobistek for all that he has done for our great community and the police department over the last eight years. I have gained a friend and mentor in Jack and I know that I will be leaning on him as we transition. I'm thrilled that we will have a district judge that we can count on and work with to help promote the necessary change we need in our community. Jack, I wish you nothing but success as you enter the next chapter of your life and in serving the people in our community and surrounding communities. You will be greatly missed. Rick, it has been a pleasure working with you on Council and I thank you for your dedication to public service and Carnegie. You have always been open to discuss or debate any issues, although sometimes we agree to disagree. We have always had mutual respect for one another. You have displayed a keen, analytical mind as you evaluated borough issues and in understanding the needs of our constituents. I want to thank you for the countless hours that you put in working on our new zoning and seeing that to fruition. It is essential to Carnegie's future. It has been great sitting up here with you and it will be a little weird not to have you up here. I value the relationship we built on Council and I am glad to call you a friend. Good luck on your future endeavors.**

**Councilperson Boyd – in reflecting on what to say while ending my first four year term and starting my second four year term, while I think we've all worked hard, it was a good time to be on Council. The dissension period of history is gone. Everybody really tried to work together and figure out what the right thing to do was. It's rare that when we come out here to have the official meeting and have a vote that we don't vote unanimously because we've taken care of haggling through the details at one of the other meetings. I think in my four years there were only two times that we didn't agree. I chose Carnegie to grow old in. I could have chosen any community, but I chose this community because I'm from here and**

it's got what I need. It never ceases to amaze me what Carnegie draws from an entertainment perspective. The look and feel of the community that is ongoing. The trees are growing bigger and the parking lots will be in their third year of growth now and this spring they will really be beautiful! The general look and feel of the town is on the upswing. It's fun to be here and I'm looking forward to growing old here. To my counterparts on council, current or future or soon to be passed, Mayor Kobistek – thank you for all of your efforts in the past and for everybody's future. I wish you great success and wish you all a happy holiday!

President Demko – there's really not much more I can say about Jack and Rick. I would like to personally thank you, Jack, for everything you have done for our community. I'd be here until next year saying everything you have done. You made our community a much better place to live and I'd like to thank you from the bottom of my heart. Rick, you are really going to be missed on this Council. You have brought a lot and really worked hard! I've always appreciated you and would like to thank you for all of your hard work. I would like to wish everyone a Blessed and Merry Christmas and Hanukah!

**Motion to adjourn – Councilperson Sarsfield**

**Seconded – Councilperson D'Loss. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

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