



CARNEGIE BOROUGH PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, February 8, 2016

**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 D’Loss – Present, Councilperson Demko – Present, Councilperson Riley – Present, Councilperson Sarsfield – Present, Council President Catena – Present, Mayor Kobistek – Present.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LISTED MOTIONS

No public comment.

Administration (Councilperson Boyd)

**MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on January 11, 2016.
Seconded by Councilwoman Demko. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2016-02, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie relative to the establishment and maintenance of the Borough of Carnegie paid fireman’s pension plan.
Seconded by Councilwoman Demko. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2016-05, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie creating a tobacco-free zone at all parks, courts, ball fields and playgrounds within the municipality.
Seconded by Councilman Sarsfield. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

Finance (Councilperson Demko)

**MOTION to approve the February Bill List and Bill List Addendum.
Seconded by Councilman Boyd. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Works (Councilperson D'Loss)

**MOTION to offer Employment to Robert Brown in a probationary status at a pay rate in accordance with the labor agreement for a period of 90 days and upon successful completion thereof Full Time Employment subject to the collective bargaining agreement with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.
Seconded by Councilman Sarsfield. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION to accept the resignation of Department of Public Works Foreman Daniel Butera effective February 5, 2016.
Seconded by Councilman Sarsfield. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

Councilman D'Loss recognized Daniel Butera for his long and faithful service to the Borough of Carnegie. His position will be filled by the previous Motion to hire Robert Brown. Mr. Butera will be in attendance at the next Council Meeting where he will be property recognized for his service to the Borough.

**MOTION to appoint Peter Schepis to the position of Working Foreman with the Department of Public Works.
Seconded by Councilman Sarsfield. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

Councilman D'Loss commented that Mr. Pete Shepis has also given the Borough many years of long and faithful service. He has assumed many of these responsibilities and is well qualified for this position.

**MOTION to appoint Thomas Cranmer to the position of Assistant Working Foreman with the Department of Public Works.
Seconded by Councilman Sarsfield. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

Councilman D'Loss explained that Mr. Thomas Cranmer will be taking Mr. Pete Shepis' place upon his promotion.

**MOTION to permit the Carnegie Youth Athletic Association (CYAA) to utilize the 7th Avenue Field, Monday through Saturday, the Carnegie Park Baseball Field and All Purpose Field, Monday through Sunday and Chioda Fields 1 and 2, Monday through Sunday, beginning April 1, 2016 to October 31, 2016.
Seconded by Councilman Sarsfield. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Safety (Councilperson Sarsfield)

**MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2016-03, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie establishing a handicapped parking space at 221 Railroad Avenue.
Seconded by Councilman D'Loss. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

Community Development and Code Enforcement (Councilperson Riley)

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2016-04, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie approving that the acquisition and subsequent disposition of the parcel of vacant property known as lot-and-block number 66-N-186 (11 Howard Avenue) would be in accord with the comprehensive plan of the municipality.

Councilman Boyd moved that this Motion be tabled until a later date.

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

MOTION to authorize the Manager to make appropriate notifications and publication of advertising and prepare the appropriate ordinances for Council to consider the acceptance of the dedication of the streets commonly known as Cathedral Court, Mountain Drive and Scenic Hill Drive.

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

Councilman D'Loss commented these streets were previously in housing development, and the Borough has been providing snow removal, and it is appropriate that these streets be turned over to the Borough so that we can collect state funding for the maintenance of these streets.

Mayor Kobistek commented to also allow for police enforcement also.

MOTION to accept the alley vacation request of 1 Water Street per the recommendation of the Planning Commission from the application submitted by Mr. George Zawilla.

Seconded by Councilman D'Loss. Vote: UNANIMOUSLY DENIED. MOTION FAILED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration

Councilman Boyd reported on the progress of the Borough's new up-and-coming website.

Finance

Nothing for this evening.

Code Enforcement and Community Development

Councilwoman Riley gave thanks to all those who participated in the fundraiser held this past Saturday in Memory of Melissa Bowers. She also asked for all too please patronize the local business that gave so generously to this fundraiser.

Public Works

Councilman D'Loss reported road paving bids to be received by March 3, 2016 for the paving of three streets: Swallow Hill Road from Forsythe Road to Sigrid Drive, Annabelle Street from Cooks Lane to Fleck Court, and Doolittle Avenue from Branch Street to Scenic Hill Drive. The cost for this paving will be covered by our Liquid Fuels Tax allowance from the State, about \$215,000. Bids will be accepted and awarded accordingly.

Since the flooding on Washington Avenue and Franklin Avenue in June of 2014, we continue to look for and address continuing causes of storm water getting into our sanitary sewer system. We have identified two properties, the Boys & Girls Club, and the Beechwood Apartments, formerly the Carnegie Towers, as contributors of storm water into our sanitary sewer system. This year we will be adding some additional storm water sewer lines on Christy Avenue and on Capital Drive. This work will be done this summer.

Plum Street, between Chestnut and Boquet Streets, an area of historic storm water flooding, has no storm drains. We have been alerted this year that Pennsylvania American Water Company will be doing some plumbing work on Plum this year, trenching the street putting in new water lines. When they are finished, we will take advantage

of that situation and install sewer storm water pipes. The advantage to us is the water company will pay for the repaving for the street. The construction will be this summer, and the paving in 2017.

Carnegie Park construction this summer will be limited to Chioda Field. Public Works has already built a new retaining wall. We will be using grant money to build a new press box and store room behind home plate. This work will be completed prior to baseball season. There will not be any other park work this summer.

We will have three blighted properties that will be raised this year: 332 Seventh Avenue, 645 Ridge Avenue, and 322 Alice Street Extension. These properties have already been bid and accepted. Our engineers have awarded the bids and will be coordinating with the contractor for demolition. This project was funded through the Community Development Block Grant.

The Zoning Committee met with our contractor, Mr. A. J. Schwartz, from Environmental Planning & Design on February 4, 2016 to continue work on our draft new zoning ordinance. The draft is nearing completion. Upon completion, Council would hold a public meeting for presentation and public input. The main re-write is the segregation of the C-1 Commercial Zones into Sub-Zones. The committee is also working on business signage.

Public Safety

Councilman Sarsfield reported that has begun to work with Chief Kennedy, the Mayor and Councilman Boyd to plan this year's public safety day. They are planning the event for June 2016.

At last month's COG meeting, the guest speaker spoke about bridges. He stated that it is the Borough's responsibility to inspect its bridges; specifically, the West Main Street Bridge. He will follow up with the engineer who handles bridge inspections for Allegheny County, and he is going to pass along some information to the Borough. Next year's budget will probably have to handle the cost of having the West Main Street Bridge inspected. The engineer will provide information for funding sources if repairs are needed. Councilman Sarsfield feels confident that the bridge will need some repair work.

Duquesne Light Company is offering free training with regard to trees and power lines. This information has been provided to the Department of Public Works and the Carnegie Fire Department.

Councilman D'Loss commented on the fatal shooting incident of Mr. Bruce Kelley by the Port Authority Police in downtown Pittsburgh. He spoke specifically about the use of K-9's by police departments, and the roles they should and shouldn't play in police enforcement. He also commented on the fact that yet another black man has been killed by police enforcement for no apparent reason, stating that the police are expected to uphold the law, they are not expected to be judge, jury and executioner in a case where someone stabs a dog, and the police decide, we are just going to kill him. He stated he felt this was a racial issue, and provided many case examples in support. He stated he feels racism continues to be a problem in this country in police departments across the Nation. People need to be vigilant and speak up about racism, because it is a problem that has existed for 100's of years, and is not going to go away or get fixed until the problem is addressed.

President's Report (President Catena)

Council President Catena addressed the issue of solicitation in the Borough. He encouraged residents, if they see individuals soliciting, not to be afraid to contact the police and have them checked out. The Police Department has a very good solicitation program set up to safeguard our residents with regard to those soliciting throughout the Borough.

He also spoke about the County Executive's visit to the Borough this past weekend stating that Mr. Fitzgerald had a lot of good and positive things to say about Carnegie and how well we are doing.

Manager's Report

The Manger reported that the Business Privilege Tax and the Non-Owner Occupied (Landlord Tenant) Registrations will be going out within the next week or so.

Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept. & EMS Report

Councilman Boyd reported for the month of January 2016 the Fire Department responded to 24 calls, and the EMS responded to 134 calls.

Mayor's Report

For the month of January 2016 – Criminal Arrests and Citations: 16; Traffic Citations: 55; Parking Tickets: 222; Complaints and Self-Initiating Activities: 983. The State Police Crime Data Base shows Carnegie's crime data is down for the third year in a row. Serious crimes were down 7%, less serious crimes were down 24%. The Mayor believes that some of things that we are doing to contribute to these numbers are: (1) Our Chief is a working Chief. He is on the schedule and does the same job as any of our officers. This enables us to allocate resources to other area, areas that we feel are more apt for hirer crime. This also helps when we are short staffed. We use data to drive man power and our resources, which has been very successful for us. The Chief also works very closely with other Departments. The Chief has created a very nice relationship with other departments, including many of the organizations in the County, like the District Attorney and the County Police. We have also been very successful with our use of social media. All of these efforts are helping to man crime in the community. Also, Sergeant Lint will be retiring on March 31, 2016.

As Councilwoman Riley mentioned earlier, it was four years ago today that Melissa Bowers was murdered in town. The Mayor talked about the success of the fundraiser that was held in memory of Melissa. He commended Colleen Bowers for her commitment to the awareness of domestic violence and what it can do to the fabric of a community and an individual's family.

The Mayor offered his sincere condolences to Pastor LaRue Davis, Second Baptist Church of Carnegie. Pastor Davis lost her husband, Brother Charles Davis. Our condolences to Second Baptist Church and Pastor Davis.

The Mayor talked about meeting with the Historical Society and honoring Marcella McGrogan. The partnership between the Borough and the Historical Society will hold a Volunteer Awards Gala. Nominations from the public will be sought for exemplary volunteers. There will be an awards ceremony on April 9, 2016 at the Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall. It will be called the Marcella McGrogan Awards Gala. The nominations from come from three areas: community service, public safety and religious outreach. Marcella McGrogan was the epitome of volunteer, and volunteers are what keep our community strong, and what makes our community special. It's time to honor volunteers. This will also aid in keeping the Historical Society strong and thriving.

The Mayor announced that the Borough was successful in working with the Port Authority of Allegheny County in securing a grant from the federal government, Congestion Mitigation Air Quality grant for a multi-million dollar expansion of our Park & Ride to break ground in 2020. This project is scheduled to break ground in 2020.

The Mayor reported that Dave Cerminara, the owner of Apis Mead Winery will be moving to Mary Street and opening a full brewery with a restaurant. Expected opening in August 2017. He will be having the 2016 Craft Beer Works Competition at his current location on March 6, 2016 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The Mayor reported the Andrew Carnegie Free Library is showing “Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day,” which has one more weekend to run.

The Mayor announced the 9th Annual 5K Run/Walk will take place on Saturday, April 23, 2016. This year’s race will have a new category for 10 and under.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Joanne Letcher, Carnegie Community Development Corporation addressed Council with regard to working with Hans Group and Linda DeAngelo with the Small Biz Shop to introduce a marketing campaign. This will be a continuation of Carnegie’s Happening on Facebook. Hans will be enhancing their website, and Linda will be producing a flyer.

Maggie Forbes, Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall addressed Council regarding the Lincoln Portrait Concert on President’s Day. She also thanked the Borough for assisting with the tree cutting at the library. She also commented on how lucky we are to have the police force we have in Carnegie. Maggie also thanked Councilman D’Loss with regard to his earlier comments on racism.

COUNCIL GOOD AND WELFARE

Councilman Boyd commented that again this year Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department in collaboration with Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department, will be holding its Annual Cash Bash on May 7, 2016.

Councilwoman Riley. Nothing for this evening.

Councilman Sarsfield wished everyone a Happy Valentine’s Day. He also encouraged everyone to reach out to their loved ones.

Councilwoman Demko commented on the incredible job that the Carnegie Department of Public Works does with regard to clearing of snow and ice on our roadways. She commended the Department for the excellent job.

Councilman D’Loss commented that he is looking forward to the President’s Day event at the Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall.

Council President Catena offered congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Longo of Target Cleaners on their retirement. They have been in business for 60-years, which started in Carnegie. He wished them well. He thanked everyone for their attendance this evening.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilman Sarsfield

Seconded by Councilman D’Loss. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

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www.carnegieborough.com*