



Monday, February 11th, 2019

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LISTED MOTIONS – None for this evening.

ADMINISTRATION (Councilperson Canofari)

**MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on January 14th, 2019.
Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to enter the Borough of Carnegie into the South West Communities Chamber of Commerce for year 2019.
Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to authorize the Borough Manager to gather information from Washington Financial Bank as a potential banking institution for the municipality
Councilperson Boyd – It's come to our attention that we can save money and increase the amount of interest that we are paid on the deposits that we have with the banks by a significant margin versus using PNC Bank. It's our intention to do some due diligence, by way of our borough manager, to determine just how difficult this transition will be. We want to make sure it's not so burdensome for the borough that it would exhaust any benefit(s) that we may receive from it. It is quite likely that we will make the change in institutions. It's become clear to us by way of several business transactions that the borough has had to do in the past few months that PNC isn't really as interested in the municipal type business as other banks are. Since they're not interested, and there is a great benefit for us to look at another bank, I think it's time that we leave the border of Carnegie and seek banking help outside the borders.
Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

FINANCE (Councilperson Popichak)

MOTION to approve the February 2019 Bill List and Bill List Addendum.

Seconded by Councilperson Canofari – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS (Councilperson Freshwater)

MOTION to approve Payment Application No. 1 (Final) to State Pipe Services, Inc. in the amount of \$26,533.38 for cleaning and CCTV work completed on the SHACOG Joint Municipal O&M CCTV Inspection and Cleaning (Year 8).

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

MOTION to approve Payment Application No. 1 to Landau Building Company for the Williams Way Stabilization Project for jersey barriers and fencing in the amount of \$42,515.00. Councilperson Boyd – Williams Way is the road that goes directly behind Carnegie Coffee (the old post office) and there was a bit of a landslide there last year. The library incurred the bulk of the expense to prevent that landslide from ever occurring again. The Borough is preventing any residual rubble that falls down on the road by purchasing and having installed concrete barriers. We're also making the road one way going forward and hopefully it will be a safer situation.

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

MOTION to approve Change Order No 1. For the Williams Way Stabilization Project in the amount of \$3,190.00 for adjusted fence intervals (300' to 50').

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

MOTION to table Change Order No. 1 for Contract No. Department of Public Works Garage Construction Project, in the amount of \$1,542.93 for additional excavation work.

Seconded by Councilperson Popichak –MOTION TABLED

MOTION to approve payment to A&H Equipment for the purchase of an Envirosight Rover Camera System in the amount of \$40,000.00 (Sewer Fund).

Councilperson Boyd – last year we spent \$26,000 having camera work done in the Borough. This coming year we would still have to spend some money. Going forward now that we'll have our own camera, the amount that we have to spend would be significantly decreased. The \$26,000 we spent last year would have made a good down payment on our own camera giving this capability to our DPW. Based on their recommendation and willingness to take on this task, we're purchasing this camera system.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY (Councilperson Sarsfield)

MOTION to advertise Ordinance no. 2462, an ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of PA, amending chapter 15 section 108 of the Borough Code of Ordinances relating to motor vehicles and traffic (Williams Way – 1 Way Westbound – Broadway Avenue to Mary Street).

Seconded by Councilperson Freshwater –Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Councilwoman Popichak)

MOTION to approve the application of Mr. Robert Fazio for the use/development of Lot and Blocks (102-C-44) as recommended by the Planning Commission on January 29, 2019 (Raecon Plumbing and Heating, Inc.).

A. Address - 214 3rd Street Rear (Garage)

Seconded by Councilperson Canofari –Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to table the application of George and Bonnie Zawilla for the use/development of Lot and Blocks (102-C-334) as recommended by the Planning Commission on January 29, 2019 (1st Floor Offices / 2nd Floor Apartment).

B. Address – 1 3rd Street

C. Discuss status of 1 Water Street – Vacation / Easement / Sale

Seconded by Councilperson Canofari – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION TABLED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – nothing for this evening.

Finance – changes in banking vendor as discussed earlier.

Code Enforcement and Community Development – we’re continuing to work with Town Center on developing our downtown area in accordance with the new zoning laws. Fortunately things are going well at this point.

Public Works – nothing for this evening.

Public Safety – through our COG (Council of Governments) they are looking at putting together and getting firefighters trained in swift water rescue. We may be fortunate enough to have a boat staged here in Carnegie.

President’s Report – gratitude for former Councilperson Rick D’Loss. He’s working on a side project that will correct an error that occurred. We updated the zoning ordinances several years ago. Unfortunately in the translation of multiple documents, a couple of the pages didn’t make it into the book. Rick is working to make sure that they get added to the book and reflect the needs of the Borough today.

MANAGER’S REPORT – nothing for this evening.

CARNEGIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT & EMS REPORT – for the month of January 2019, there were 31 fire calls and 113 ambulance calls.

MAYOR’S REPORT – Police Dept. activity for January 2019: Criminal Arrests and Citations – 16; Traffic Citations – 41; Traffic Stops – 55; Parking Tickets – 150; Complaints and Self-Initiated Activity – 893.

The Historical Society of Carnegie is having their annual meeting and the Marcella C. McGrogan Carnegie Volunteer Award tomorrow evening, February 12th at 7 p.m. at the Library. This is a chance for you to hear what The Historical Society has been involved in during the past year and we will also

be honoring our community volunteers with the Marcella C. McGrogan Carnegie Volunteer Awards. This is free to the public and light refreshments will be provided.

On February 15th at 7:30 p.m., Saturday the 16th and Sunday the 17th at 2 p.m., “Junie B. Jones” the musical, presented by Stage 62, will be at the Library. This is a delightful adaptation of the bestselling books. All tickets are \$10. For more information please visit www.stage62.com.

Save the dates for April: April 27th at 8 a.m. is the 12th Annual CVFD 5K Run/Walk; April 28th from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. will be “Cruising on the Main” which is a car cruise that benefits the Carnegie Police Department.

February 16th, from 9-11 a.m. at the Carnegie Coffee Company we are starting back with “Coffee with CPD”. This month will be Officer Curt Cook and Office James Quattro, along with Chief Jeffrey Kennedy and myself.

There is a job opening for a crossing guard for Carnegie Elementary School. Check our website and Facebook page for more information. The deadline for application is Friday, March 8 at 10 a.m.

It’s no surprise that this year, Carnegie turns 125 years old! Councilperson Popichak has done a great job of spearheading the 125th. There were amazing calendars made depicting the Borough of Carnegie through the years. The calendars are on sale here at the borough building during business hours. The price is \$5 each and they make great gifts.

February is Black History Month and also Presidents’ Day is on the 18th. Barack Obama became our 44th President of the United States of America on January 20, 2009. He was the first African American President. He also won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2009 for his extraordinary efforts at international diplomacy and foreign policy. Two fun facts, he read all of the Harry Potter Books and he worked at Baskin and Robbins when he was a teenager. To close with a quote, “Change will not come if we wait for some other person or if we wait for some other time. We are the ones we have been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.”

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Maggie Forbes – Carnegie Library – Stage 62 did a fabulous job with “Junie B. Jones”. Along the lines of the 125th, the actual date of incorporation is Friday, March 1st. The Carnegie Music Hall is doing a concert “TV Tunes”, which are medleys from television theme songs from the 1950’s through the 1990’s. I’ve done a little research on our history and I thought it was wise that Mansfield and Chartiers didn’t incorporate until 1872. I’m proud of the way that Carnegie comes out to support its own. There was a fundraiser in memory of Melissa Bowers and it was wonderful to see the community turnout.

Natalie Uschner-Arroyo (Mt. Lebanon resident) – wanted to introduce a new non-profit called the Lower Chartiers Watershed Association. We are attempting to conserve and improve the quality of the Lower Chartiers Creek and its surrounding watershed. We have very few volunteers and feedback from the communities has been positive. I want to tell you about our plans for 2019. They include water monitor training for volunteers; a water sampling project that we’re starting in Robinson; a tree planting event in the fall and canoe/kayak clean up. I want to invite the council members and anyone in the borough who works on issues related to the creek to come to our official launch party. Our launch party is scheduled for March 7th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Abandoned Pittsburgh in downtown Carnegie. We are looking forward to meeting with you all.

Jeanne Williams – JFCS – wanted to thank the borough for opening the Caucus Room for her to do career counseling for the JFCS. On January 30th received the CodeRed message. It was so great to receive and to be able to tell people about it. I appreciate the borough having this service. I recommend signing up for CodeRed. Would like to have Coffee with CPD advertised more.

Ron Hughes – 201 5th Avenue – there’s an underground spring that is being French drained onto 5th Avenue. The water is running down the street and freezing. In front of my house (have pictures) it is frozen from one side of the street to the other. This has become a danger and I would like to know what is going to be done about it. Keith Hatcher – we’re having this issue in multiple locations. With all of the rain the springs are running everywhere. Right now there isn’t a fix. The DPW and engineering are on top of this. We send crews to salt the road. As soon as winter is over, we will try to resolve this. We apologize for this problem and will take care of it as soon as we can.

Matt Guerry – Signal Item – want to let you know that this will be the last meeting that I will be covering for The Signal Item. I recently accepted a job opportunity that is going to take me out of state. It’s been my privilege to cover these meetings. Thank you, Carnegie Borough!

COUNCIL GOOD AND WELFARE

Councilperson Canofari – I don’t know what’s going on with the groundhog, but he’s wrong. Happy Valentine’s Day.

Councilperson Freshwater – the two communities of Mansfield Borough and Chartiers were formed together via acclamation because they talked Andrew Carnegie into building the library on top of the hill. That is why our town is called Carnegie. It is the only library that has his full name, The Andrew Carnegie Free Library. All the other libraries Carnegie Libraries. This is the only one with his full name. Happy St. Valentine’s Day. The day is supposed to signify love for each other.

Councilperson Sarsfield – it is Black History Month and it’s important that we remember the fight that was engaged denying people the civil right to vote. Their simple right to practice religion. Unfortunately, these fights still go on. It was okay for Jackie Robinson to defend our country during the war, but not to okay for him to play baseball. Black History Month is very important. No other group of people have had to endure, in this country, what they have had to endure. Spread love and good will.

Councilperson Popichak – there is a jazz concert at the library on Wednesday. If you haven’t been to our library lately, go up and check it out! There are great things going on for people of all ages. On August 9, 10 & 11 we will be having a birthday party for Carnegie. More information to follow.

Mayor Riley – we had several vehicles that were broken into in the Rosslyn Heights area. It is extremely important to lock your vehicles. Don’t leave valuables in your car.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The Borough of Carnegie Code of Ordinances is available “on-line” at

www.carnegieborough.com