



CARNEGIE BOROUGH PUBLIC MEETING (via Zoom)

Monday, February 8th, 2021

Workshop Meeting Start @ 6:00 PM / Voting Meeting Start @ 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 DiPietro – Present; Councilperson Freshwater – Present; Councilperson Popichak – Present; Councilperson D’Loss – Present; Council President Demko – Present; Mayor Riley – Present

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LISTED MOTIONS

ADMINISTRATION (Councilperson Freshwater)

**MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on January 11th, 2021.
Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to engage the services of Rhoades Law, LLC. (Mr. Randy Rhoades) as special counsel to examine pension withdraw liabilities for the Carnegie Borough Public Works and Administration Departments.
Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to enter into a three (3) year agreement with Meter Feeder, Inc., to provide mobile payment systems and solutions utilized for parking ticketing, billing, meters, and infrastructure for the Borough of Carnegie.
Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: Roll Call UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION to consider the proposed resolution at the next regular meeting, and hereby publicly announces its intent to sell the Borough owned property located at 333 Wilcox Street in accordance with Section 1201.1 of the Borough Code. *(Per solicitor, no need to second or vote).*

FINANCE (Councilperson Boyd)

**MOTION to approve the February 2021 Bill List and Bill List Addendum.
Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2021-03, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, requesting authorization to dispose of municipal records (bookkeeping) according to the guidelines set in the retention and disposition schedule for records of Pennsylvania Municipal Government. 2013 and Back

Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2021-04, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, confirming that the Borough of Carnegie has designated personnel to apply to the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC) for a grant to upgrade lighting through the Carnegie Borough Business District.

Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to accept the bid proposal provided by TRIGATE Mechanical for the purchase of three (3) replacement rooftop units for the Carnegie Municipal Building in an amount not to exceed \$36,202.75 (COSTARS Vendor No. – 313122). Pending acceptable financing.

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

PUBLIC WORKS (Councilperson D’Loss)

MOTION to accept Change Order No. 1 recommended by KLH Engineers in the amount of \$7,741.80, to include the installation of a 24-inch flap gate and grouting of the rip-rap along the streambank (Contract No. 2020-01).

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

MOTION to authorize Payment No. 3 to W.A. Petrakis Contracting in the amount of \$85,249.64 for the Broadway Street Sewer Separation Project (Contract No. 2020-01).

Change Order No. 1 included in Payment No. 3 amount

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

MOTION to authorize Payment No. 3 (Final) to JD’s Landscaping and Towing in the amount of \$19,310.40 for the Campbells Run Stream Debris Removal Project (Contract No. 2020-03).

Additional work added to maximize grant funding – (\$97,615.15).

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

MOTION to authorize KLH Engineers to prepare the advertisement for the 2021 Carnegie Borough Pavement Maintenance Program (PMP).

Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC SAFETY (Councilperson Popichak)

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Councilperson DiPietro)

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2021-02, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, approving that the acquisition and subsequent disposition of numerous parcels of vacant property known as block and lot numbers 103-D-150 would be in accord with the comprehensive plan of the municipality.

(Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program – 416 5th Avenue)

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 – Krista’s Deli is open (next to Bakn).

Public Works - W. A. Petrakis Contracting has completed the storm sewer installation on the Broadway Street, although the road surface is not completely restored. This evening, Council approved the third payment to the contractor (\$85,249.64). The final payment has to wait until finish paving can be completed in the spring. There is a pending dispute between Petrakis and Verizon over responsibility for some damaged phone cables that occurred during the excavation near Broadway and Main.

Because the cleaning of debris out of Chartiers Creek was less expensive than anticipated, we had room in the grant to do some additional cleaning. The total amount of the original work was \$78,305.75. This evening, Council approved an additional \$19,310.40 in payment to J.D.’s Landscaping for the additional work to use up the remainder of the grant money. The new total project cost is \$97,615.15. The state is paying 85% of this from the grant and the borough is responsible for 15%.

This evening Council approved the advertising of our 2021 Pavement Maintenance Program. It will include Chartiers St between Main St and Mansfield Blvd, Jefferson St, and Federal Ave. The following streets will be listed as optional: Library Ave from Capital to Lee, Franklin Ave, Seventh Ave, and Reamer. Broadway St will be included as a separate item because the borough will pay for this out of Sewer funds due to the Broadway sewer excavation.

Public Safety – nothing for this evening.

President’s Report – nothing for this evening.

MANAGER’S REPORT – we will be submitting an application to the Allegheny County Redevelopment Authority for the CITF Grant. This is for updated lighting along East Main and West Main Streets through the business district. We have been looking for a new payment option for residents and businesses owners to utilize when making a payment to the borough (permit fees; tickets, fees, etc.). We are hoping to have something to present to council in March. We are continuing to collect our trail support letters for the Rails to Trails Program and we have been meeting with the county to discuss how this may progress. This past month, Deneen had participated in grant writing workshops as well as planning and zooming training. We have begun planning for the 2021 Farmers Market. We mailed out the BPT for 2021 on January 31st and February 1st. To date we have received \$20,800 from the BPT. Councilperson D’Loss, Councilperson Boyd, Councilperson DiPietro and I met last week and we are continuing to review some of our use charts, permitting and conditional uses for the zoning. This information will be looked at with our Planning Commission and we are continuing to look at for the 2019 Zoning Proposal that we had.

CARNEGIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. & EMS REPORT – for the month of January 2021, there were 20 fire calls and 107 ambulance calls.

MAYOR’S REPORT – Police Dept. activity for January 2021: Criminal Arrests and Citations - 31; Traffic Citations - 31; Traffic Stops - 33; Parking Tickets - 81; Complaints and Self-Initiated Activity - 659.

Coffee with CPD is coming back virtually on Zoom. This starts on Saturday, February 27th.

February is Black History Month. January 20th was very historic. VP Kamala Harris has done what no woman has done before. She took the oath of office as Vice President of the United States. The first woman, first black woman and Asian American to serve as Vice President.

JR. COUNCIL REPORT – Sam Bigham - I took the framed proclamation to Juan Perez at the Boys and Girls Club for his contribution to Carnegie youth and the community.

Carlynton School District has returned to in-person instruction 4 days a week with Wednesdays off for cleaning. Updates are available on their website at <https://www.carlynton.k12.pa.us/>

Since I am back at IUP, I will be able to interview borough officials about their solar co-op program.

I am going to begin working on guides for Carnegie's parks to be used for future grants.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Maggie Forbes – Carnegie Library – the library opened on February 1st after being closed before Thanksgiving. Everything is going smoothly. Diane Klinefelter has retired as ESPY Post Curator. She has had an immense impact on the library and music hall. Jon-Erik Gilot will be the new curator. Our espy post is considered a National Treasure.

COUNCIL GOOD AND WELFARE

Councilperson Freshwater – since we don't recycle glass anymore, Greentree Borough does. There is a big bin by their fire department for those that want to recycle their glass.

Councilperson Boyd – Duquesne Light did maintenance and damaged neighbor's yard. I find it unacceptable that they can leave a note on your door and come into your yard and remove two trees, take away the small debris and leave the giant logs laying behind for the homeowner to deal with. (Discussion continued with regard to removal of trees by public utilities in utility right-of-ways). Per Solicitor Nate Boring, the utility is in the right. Discussion continued with regard to DPW helping in such situations.

Council President Demko – husband received letter from Vets to get a vaccine since he is retired Navy. Went to get vaccine and was denied due to income from 2020. Disputed this with Veterans Affairs then received letter stating that since he did three tours in Vietnam, he could get the vaccine. It was awful that our veterans have to fight for this. Happy Valentine's Day everyone!

MOTION to ADJOURN by Councilperson D'Loss, Seconded by Councilperson Boyd

MEETING ADJOURNED

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www.carnegieborough.com*