



**CARNEGIE BOROUGH PUBLIC MEETING (via Zoom)**

**Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 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**

**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 December 14<sup>th</sup> and December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

**Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to appoint Councilperson Boyd as a primary delegate and Councilperson Freshwater and Borough Manager Steve Beuter as alternate delegates to the Allegheny County Southwest Collection District.**

**Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to appoint Councilperson Freshwater as a primary delegate and Councilperson Boyd as the alternate delegate to the Char-West Council of Governments.**

**Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to appoint Steve Beuter as the appointed official delegate and Councilperson Popichak and Mayor Riley as alternate delegates to the Congress of Neighboring Communities Group (CONNECT).**

**Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to appoint Councilperson Boyd, D’Loss, and Popichak as municipal representatives to the Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall Board of Trustees.  
Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to appoint Councilperson DiPietro as the Borough Council Representative for the Carnegie Borough Shade Tree Commission.  
Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to authorize the Borough Manager’s contract renewal effective February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.  
Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to adopt Borough Ordinance No. 2474, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie amending Chapter 18, Part 6 of the Borough Code of Ordinances relating to the 2021 sewers and sewage disposal.  
Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to approve Carnegie Borough Resolution No. 2021-01-A continuing Resolution 18 of 2012 setting fees within the Borough of Carnegie.  
Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

#### **FINANCE (Councilperson Boyd)**

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

#### **PUBLIC WORKS (Councilperson D’Loss)**

**MOTION to accept quote from S.M. Sawchuk / HACH based on the recommendation of KLH Engineers for the purchase of two (2) wireless HACH FL900 flow meters in the amount of \$22,706.63. *Discussion continued with Councilperson D’Loss explaining how purchasing these flow meters will pay for itself within one year. This will be a money saver for Carnegie Borough.*  
Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Councilperson DiPietro)**

**MOTION to appoint Ms. Betsy Gray, Plans Examiners, Inc., as the Building Code Official (BCO) for the Borough of Carnegie.  
Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – 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 – nothing for this evening.**

**Public Safety – nothing for this evening.**

**President’s Report – I received a few phone calls about the sewage bill indicating that the people hadn’t received their bills. People didn’t want to have to pay a late fee. A resident called Jordan Tax Service and was told that JTS was having trouble with the mail. JTS said they would not charge late fees. Thanked Steve and Nate for their work on the DPW contract. They did a fantastic job! Thanked Steve and Phil who worked on the budget, they also did a fabulous job. Thanked Council for their work during 2020.**

**MANAGER’S REPORT – We will be reviewing our grants from 2020 and 2021. We did not receive the ARLE grant for a light at Washington and Franklin. We did not receive a grant from the DCNR for the first round. Hoping to receive during their second round. We’re in the process of finishing Phase III of Carnegie Park.**

**The trail advocacy support is now on our website. The 2021 Business Privilege Tax mailing will be sent out very soon. New businesses will be forwarded on to the Mayor so that they may be welcomed to Carnegie.**

**A report updating the status of the trail advocacy program was given by Deneen Underwood, Administrative Assistant. The request for letters of support was posted to our website and social media on January 6<sup>th</sup> and the response was immediate. We received approximately 100 letters in the first hour. Right now we have 448 letters from residents, organizations, businesses, etc. People in surrounding communities indicated that they would like to be able to ride their bikes to the busway. Logan Witwicki transformed the Census Instagram page into the Rails for Trails and as of now has 1,563 people following the page. Renea Holden added this to FaceBook and as of now we have 270 shares and 214 likes. Sam Bigham did an animation on You Tube showing all the benefits and we also have the aerial view of where the trail would be and that has 1,512 views. “Next Pittsburgh” did an article on this and we also contacted the Signal Item for coverage. We’re also promoting the Port Authority Development along with it. Many people mentioned activities along Chartiers Creek, health and fitness, the outdoor fitness and the economic benefits to West Main Street and Irishtown.**

**CARNEGIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. AND EMS REPORT – for the month of December 2020, there were 25 fire calls and 100 ambulance calls.**

**MAYOR'S REPORT – Police Dept. activity for December 2020: Criminal Arrests and Citations – 11; Traffic Citations – 4; Traffic Stops – 11; Parking Tickets – 28; Complaints and Self-Initiated Activity – 651.**

**Police Department 2020 Year End Review: CPD has a total combined 206 years of experience. The average age in the department is 45.2 years; Department consists of 11 male officers and 2 female officers. CPD consists of one Chief (Jeffrey Kennedy), three patrol sergeants and eight patrol officers and one detective. For the year 2020 we had 9,313 complaint calls for service, 502 traffic stops, 1,149 traffic targets, 1,484 business checks, 523 bank checks, 164 foot patrols, 207 traffic citations issued, 100 non-traffic or summary violation citations issued, and a total of 38,325 miles were patrolled throughout the Borough of Carnegie.**

**Update on the body cameras – we had applied for a grant and also received matching donations from Shane Franklin and Jim Manion, both are businesses owners in Carnegie. At this point in time, all Carnegie police officers are wearing a body camera. This program is in full swing and up and running.**

#### **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Maggie Forbes – Carnegie Library – there is a warm, friendly sense of community in Carnegie. Our town is special and shouldn't be taken for granted. The Library and Music Hall received a \$1.25 million RACP grant. Now we need to raise \$1.25 million match before we receive a penny from that grant. There is a plan and we do have some money in hand. We have six months to complete the final state requirements. The first phase will be completing Library Park. I'm confident we will be able to complete this and receive the grant. Special thanks to State Senator Fontana for his assistance.**

**We had closed the Library before Thanksgiving and remained closed due to Covid-19. We hope to be reopening on Monday, February 1, 2021.**

**JUNIOR COUNCIL REPORT – Sam Bigam – we reached out to teachers at Carnegie Elementary regarding the rain garden and the trail advocacy. We heard from Mrs. Herrmann from CHS and she is doing an article which will be published in the Carlynton magazine. This should be done by the middle of March. A survey was sent out to students and parents about returning to in school instruction. Once the district receives the data, they will make a decision on their learning plan. CHS has also added a Covid tracker to their website and the school psychologist put together a mental health resource page. The Carlynton School Board will begin budget reviews to finalize their budget in June. There is a scholarship available from the Southwest Communities Chamber of Commerce and The Common Good Foundation. This is a \$1,000 scholarship for high school seniors from Carlynton, Chartiers Valley, South Fayette and Upper St. Clair school districts. The deadline to apply is February 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**COUNCIL GOOD AND WELFARE**

**Councilperson Freshwater – had a phone message from the LA County Sheriff s Office. Female voice just said “Good-bye”. Very strange. Per Chief Kennedy, most likely a scam.**

**Councilperson DiPietro – Thanked everyone for an enjoyable first year on council.**

**Councilperson Popichak – the numbers now for Covid are going down in our area again. Discussed vaccinations at St. Clair Hospital. VaccineS will be available soon to first responders. CVS is currently vaccinating the local nursing home residents and employees. Allegheny County has a large population and it will take time for everyone to get the vaccine.**

**Council President Demko – Happy 2021!**

**MOTION to ADJOURN by Councilperson Boyd, Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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