



CARNEGIE BOROUGH PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, June 14th, 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
Public Comment on Listed Motions

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

1. Administration (Councilperson Freshwater)

MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on May 10th, 2021. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to rescind the Declaration of Disaster Extension (COVID-19 Pandemic) issued by the Mayor of the Borough of Carnegie on Monday, April 13th, 2020. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to award the garbage and refuse contract to Allied Waste Services of Pittsburgh for a three-year term starting July 1, 2021. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to reschedule the Carnegie Borough Shade Tree Commission meetings from the second Wednesday of every month to the third Wednesday of every month starting at 6:00 PM. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to appoint Alicia Rumbaugh as the Shade Tree Commission Secretary at a rate of \$15.00 per hour. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

2. Finance (Councilperson Boyd)

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

MOTION to accept the proposal of Play & Park Structures in the amount of \$90,181.56 to provide playground equipment, delivery, installation, border, and surfacing for 7th Avenue Park Project (GTRP Grant Award - \$87,500.00). Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

A. Play & Park Structures – CoStars Vendor.

3. Public Works (Councilperson D'Loss)

MOTION to adopt ordinance no. 2475, an ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Amending Chapter 26 of the Borough Code, regulating the supply of potable water, preventing the use of groundwater as a potable water supply in certain areas and prohibiting the use or installation of groundwater wells or other means for the conveyance of groundwater as a potable water supply in certain areas. Seconded by Councilperson Boyd – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

COMMENT: In the Downtown Business District, due to the history of dry cleaners and gas stations, there are areas of contaminated soil. While there are currently no properties utilizing fresh water wells, this ordinance is being put into place to prohibit anyone from doing so due to the water not being safe for consumption. This is currently an ordinance that is already in place and Ordinance No 2475 is amending the current ordinance to expand the area of coverage within the Downtown Business District.

MOTION to authorize Payment No. 4 to W.A. Petrakis Contracting in the amount of \$102,446.95 for the Broadway Street Sewer Separation Project (Contract No. 2020-01).

- **MOTION not considered due to additional information being requested for approval**

MOTION to amend the pay rate for part-time, seasonal help employment for the Department of Public Works to Chase Brandebura and Bryce Rodriguez, at a pay rate of \$10.00 per hour. Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

4. Public Safety (Councilperson Popichak)

5. Code Enforcement and Community Development (Councilperson DiPietro)

MOTION to extend the approval for the application of Charles and Kimberly Fritchman for the lot consolidation of 512 (102-B-380) and 514 (102-B-378) 5th Avenue as recommended by the Planning Commission on February 23, 2021. Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2021 – 12, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, supporting the application of the Borough of Carnegie to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Local Climate Action Plan for 2021-2022 (11 Month Program). Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2021 – 13, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, recognizing and supporting the application of the Borough of Carnegie to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's (PennDOT) Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Transportation Enhancements Grant Program. Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

- A. Request for a Rapid Flash Beacon (RFP) at Washington Ave. and Franklin Ave.**

6. Committee Reports

Administration – No report for this evening.

Finance – Councilperson Boyd requested from Council if it would be agreed upon to provide lunches to the group of students currently working on the Main Street Bridge. This group has been working on beautifying this connection between W. Main Street and E. Main Street

and Councilperson Boyd felt that we could contribute lunch as the group gets closer to completion of the project. The efforts of this group are sincerely appreciated by Borough Council.

Code Enforcement and Community Development – No report for this evening.

Public Works – W. A. Petrakis Contracting has completed the street repair of Broadway Street after their excavation last year and temporary asphalt repairs over the winter. The section of Broadway from Main to William has a finished asphalt surface, but the section between Main and Chartiers Creek has does not have a finished surface. This is because we are repaving Broadway this summer anyway, and there is no point in twice for a finished asphalt surface.

This summer’s paving program includes Chartiers Street between Main St and Mansfield Blvd, Jefferson St, Broadway St. from Main to Chartiers Creek, Federal Ave, and Library Ave between Capital and Lee.

The borough has purchased two flow meters that measure the amount of water moving through sewer pipes. We use these meters to determine when certain pipes are under capacity or when there is excessive storm water entering the sewer system. Previously the borough leased two flow meters, and the purchase of these new flow meters will allow us to save money by canceling the lease. These new meters were installed last month by our DPW at locations under Washington Ave near Trimble and under Broadway near Chartiers Creek. DPW employees received training from the equipment manufacturer on how to maintain the flow meters, which are battery operated and transmit flow data on a cellular data link. Our borough engineers access the data via a website and compare it with storm events to evaluate whether or not storm water is getting into our sanitary sewers.

The DPW thanks the Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept for their assistance during recent storm and flooding events. The firefighters were helpful in clearing downed trees from streets.

Public Safety – No report for this evening.

President’s Report – Council President will provide July 3, 2021, update in Council Good and Welfare.

Manager’s Report

The application for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was submitted to the state for review and disbursement of the first half of the ARPA funding. As of June 14, 2021, the expected amount to be received is \$817,047.86. Councilperson Boyd has been following the updates received regarding this funding and we will be meeting to discuss the potential options and projects for this funding.

An update was provided on the online forms and payments options now available at www.carnegieborough.com. Currently available for online payments are parking leases and parking tickets and next will include code department applications and forms.

As mentioned under resolution 2021-13, the Borough is continuing to submit for the Automated Red Light Enforcement Grant for the installation of a Rapid Flash Beacon at the intersection of Franklin Avenue and Washington Avenue. The Borough has not been successful in receiving funding through this grant opportunity in the past, but we are continuing the submit in hopes of a favorable response.

The Farmer's Market will begin on July 11, 2021, and there are currently 50 confirmed vendors, 12 possible vendors, and 7 vendors that will be there at specific dates throughout the duration of the market. The staff will continue to work on the vendor list and all information can be found at the Carnegie Borough website (www.carnegieborough.com). In conjunction with the first market, the Monarch Butterfly initiative will be taking place, which Mayor Riley will explain more of in the Mayor's Report.

The 2021 Virtual 5K has now been completed for the year, with 13 participants completing and submitting their times. The top 5 individuals include Isaiah Evans, Blake Furman, Steven Trate, Jr., Eli Zini, and William Eck. Close to 200 bibs were processed for this virtual event and we hope with COVID restrictions being lifted that an in-person event can be held for 2022.

Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept. & EMS Report - for the month of May there were 33 fire calls and 124 ambulance calls.

Mayor's Report – Police Dept. activity for May 2021: Criminal Arrests and Citations – 15; Traffic Citations – 128; Traffic Stops – 241; Parking Tickets – 108; Complains and Self-Initiated Activity – 1,080. Forsythe Road – Traffic Stops (176) and Traffic Citations (96)

- **Operation Forsythe Update –**

On May 17th I met with representatives from PennDot and State Representative Anita Kulik on site to discuss the problem of speeding, recent hit and run and a course of action moving forward to put an end to this once and for all. Overall, I felt it was a good meeting, we certainly moved through everything we cannot do to figuring out what can we do. At this point, PennDot will be moving forward with a traffic study, the Carnegie Police Dept will continue to be relentless in enforcement and we are conducting a survey to get feedback from residents on the possible use of rumble strips, because quite frankly that seems to be one of the only options available to us. With Forsythe being such a heavily traveled road that could create an issue, so I believe it is important to discuss and then we will move forward in the best possible way. I will continue to provide updates on our progress as we move through dealing with this issue.

- **Carnegie Crawl Update –**

This past Friday, June 11th we kicked off the 9th Annual Carnegie Crawl and officially did a ribbon cutting to open Main Street. Although it was so much more than that, it was a true testament of how resilient Carnegie truly is. Time and time again, no matter the obstacle from floods to the pandemic we find a way to pick ourselves up and push forward – TOGETHER. The small businesses that line our charming, walkable main street are what revitalized Carnegie and they will continue to be what allows us to continue to grow and thrive. It was tremendous to see all the people out and about and the band playing on the corner, it really signified that we are back... Carnegie is open for business! I encourage you to check it out on the second Friday of the month and do not forget July will be the Ribbon Cutting Crawl. We will be highlighting all the new businesses that have come to Carnegie over the past year in a half despite the pandemic – we are thrilled they have chosen to call Carnegie home.

- **June Updates –**

The free summer meals program started last week and will continue through the end of summer (except for July 5th). In Carnegie, meal distribution is Monday through Friday throughout the summer. A free grab-and-go breakfast and lunch is being offered at three locations at this time.

- 11:15 am to 12:15 pm at the front entrance of The Carnegie Boys and Girls Club (630 Washington Ave.).

- 11 am to Noon at the front entrance of The Carnegie Municipal Building (1 Veterans Way).

- 4 to 5 pm at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church (601 Washington Ave).

The site is open to any family with children 18 and under, no matter what school they attend or where they live. Weekend food bags are available every Friday at all locations. Please help spread the word about this important program.

There is a book discussion group at the Carnegie Carnegie – Embracing Our Differences and it begins this Thursday, June 17th from 7 – 8:30PM. It is a four-part conversation about how we experience race in the US. We are reading and discussing Mira Jacob's *Good Talk: A Memoir in Conversations*. Registration is required so please call 412.2763456 or visit carnegiecarnegie.org.

On June 26th from 10AM - Noon please join us for Coffee with CPD, our quarterly event where residents have a cup of coffee and get to know your local police officers. The conversation is informal and informative, and we look forward to meeting you! Please visit the Carnegie Borough website or Facebook page for more information on the location in the park.

Save the Date...

Saturday, July 3rd, 2pm, Carnegie's Annual *Fireworks is back!!!!*, - There will be skateboarding competitions, music, food, and games throughout the day at Carnegie Park. Fireworks begin at dusk. We are working on having Life Flight land on the field again this year!

We are preparing for our July 11th opening of the Carnegie Farmers Market. Vendor participation will be free this year thanks to a grant from the PA Fresh Food Financing Initiative.

Just Harvest will be at our market this year. Their Fresh Access program enables shoppers to use SNAP, credit, or debit cards to buy fresh, nutritious, and locally grown food. Just Harvest applications for vendors who choose to participate have been available in advance of the start of the market.

2021 Carnegie Farmers Market - Sundays from Noon to 3pm - East Main Street between Broadway and Mary Streets

Back in March, I signed the National Wildlife Federation's "Mayor's Monarch Pledge". And we are incorporating the Carnegie Butterfly Festival into opening day as well. Festival activities will include making butterfly masks and artwork, educational materials, chalk drawing, butterfly hopscotch, and more. All vendors are welcome to join

in the fun and use butterflies as a theme for that day – you will not want to miss out on all the fun!

Lastly, I want to thank Crafton Borough. Thank you for being neighborly and having open communication - Carnegie Residents are welcomed at Crafton Pool. Please visit craftonborough.com for attendance rules and regulations and Non-Resident season pass information.

I would like to close with a quote from Verna Myers, “Diversity is being invited to the party; inclusion is being asked to dance.”

7. Jr. Council Report

On May 14, 2021, Jr. Councilperson Bigham attended the 50th Anniversary Ceremony at Carlynton High School to review the unveiling of the time capsule from 50 years ago. Unfortunately, when opened the capsule was damaged due to water and the many of the contents were unfortunately damaged. Due to this, two presenters at the ceremony presented items that were purchase from this era, which included a rotary dial telephone and vinyl records. Also discussed was the process of when the school district was first incorporated and what it was like to live at that time.

Jr. Councilperson Bigham is still working on the Climate Action Plan research in conjunction with CONNECT. CONNECT has provided the Borough with the greenhouse gas inventory, which will assist in the next steps of determining specific reduction targets.

Jr. Councilperson Bigham attended the June 2021 Carnegie Crawl on Friday, June 11, 2021, to meet with the individual in charge of the project. The Post-Gazette will be working on preparing an article detailing the creation on this mural.

Jr. Council Bigham has been working on the Mayor’s Monarch Butterfly Pledge where he will be present at the first Farmers Market on July 11, 2021, to assist with the promotion of this initiative and to conserve the Monarch Butterfly species. Members of the Carnegie Borough Shade Tree Commission will be present to provide information on this project.

8. General Public Comment

Maggie Forbes – Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall

Ms. Forbes approached Borough Council to note the excitement for all the functions and events that are currently happening in the Borough of Carnegie and those schedule for the remainder of the year.

Ms. Forbes also provided appreciation for the grant applications being submitted by the Borough. Due to her knowledge of and experience in dealing with such applications, Ms. Forbes is aware of the requirements of such applications and the difficulty that they can present. Public and Private applications present a difference in challenges between the two.

For example, the Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall in the amount of \$1,250,000.00 award, which has a list of requirements that must be presented to receive, which Ms. Forbes has diligently been working through. The project for Library Park will continue in the next month and is hoped to be completed in the near future.

Joanne Letcher – Carnegie Community Development Corporation.

Ms. Letcher provided an update on the Carnegie Crawl and the success from the first event that took place on Friday, June 11, 2021. Mr. Letcher mentioned that in addition to E. Main Street, businesses along W. Main Street noticed an increase in foot traffic and customers during this event. Due to this addition, a shuttle will be considered for future crawls to transport people from one end of town to the other.

There was a 50/50 raffle during the crawl and Ms. Letcher mentioned that this was one of the biggest and most diverse crowds that has been seen during a Friday crawl.

9. Council Good and Welfare

Councilperson D’Loss – Nothing for this evening.

Councilperson Freshwater – Nothing for this evening.

Councilperson Boyd – Councilperson Boyd added thanks to those who signed up for the virtual 5k this year and wanted to provide a thank you to the business community for showing a strong support for the Volunteer Fire Department by donating, in total, close to \$20,000.00. Which during a pandemic was an excellent gesture towards those who volunteer for the community.

Councilperson Popichak – Nothing for this evening but did mention the success of the first 2021 Crawl and how nice it was to see people out and visiting Carnegie Borough.

Councilperson DiPietro – Remember to be safe while driving during the summer months as children are out in the street playing.

Council President Demko – Council President Demko provided an update on all the activities that will be occurring during the 2021 Independence Day Celebration, which will be taking place this year on Saturday, July 3, 2021, at Carnegie Park. The event will start at 2:00 PM and will include activities at the skate park, bands, a DJ, and concessions being sold at the new shelter.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilperson Boyd, seconded by Councilperson D’Loss.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

www.carnegieborough.com