



CARNEGIE BOROUGH PUBLIC MEETING (via Zoom)

Monday, May 11th, 2020

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 Monday, April 13th, 2020.
Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to accept the proposal of KLH Engineers in the amount of \$49,960.00 for construction phase services on the Broadway Street Sewer Separation Project. (ALCOSAN GROW Round 2)
Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

FINANCE (Councilperson Boyd)

**MOTION to approve the May 2020 Bill List and Bill List Addendum.
Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC WORKS (Councilperson D'Loss)

MOTION to accept the bid submitted by Youngblood Paving for the 2020 Carnegie Borough Pavement Maintenance Program in the amount of \$209,252.08. (Contract No. 2020-02) *(will not be paving Vine Street at this time. Chartiers Street will be paved at a later time under a separate bid per Councilperson D'Loss).*

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

PUBLIC SAFETY (Councilperson Popichak)

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Councilperson DiPietro)

MOTION to approve the application of Mr. Gregg Hammer and Ms. Lois Cusick for the lot subdivision of 513 and 515 3rd Avenue (Lot and Blocks 103-B-72 and 103-B-74) as recommended by the Planning Commission on April 28th, 2020. (Recommendation for approval contingent upon variances listed in the March 30th KLH Engineer Review Letter) Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Vote: **UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2020-09, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, recognizing and supporting the application of the Borough of Carnegie to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agriculture Marketing Service for the Farmers Market Promotion Program Grant funding opportunity number: USDA-AMS-TM-FMPP-G-20-0002 for the Carnegie Farmers Market Expansion Program. *(Administration will be applying for to improve the logistics of the farmer's market per borough manager.)*

Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Vote: **UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2020-10, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, hereby requesting funding from the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) in the amount of \$93,500.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Seventh Avenue Community Park Rehabilitation Phase 1. (\$110,000.00 (Request) - \$16,500.00 (15% Match) = \$93,500.00) *(Administration will be applying for this. We are in the process of working on a number of applications for the area of Cabbage Street and 7th Avenue Park and ballfield. These will all tie in together. At this time we already have one application submitted for the DCNR. Our next project will be applying for the Alcosan Grow Project. This application to the GTRP will supplement those other applications – per borough manager).*

Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Vote: **UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – nothing for this evening.

Finance – the standard concerns that I've aired recently regarding our ability to make the budget as it relates to the short falls from revenue, although with three actions that I know about right now it's certainly going to help make up for it. Chief Kennedy let me know that they're going to do their best to limit and/or eliminate overtime. We've got a line of sight to saving over \$100,000 we would have spent at this point when you combine everything together. While it's a small portion of the over-all budget, it will certainly help us. We have received a little over 75% of this year's Business Privilege Tax. This is good but I don't think we will reach 100%.

Code Enforcement and Community Development – nothing for this evening.

Public Works – there are a couple of construction projects coming up this summer. The Broadway Street Sewer Project is scheduled to start in July. There was some concern about whether we would have the car cruise in early August and if there would be a conflict. At some point we have to think about the 4th of July activities and the car cruise. If we do hold the car cruise, we will make sure the construction is coordinated. (*Discussion between Mayor Riley and Chief Kennedy regarding the cancellation of this year's car cruise.*)

There is a sewer pipe that runs under Mansfield Boulevard near the bridge. This is directly behind PNC Bank. This pipe has defects and must be replaced. However, it is near the bridge abutment and PennDot doesn't want digging or boring in the area of the bridge. Our engineers are proposing to bore a new path under Mansfield Boulevard about 25 feet away from the bridge. This will be accomplished this summer at a cost of approximately \$100,000. This is significantly less than what we thought. We do not have a contractor for this yet. KLH is preparing the contracts now to be bid.

Public Safety – concerned about the Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department as they have not been able to fund raise normally this year. It's expensive to run a fire department. I hope they can come up with ideas to recoup some of the money that would have been received from a fundraiser. I have been online with two other fire departments that have been doing online raffles, and they have been extremely successful. Please reach out if you have any ideas to help our CVFD raise funds.

President's Report – please watch out for all of the scams going on. Tell everyone you know to be aware of them.

MANAGER'S REPORT – our administration has been working on this year's Census. We have launched a "Virtual Census Hub" on our website. We're currently at 61.1% for Carnegie's self-response and for 2018 overall we were at 68.7%. We still have a few months left and we are already close to the 2018 overall. We're continuing to promote the Census and why it is so important.

The Virtual Farmers Market is something that is continuing. There are 21 vendors to date. We have marketed it through The Signal Item, billboards, fliers, social media outlets etc. This virtual market makes it possible for consumers to connect directly with the vendors.

We have received a grant for twelve (12) new recycling bins that will be placed in the business district and our community parks. This grant was for \$13,400.

We are currently working on a grant through the United States Department of Agriculture for a farmers' market promotion program that is due on May 26th. We are also working on a Greenways Trails and Recreation Program Grant, which will go towards the 7th Avenue Park, playground and ADA parking reconfiguration in addition to a rain garden installation. This grant is due on May 31st. For this grant we are asking for \$110,000, which would require a 15% match of \$16,500. We submitted a DCNR Grant also for 7th Avenue Park which will go towards playgrounds, bleachers and ADA parking. For the DCNR Grant, we are asking for \$176,000 and we would be responsible for \$88,000. We have applied for this grant in the past but unfortunately we have been denied. We are going to continue to apply to see what portion of this grant we would be successful in getting. We also submitted a PA American Grant through PA American Water. This would be for the rain garden that is located beneath the skate park. This rain garden needs maintenance and this grant would allow us to get that updated. There is another round of the GROW Program grants through ALCOSAN. We have submitted a letter of interest in order to apply for this and we should know in a few weeks. Borough staff has attended a number of webinars this month. We had one for new Census strategies through Connect; a public greenspace connectivity workshop through the Char West COG; Beat Count to 2020 Webinar (Census related); Outdoor Fitness Strategies webinar; and myself, Councilperson Popichak and Mayor Riley attended a workshop through Allegheny County for the updated hazard mitigation plan.

Carnegie Collier Rotary had a donation drive here at the borough building on Saturday, May 9th. I'm not sure how the turnout was but once I receive feedback from the Rotary, I will pass that along.

Renea Holden in administration is working on a QuickBooks Training 5-part webinar. This will enable her to better utilize her skills with this platform.

CARNEGIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT & EMS REPORT – for the month of April there were 17 fire calls and 83 ambulance calls.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Police Depart. Activity for April 2020; Criminal Arrests and Citations – 11; Traffic Citations – 8; Traffic Stops – 5; Parking Tickets – 3; Complaints and Self-Initiated Activity – 673. We are starting to see the impact in the numbers but it is what it is.

The small businesses are the back bone of Carnegie and I wanted to take a quick moment to thank Quantum Spirits. Ryan and Sara Kanto are the owners and they have graciously produced and supplied hand sanitizer at no cost to our first responders during these unprecedented times. The following agencies have been supplied with gallons of hand sanitizer: Carnegie Police Department; Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department; Collier Township Police and Fire Departments; Collier Township EMS; Bridgeville Police Department; Southbridge EMS; Scott Township Police and Fire Departments; Scott Township EMS; Heidelberg Police and Fire Departments; South Fayette Police Department; Upper St. Clair Police Department; Mt. Lebanon Police Department; Greentree Police Department; Ingram Police Department; Chartiers Township Police Department and the Highland Volunteer Fire Department. From day one they have been committed to this community and have stepped up in so many ways and we can't thank them enough.

Another business owner that has gone above and beyond is Michael D'Acunto of Experienced Closing Services LLC. That business is located at 102 Broadway Street. When Mr. D'Acunto heard about Penguin goalie Matt Murray opening up a \$5,000 tab at Primanti Brothers in the city of Pittsburgh for the city police officers, he decided to open his own tab for his local police. Michael opened a \$2,000 tab at Primanti Brothers in Robinson Township for the following police departments: Carnegie Police Department; Scott Township Police Department; Crafton Police Department; Robinson Township Police Department; Greentree Police Department and Ingram Police Department. How great is it that businesses in our town are so generous during these times? Not only to benefit our police department but surrounding departments as well. Thank you to all of the individuals who are stepping up during this time.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Joanne Letcher – CCDC – received some great news from the Pittsburgh Foundation. The CCDC received \$25,000 from an emergency cares fund. This will be used towards Carnegie Cares. To date, we have raised almost \$50,000.

Maggie Forbes – Carnegie Library – it was so uplifting to be in Carnegie when the Carlynton teachers did their parade through town. (*Asked for clarification from Steve regarding the publishing of the Signal Item. Requests from the borough have been posted on their website.*) I wanted to introduce our new library director, Walker Evans. His first day on the job was March 16th, which was the first day we were ordered closed. He is extremely tech savvy and has been an enormous help during this time.

Walker Evans – Carnegie Library Director – It's been a couple of interesting months. I am coming here from the Upper St. Clair Township Library where I spent the last three years doing adult programming and community outreach. I am so excited to be here in Carnegie.

COUNCIL GOOD AND WELFARE

Councilperson Boyd – we received an email from Allegheny County. They are looking to do a virtual celebration for Memorial Day. Our American Legion puts American flags on veterans' graves at Holy Souls Cemetery and Chartiers Cemetery. I would like to borrow the Borough's video camera and take some video of the service that goes on. I will submit this to the county for their virtual program. We, Borough Council, bought dinner for our EMS last week as a "thank you".

Councilperson Popichak – let's hope that this gradual opening will go smoothly without any additional cases of COVID-19. St. Clair Hospital has started doing outpatient surgeries again and things seem to be going smoothly. There are a lot of guidelines in place, let's hope that things stay calm. Currently there aren't any patients in St. Clair with COVID-19. We are in a good place.

Councilperson D'Loss – announced that he voted today using a mail-in ballot. If you are thinking about voting by mail, you need to request the ballot as soon as possible. *Discussion followed regarding the primary vote scheduled for June 2nd.*

Councilperson DiPietro – businesses in Carnegie are trying to open as soon as possible now that we are in the “Yellow” phase. Residents need to stay vigilant as they start to venture out so that we may progress to the “Green” phase. Be safe out there.

Councilperson Freshwater – to echo what others have said, use common sense when going out. It’s only a matter of time until we get through this.

Council President Demko – referring back to Carlynton’s Parade of Teachers, I watched the entire parade and it brought a tear to my eye as it was so sweet. The kids were running outside and the teachers were talking to the students and telling them how much they miss them. It took three hours to parade around Carnegie. I sent an email to the teachers from Borough Council thanking them for the wonderful parade. I will keep everyone informed once I know what Carlynton will be doing as far as graduation is concerned. Stay safe everyone!

MOTION TO ADJOURN

*The Borough of Carnegie Code of Ordinances is available “on-line” at
www.carnegieborough.com*