



CARNEGIE BOROUGH PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, September 12, 2016

Workshop Meeting @ 6:00 PM / Voting Meeting @ 7:00 PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Council President Catena reflected on the Anniversary of September 11. He requested that during our moment of silence if we could remember the victims, the families and the first responders who put their lives on the line trying to rescue the many Americans and many of God's children that perished that day 15 years ago.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Councilperson Boyd – Present, Councilperson D'Loss – Present, Councilperson Demko – Not Present, Councilperson Riley – Present, Councilperson Sarsfield – Present, Council President Catena – Present, Mayor Kobistek – Present.

COMMENDATION PRESENTATION

Mayor Kobistek presented a commendation to Detective Dennis Lawrence and Medic David Estridge for heroic actions on May 30, 2016.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Kobistek presented a Proclamation on September 12, 2016 to the volunteers of the Saint Vincent DePaul Food Pantry for their participation in the National Hunger Action Month.

RECOGNITION

Mayor Kobistek recognized the Congregation Ahavath Achim, which is also known as the Carnegie Shul, with a Certificate of Recognition on September 12, 2016 in honor of their 120th Anniversary and their leadership and contributions to the community of Carnegie.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LISTED MOTIONS

No public comment on listed motions.

Administration (Councilperson Boyd)

**MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on August 8, 2016.
Seconded by Councilwoman Riley. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Motion to approve a settlement agreement with the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority, Gateway Engineers, MS Consultants and Allison Park Construction.
Seconded by Councilwoman Riley. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION to accept the 2017 Minimum Municipal Obligation Report for the Borough of Carnegie Uniform and Non-Uniform fund as submitted by the Borough Manager.
Seconded by Councilwoman Riley. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2016-19, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie indicating the intent of Carnegie to work along with Allegheny County to accomplish the goals of the *Live Well Allegheny* Campaign.
Seconded by Councilwoman Riley. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Kobistek commented that the Borough of Carnegie is well on its way to meeting the benchmarks to become a Live Well Allegheny community.

**MOTION to advertise the budget meetings as September 26, October 24, October 27 and November 21, 2016.
Seconded by Councilwoman Riley. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

Finance (Councilperson Demko)

**MOTION to approve the September Bill List and Bill List Addendum.
Seconded by Councilwoman Riley. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Works (Councilperson D'Loss)

No motions for Public Works.

Public Safety (Councilperson Sarsfield)

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2016-15, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie establishing Chapter 15, Part 2, Section 209 of the Borough Code of Ordinances creating an ADA parking space near 209 7th Avenue.

Seconded by Councilman D'Loss. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2016-16, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie establishing Chapter 15, Part 2, Section 209 of the Borough Code of Ordinances creating an ADA parking space near 310 5th Street.

Seconded by Councilman D'Loss. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2016-17, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie establishing Chapter 15, Part 2, Section 209 of the Borough Code of Ordinances creating an ADA parking space near 301 Ross Avenue.

Seconded by Councilman D'Loss. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2016-18, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie establishing Chapter 15, Part 2, Section 209 of the Borough Code of Ordinances creating an ADA parking space near 115 Boden Avenue.

Seconded by Councilman D'Loss. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

Community Development and Code Enforcement (Councilperson Riley)

No motions for Community Development and Code Enforcement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration. No report for this evening.

Finance. No report for this evening.

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

Public Works. Councilman D'Loss reported that construction is underway at Carnegie Park. ADA ramps and sidewalks are being put installed, as well as renovations to the tennis, deck hockey courts, etc. The work will be completed prior to the end of the construction season. Public Works has also stepped up to perform some construction that would normally have been contracted out – the ADA ramp at the corner of Broadway and Main Streets, in addition to rebuilding the curb in the Family Dollar Parking Lot.

Public Safety. Councilman Sarsfield made comments on the 15th Anniversary of 9/11 honoring local police, fire firefighters and medics.

President's Report (President Catena). Council President Catena addressed the issue of allocating \$2,000.00 as a line item for skunk removal. The Borough will be providing education to the residents as to how to avoid skunks in addition to the removal and target removal of the skunks. The Borough will provide traps and pay for the removal of the skunk(s).

Manager's Report. The Borough Manager reported that the Borough is currently in Year 43 of the Community Development Block Grants. This week the Borough will be submitting their applications for two road resurfacing grants. One for Lee Street and one for Marshall Avenue. We were successful in getting ADA ramps for Lee Street via Year 42 CDBG. The Borough would like to complete that project and also complete the Marshall Avenue project. Both applications will be submitted to the Char-West Council of Government this week.

Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept. & EMS Report. Councilman Boyd reported that Allegheny County is having issues with their ability to provide reports to all of the local fire departments. They are trying a new system, but have yet to provide reports for July and August of 2016 to the Borough of Carnegie.

Mayor's Report. For the month of August 2016 -- Criminal Arrests and Citations: 22; Traffic Citations: 29; Parking Tickets: 236; Complaints and Self-Initiating Activities: 1,022.

The Mayor commented on the dangers of crossing Washington Avenue. The Borough has new signage that will be installed to help pedestrians safely cross the street.

The Mayor spoke about the skunk issue that was addressed by Council President Catena. He stated that in the police logs animal complaints are up significantly. He urged those with a skunk problem to contact the Borough and get on the agenda.

The Mayor reported that the numbers at the Beechwood Apartments are better than they have been in a long time. However, the Mayor and the Chief still continue to meet with them regularly.

He commented that today, September 12, 2016, the American Legion Post #82 did a wonderful thing. They provided a lunch for over a dozen wheelchair bound veterans. He commended the Legion for continuing with this practice.

The Mayor reported the Boys & Girls Club is in full swing right now. During the summer, they had 150 kids registered for every camp. They had an average daily attendance of 133. These numbers represent the highest attendance of all of the Western Pennsylvania Boys & Girls Club Associations. They are averaging 98 kids in their after-school program.

The Mayor talked about the Marcella McGrogan Carnegie Volunteer Awards program. This will become an annual event. Nominations will be accepted until Friday, September 30, 2016. The nomination form can be obtained at the Borough Administration Office, downloaded from the Borough website, the Historical Society and the Historical Society website as well. The categories for nomination are Youth, Social/Religious Outreach, and

Community Service. The Awards Ceremony will be on November 3, 2016 at the Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall. The Mayor thanked Dan McGrogan for putting this volunteer awards program together.

On September 24, 2016 the Borough will be having its first Open Streets Carnegie event. The event is sponsored by the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County with the \$5,000 grant. The Mayor stated he just received another \$500 grant from St. Clair Hospital for bike helmets. On this day our business district will be closed to vehicular traffic from Sansbury Street all the way to Jefferson Street. This will individuals to choose what they would like to do in a safe environment, such as walking, running, biking, skating, etc. There will be a number of health and wellness activities being sponsored by many of the local and surrounding businesses, the police department and restaurants.

The Mayor reported that yesterday, Sunday, September 11, 2016, the Pitcher Park Memorial Skatepark was visited by not only a family from the Netherlands, but also visited by professional skater Mike Vallely.

The Mayor reminded everyone that we have a lot of events going on through September, so try and attend what you can.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Darlene Seaton, 290 Lexington Court. Carol addressed council with regard traffic issues on Lexington Court; specifically, increased and speeding traffic. She commented that the increased police presence has made an improvement, but the speeding traffic continues. She addressed safety concerns and issues.

Mona Salmen, 318 Lexington Court. Mona also addressed council with regard to the increased and speeding traffic on Lexington Court. She thanked the police department for their efforts, but stated the speeding traffic continues. She addressed safety concerns.

Maggie Forbes, Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall. Maggie addressed council with regard to the library being vandalized by a couple of youths while she was in route to tonight's council meeting. Apparently, they broke into the box office doors of the music hall. She also talked to council about the surveys the library has been conducting regarding how the public feels about the library. Data will be provided at a later date.

COUNCIL GOOD AND WELFARE

Councilman Sarsfield. Councilman Sarsfield reported that the Steelers were currently winning 7 to 6. Let's all go home and catch the second half.

Councilman Boyd. Council Boyd commented he was in New York this past week and being a local volunteer firefighter he pays attention when he goes by various fire departments and the Broadway Fire Department, their pumper has the words "We have never missed a performance" written across the windshield and it ends with "not even 9/11." And then they

have pictures inside the fire department of the fire men that didn't make it. I don't mind breaking up, I didn't break up when I was looking at it, but it is a very moving thing, it's very close to the first responders.

Councilwoman Riley. Councilwoman Riley reported that Sunday, September 18, 2016 is Carnegie Celebrates Jazz.

Councilwoman Demko. No comment for this evening.

Councilman D'Loss. Councilman D'Loss mentioned that the number of people who died after 9/11, because of the 9/11 attack, and I think that we forget them. Those who died from the factors related to the 9/11 attack. These are the forgotten victims that I think we do not think about, and of course, the first responders who died much later as well due to respiratory disease.

Council President Catena. Council President Catena commented that there was a very special occasion celebrated this past Saturday, September 10, 2016 of one of our own. Council and the Mayor would like to congratulate Councilwoman Stacie Riley on her wedding day.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilwoman Sarsfield.

Seconded by Councilman D'Loss. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

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www.carnegieborough.com*