



Monday, August 8th, 2022

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 Demko – Present; Councilperson D’Loss – Present; Councilperson DiPietro – Absent; Councilperson Freshwater – Present; Councilperson Mullins – Present; Council President Boyd – Present; Mayor Riley – Present

1. Administration (Councilperson Freshwater)

- a. MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on and July 11th, 2022. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b. MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2022 – 22, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie authorizing the Borough of Carnegie Local Climate Action Plan (LCAP). Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENT: Borough Manager Steve Beuter explained that Deneen Underwood would provide a brief summary of the Local Climate Action Plan during the manager’s report.

- c. MOTION to approve Resolution No. 2022 – 23, a Resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, authorizing participation in the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) Junior Council Program (Angelika Pyvovar and Mary Ella Snyder – Carlynton School District). Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENT: Borough Manager Steve Beuter explained that these are two Carlynton students who will be sworn in as Junior Councilmembers in the September council meeting.

2. Finance (Councilperson Mullins)

- a. MOTION to approve the August 2022 Bill List and Bill List Addendum. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

3. Public Works (Councilperson D’Loss)

- a. MOTION to permit the Carlynton Youth Soccer Association to use the Carnegie Park All Purpose Field from August 22nd, 2022, through October 31, 2022, on Monday through Friday at 5:00 p.m.**

to 8:00 p.m., Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Sunday 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

4. Public Safety (Councilperson Demko)

- a. **MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2022 – 24, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie establishing Chapter 15, Part 2, Section 209 of the Borough Code of Ordinances creating a handicapped parking space near 223 Railroad Avenue (103-G-138). Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b. **MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2022 – 25, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie establishing Chapter 15, Part 2, Section 209 of the Borough Code of Ordinances creating a handicapped parking space near 200 2nd Avenue (102-C-66). Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

5. Code Enforcement and Community Development (Councilperson DiPietro – Read by Councilperson Mullins)

- a. **MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2022 – 26, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, accepting the Sewage Facilities Planning Module for the 1 Swallow Hill Road Development Project as conforming to the applicable sewage-related zoning and other sewage-related municipal ordinances and plans, and to a comprehensive program of pollution control and water quality control management. Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

6. Committee Reports

A. Administration – Nothing for this evening

B. Finance – Nothing for this evening

C. Code Enforcement and Community Development – Nothing for this evening

D. Public Works - Councilperson D’Loss discussed the importance of the borough’s Local Climate Action Plan, highlighting that drilling will not be possible in Carnegie. Recent severe weather events across the country should cause worry and the borough should think about how to combat these events.

Carnegie now has a Local Climate Action Task Force, spearheaded by Deneen, and is actively pursuing information on charging stations, flood mitigation, solar panels, green roofs and reducing energy usage. The borough was affected by extreme flooding in 2004 with Hurricane Ivan, and if forecasts continue, there will be a steady increase in rainfall and potentially severe hurricanes every year by 2060. These climate change complications cannot be stopped but can be reduced.

E. Public Safety and Fire Dept. / EMS Report – There were 133 ambulance calls and 28 fire calls in July.

F. President’s Report – Nothing for this evening

7. Manager's Report – The bridge connecting Rosslyn Farms to the Carnegie Office Park is under construction and will close nightly beginning August 12th, please see the borough website for more information. The borough recently lost a code enforcement staff member, Greg Maslek. Greg was with the borough for 7 years and was passionate about his job. The staff is adjusting and if the community has code complaints, please read out to the Code Enforcement Officer Todd Tulowitzki or the Borough Manager.

COMMENT: Council President Boyd underscored the passion Greg had for his position and the work he did with residents.

Deneen Underwood and intern Sam Bigham joined via zoom to discuss the adopted Local Climate Action Plan. In drafting the LCAP, Deneen worked closely with organizations like ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability) and CONNECT (The Congress of Neighboring Communities) to develop climate forecasts and vulnerability assessments, as well as draft action plans to combat the effects of climate change. From this project, we learned that by 2059, around 10 inches of rain is projected in the month of June alone and that most of the borough's emissions is the result of residential and commercial heating and cooling.

The borough is looking into weatherization grants to help residents. The interns Sam O'Conner and Sam Bigham completed a vulnerability assessment for the borough and will continue their work with Carnegie to assist in an environmental literacy program. From the vulnerability assessment, heat and storms/rainwater are items of high concern. There are ten pages of action items in the plan to combat the effects of climate change, including measures such as solar canopies which can be profitable for the borough.

Intern Sam Bigham explained that it is important the borough finds ways to create more shade to prevent the Urban Heat Effect, a cycle which causes residents and businesses to use their cooling systems more frequently and for longer periods of time as shade becomes sparse. Sam added that combatting climate change should also be a county and state issue and should not just fall upon boroughs.

Deneen added that the Local Climate Action Plan will be made available to view on the borough website. Three action items mentioned within the plan are already in progress or completed: composting with Worm Return at the Farmers Market, Glass Recycling with Republic Services, one event was held in June and another one is on the horizon for October, and storm water management as seen in the rain gardens in parking lots and at Carnegie Park. There is community interest in solar usage and electric vehicle charging stations, items we are currently exploring as grant funding becomes available.

8. Mayor's Report – In July there were 10 criminal arrests and citations, 195 traffic stops (81 on Forsythe Road), 36 traffic citations, 60 parking tickets, and 1,095 self-initiated activity calls.

There are many August happenings, on Friday, August 12th there is another Crawl. The CPD Cruising on the Main is on Saturday, August 13th from 1pm-5pm. There will be a DJ, food trucks, a helmet giveaway in collaboration with UPMC, and a license plate replacement event hosted by Representative Anita Kulik. Sunday, August 14th is another Farmers Market.

On July 31st, the Farmers Market hosted the Butterfly Festival which went tremendous, the media was there and many residents attended. Thank you to the volunteers, the Shade Tree Commission, and borough administration for their hard work. Over 400 plants were given away and there is currently a waitlist for another round of plant giveaways.

This past weekend Chief Kennedy attended the 58th annual FBI National Training Conference in Cleveland, where over 1,500 law enforcement leaders were in attendance. In 2000, Chief Kennedy attended

and graduated from the FBI National Academy, which only 1% of police supervisors are selected to attend. Retired Chief Jeffrey Harbin also attended and graduated from this program.

9. ACFLMH / CCDC Update – Maggie Forbes, Executive Director of the Andrew Carnegie Free Library expressed her concerns with climate change and possibly hosting climate change information sessions at the library. She also discussed her worries on the structural soundness of local bridges.

The library's annual benefit occurred on June 10th, people from all over attended. Thank you to Council President Boyd for attending and the borough Public Works department for their help.

The new Espy Post curator John Eric has done amazing work so far, drawing national attention and recognition to the civil war display. Hopefully everyone received the library's newsletter in the mail. On August 25th at 7pm, there will be a Listen Locally Downstairs with RML Jazz and on September 30th at 8pm, Brother Rick & the Throwbacks will be a doo-wop show.

Unfortunately, the Music Hall renovations are on hold until the library can secure more funding.

10. General Public Comment (Council will hear comments for up to three (3) minutes per person)

11. Council Good and Welfare

Councilperson Freshwater – Just to repeat what Maggie said about the doo-wap concert on September 30th.

Councilperson D'Loss – A close friend recently passed from COVID, please take this seriously and be careful.

Council President Boyd – The decline of the monarch butterfly was recently discussed in the paper, 99% of the population has been depleted. Hopefully the borough can make a difference. In good news, Citizens Bank resigned their lease for another five-year term.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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