



Monday, December 9th, 2024

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

Call Meeting to Order / Moment of Silence / Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Councilperson Demko – Present, Councilperson DiPietro – Present, Councilperson Freshwater – Present, Councilperson Lee – Present, Councilperson Mullins – Present, Council President Boyd – Present, Mayor Riley – Present

Public Comment on Listed Motions – Nothing for this evening.

1. Administration (Councilperson Freshwater)

- a) MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council meeting on November 11th, 2024. Seconded by Councilperson Lee – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b) MOTION to advertise a special meeting to take place on December 30, 2024, at 6:00 PM to finalize the 2025 Carnegie Borough General Fund, Sewer Fund and Liquid Fuels Fund Budget. Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- c) MOTION to advertise for the 2025 General Fund, Sewer Fund, and Liquid Fuels Fund Budgets. Seconded by Councilperson Lee – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENT: Council President Boyd explained that while the revenue requirements for the borough have not been fully addressed at this point, it does look like the millage rate will be going up by half (.5) mills. This is largely due to an increase in insurance, pension, and healthcare costs. We have not fully vetted the sewer fund, but we do not anticipate a sewage rate increase other than what Allegheny County provides.

The Borough is changing how Liquid Fuels funding is being spent. Historically, these funds were used for road repaving and comes from the state, but it creates an administrative burden. We can put it towards expenses like the Borough's electric bill. The money that comes in from Liquid Fuels determines how much the Borough can spend on road repairs and next year we will have \$239,000, plus some that was not spent this year. We are hopeful to take care of Carnegie Park and make those roads as nice as the new amenities that have recently been added. People's Gas also has several projects where they will be tearing up and replacing roads.

- d) **MOTION to advertise the 2025 Borough Council, Planning Commission, and Shade Tree Commission meeting schedules. Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- e) **MOTION to advertise Borough Ordinance No. 2493, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie levying and assessing Real Estate Taxes for General and Specific Purposes for the year 2025. Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- f) **MOTION to advertise Borough Ordinance No. 2494, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie amending Chapter 18, Part 6 of the Borough Code of Ordinances relating to sewers and sewage disposal for 2025. Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- g) **MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2024-24, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the issuance of a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note, Series 2025. Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENT: Council President Boyd explained that every year the Borough borrows a TAN loan for \$1 million and a 5% interest rate to run the municipality through the end of the year.

- h) **MOTION to enter into a fire (5) year contract with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) for the execution of the Allegheny County Municipal Winter Traffic Services Agreement. Seconded by Councilperson Lee – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENT: Council President Boyd added that this is regarding state roads in Carnegie. The state decides how much they will give the Borough for maintaining these roads.

- i) **MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2024-25, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, authorizing Borough Manager Stephen Beuter as the signer for the PennDOT / Allegheny County Municipal Winter Traffic Services Agreement. Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- j) **MOTION to engage the professional services of HRG, Inc. to provide municipal administration and management consulting at the rate of \$170/hour, subject to the review and approval of the terms of service by the Borough Solicitor. Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENT: Council President Boyd explained that this is for the services of a short-term consultant to aid the Borough in administrative duties and operations as there are currently two empty spots in the department.

2. Finance (Councilperson Mullins)

- a) **MOTION to approve the December 2024 Bill List and Bill List Addendum. Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

3. Public Works (Councilperson Demko)

- a) **MOTION to authorize Pay Application No. 5 from Paramount in the amount of \$41,605.60 for the Carnegie Park Shelter Renovations Project (Contract No. 2023-02). Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b) **MOTION to authorize Pay Application No. 1 from Robinson Pipe Cleaning Co. in the amount of \$15,940.57 for the SHACOG Year 14 Joint O&M CCTV Contract. Seconded by Councilperson Lee – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENT: Council President Boyd explained that Robinson Pipe Cleaning cameras the sewers and take photos to see where problems are. This is an efficient and cost-effective way of addressing the sewer system without ripping up the entire road or sewer.

4. Public Safety (Councilperson Lee)

5. Code Enforcement and Community Development (Councilperson DiPietro)

- a) **MOTION to approve Resolution No. 2024-23, a Resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, confirming that the Borough of Carnegie has submitted a Community Development Block Grant application through the Char-West COG to the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development in the amount of \$47,000.00 for the Carnegie Borough Storm Drain Improvement Project (Catch Basins-CDBG Year 51). Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b) **MOTION to authorize the execution and recording of corrective deeds for Cabbage Hill Playground (Parcel 103-J-154) and Carnegie Park (Parcel 65-C-2-2) to record deed restrictions prohibiting any non-recreational use of the properties pursuant to the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act and the terms of the National Park Service grant awarded to Carnegie Borough under the said Act. Seconded by Councilperson Lee – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- c) **MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2024-26, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, approving that the acquisition and subsequent disposition of numerous parcels of vacant property known as block and lot numbers 103-G-80 would be in accord with the comprehensive plan of the municipality. Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

A. (Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program – 106-108 Dunbar Street)

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 – Nothing for this evening.**
 - E. Public Safety and Fire Dept. / EMS Report – In November 2024, there were 119 ambulance calls, 33 fire calls, and 1 mutual aid call.**
 - F. President’s Report – We are a small borough, and we have two people out long-term. We wish them a swift recovery.**
- 7. Manager’s Report – Thank you to all the volunteers from Administration, the Police Department, the Fire Department, Public Works, and the Shade Tree Commission for helping with Carols & Lights.**
- 8. Mayor’s Report – In November 2024, there were 6 criminal arrests and citations, 103 traffic stops (33 Forsythe Road), 18 traffic citations, 165 parking tickets, and 864 calls and self-initiated activity. The Carnegie Police Department raised \$1,200 for St. Jude’s and the UPMC Mercy Pediatric Burn Unit from No Shave November.**

We had another successful Carol & Lights on Friday, December 6, 2024. Thank you to Chief, Patty, Kellie, Steve, Public Works, and the Fire Department for the planning and decorating. The Fire Department picked an amazing tree, and they all showed up at the event to help and took a picture with Santa. The Shade Tree Commission had the entire council table filled with poinsettias. The Keystone Chorus entertained us with their singing. Thank you everyone for your hard work there.

I wanted to extend my warmest wishes to each and every one of you. The holidays are a time of gratitude, reflection, and togetherness. I am proud to be a part of this vibrant and supportive community. This year has been one of growth and progress for our town and will share a more detailed recap during our January 2025 meeting. Together we will continue to build on our successes and address the challenges ahead with collaboration. As we celebrate this season, let us remember those who are facing hardship and extend kindness when we can. From my family to yours, I wish you a joyful holiday season. May the new year bring health, prosperity, and opportunities for us all.

- 9. Jr. Council Report (Angelika Pyvovar) – Nothing for this evening.**

10. ACFLMH / CCDC Update

ACFLMH – Marlee Gallagher, Executive Director, thanked Council for their support in her first year at the library. There is still ongoing fundraising for the Music Hall renovations. Check out the library’s website for upcoming events and programs.

CCDC – Nothing for this evening.

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

Jeanne Williams (107 Cathedral Court) – Thankful to be a Carnegie resident and currently works for JFCS in career counseling. The Borough lets her use the caucus room every other Friday to meet with clients and this location is one of the most popular. JFCS is launching a new program that allows for drop-in career counseling on a first come, first serve basis. We hope to partner with the library to offer another successful career fair next year.

Bob Heinrich (136 Grienbrier Drive) – Proud to live in Carnegie and thankful for what the Borough does for the Carnegie Youth Athletic Association. It takes a lot of work from different departments and we appreciate it all. Mr. Heinrich suggested a tax abatement program for Riley’s Pour House during their rebuilding process after the fire. Carnegie cannot lose this business and a tax abatement would allow the business to focus on rebuilding in their current location. Something needs to be done with the Papa J’s lot, there’s lots of opportunities for a parking garage with commercial uses below.

12. Council Good and Welfare

Councilperson Lee – It has only been less than a month since the fire at Riley’s and it was horrific to witness, but the community spirit has been evident. The F.O.E. fundraiser raised just under \$50,000 for the 29 employees and made almost 1600 meals. Have a great holiday season.

Councilperson Demko – Even people from outside of Carnegie were volunteering at the Riley’s fundraiser, it was great. Have a blessed and safe Christmas, Hannukah, Kwanza, and happy New Year!

Councilperson Freshwater – During this time of year the military banners come down and are replaced with signs that say Happy Holidays, not Merry Christmas. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas.

Councilperson Mullins – Happy Holidays!

Councilperson DiPietro – Be safe and use Uber, do not drink and drive. Have a good holiday season.

Council President Boyd – Thank you to Administration for their work this year as they are shorthanded. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, be safe.

The Borough Solicitor announced that Council would be entering executive session following the meeting, without any action being taken.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilperson. Seconded by Councilperson. Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED