



**Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 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**

**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)**

- a. **MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b. **MOTION to advertise for the 2022 General Fund Budget, Sewer Fund Budget, and Liquid Fuels Budget. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- c. **MOTION to advertise for the 2022 General Fund Budget, Sewer Fund Budget, and Liquid Fuels Budget. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- d. **MOTION to advertise a special meeting to take place on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 6:00 PM to finalize the 2022 Carnegie Borough General Fund, Sewer Fund and Liquid Fuels Fund Budget. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- e. **MOTION to advertise the 2022 Borough Council, Planning Commission and Shade Tree Commission meeting schedules. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- f. **MOTION to advertise Borough Ordinance No. 2479, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie levying and assessing Real Estate Taxes for General and Specific Purposes for the year 2022. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: Boyd – Yes, Demko – No, DiPietro – Yes, D’Loss – Yes, Freshwater – Yes, Popichak - Yes, MOTION CARRIED**
- g. **MOTION to advertise Borough Ordinance No. 2480, 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 2022. Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

- h. MOTION to authorize the President of Council, Borough Manager and Borough Solicitor to prepare and execute the documents necessary to obtain the 2022 Tax Anticipation Loan from Washington Financial Bank in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 at a rate not to exceed 1.89% with no origination fee (pending credit approval). Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

COMMENT: Councilperson Boyd explained the purpose of requesting the yearly TAN loan for the municipality and that the purpose is to utilize these funds for Borough expenses and operations until the real estate tax collection begin mid-year.

- i. MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2021 – 25, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, authorizing the issuance of a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note, Series 2022. Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED
- j. MOTION to accept the proposal of National Public Pension Fund Association (NPPFA) to provide investment management services to the Borough of Carnegie for the Non-Uniform Employees. Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED
- k. MOTION to accept the resignation of Emily Moldovan as the Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer effective December 2, 2021. Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED
- l. MOTION to authorize the advertisement for the position of the Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer. Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED
- m. MOTION to amend the December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021, agenda to include approval of the DAI Management Consultants settlement agreement. Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

COMMENT: Councilperson Boyd explained the purpose of adding this motion to the agenda and that the DAI Management Consultants settlement entails an agreement settling rent payments between both parties. Upon completion of the settlement the Borough will be waiting for confirmation as to whether DAI will continue to be a tenant past their lease expiration date of June 30, 2022.

- n. MOTION to approve the settlement agreement between the Borough of Carnegie and DAI Management Consultants. Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

## 2. Finance (Councilperson Boyd)

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

- b) **MOTION to authorize the sale of a 2010 and 2011 Ford Crown Victoria to the Oakdale Police Department in the amount of \$4,500.00. Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

### **3. Public Works (Councilperson D’Loss)**

- a) **MOTION to accept Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$5,434.14 for the 2021 Milling and Resurfacing Program to include curb replacement, removal of concrete beneath ADA ramp, and arrow painting. Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro– Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b) **MOTION to accept Change Order No. 2 (Final) in the deduct amount of \$82,417.92 for the 2021 Milling and Resurfacing Program to adjust for final installed quantities. Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro– Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- c) **MOTION to authorize Pay Application No. 1 (Final) to A. Liberoni, Inc. in the amount of \$211,533.97 for the 2021 Milling and Resurfacing Program (Contract No. 2021-02). Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro– Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMENT: Councilperson D’Loss commented that the 2021 Milling and Resurfacing Program was originally budgeted at \$288,000.00. As can be seen with the first two change orders, motion 3a added \$5,434.14 to the project and motion 3b deducted \$82,417.92. Two streets that were scheduled to get paved did not, which include Federal Avenue and part of Library Avenue, which decreased the overall project cost. The difference, which is about \$77,000.00 will be carried over into the next year and these two streets will be added for the 2022 paving program.**

- d) **MOTION to authorize Pay Application No. 1 to Jet Jack, Inc. in the amount of \$84,478.75 for the Mansfield Boulevard Sewer Relocation Project (Contract No. 2021-03). Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro– Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMENT: Councilperson D’Loss commented that behind PNC Bank is a sewer connection point between the Borough sewers and ALCOSAN (Allegheny County Sanitary Authority) that required the installation of a pit near the parking lot and new pipe, which was trenched underneath Mansfield Boulevard to the opposite side of the street. This is part of a project that will include transferring a portion of Borough sewers over to ALCOSAN, which required bringing this section of pipe up to standard.**

**The reason for this is that some of the water that flows towards this sewer comes from Robinson Township along Campbells Run Road. ALCOSAN will be taking over maintenance of this new pipe installation upon completion.**

- e) **MOTION to accept the recommendation of KLH Engineers to reject all bids submitted for the Beechwood Avenue Sidewalk Replacement Project and authorize readvertisement of the project (CDBG Year 47). Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro– Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMENT:** Councilperson D’Loss explained that the sidewalk that spans from the bottom of Beechwood Avenue to the top of the hill has sections that are currently in poor condition. In order to repair these portions of disturbed sidewalk, an application was submitted through the Char-West COG for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant application to request funds for this project. The municipality was successful with the grant application, however, the funds that were received would only cover about two-thirds of the sidewalk. The bid amount that was received was much higher than anticipated and based on this the Borough Engineer recommended rejecting all bids and re-bid the project next spring. The Borough has already submitted another CDBG application requesting the difference in funds for the sidewalk project. Due to the winter not being ideal to complete such a project, this will be pushed back in order to coordinate for the warmer months.

**4. Public Safety (Councilperson Popichak)**

- a) **MOTION to enter into a three (3) year agreement with Pennsbury Village for police, fire and ambulance services that will begin on January 1, 2022, and end on December 31, 2024. Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro– Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**5. Code Enforcement and Community Development (Councilperson DiPietro)**

- a) **MOTION to table Code Enforcement and Community Development motions for December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro– Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b) **MOTION to approve the application of Carnegie RE, LLC and Heartland Restaurant Group, LLC for the land development application as submitted for 500 E. Main Street as recommended by the Planning Commission on November 30, 2021.**
  - A. **Lot and Block 66-E-100 – Restaurant, Fast Food (D3 – Zoning District)**
  - B. **Lot and Block 66-E-172 – Retail Shop, Small Scale (D3 – Zoning District)**
    - 1. **TABLED**
- c) **MOTION to approve the application of Mr. Dustin Jones for the land development application as submitted for 826 Washington Avenue (E-Lane Development) as recommended by the Planning Commission on November 30, 2021.**

A.

<b>102-D-50 (Vacant Lot)</b>	<b>102-D-304</b>
<b>102-D-52 (Existing Unit – 101)</b>	<b>102-D-306</b>
<b>102-D-54 (Existing Unit – 102)</b>	<b>102-D-308</b>
<b>102-D-300</b>	<b>102-D-310</b>
<b>102-D-302</b>	<b>102-D-58</b>

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**6. Committee Reports**

- a) **Administration – Nothing for this evening.**
- b) **Finance – It is that time of year again to create a new budget to run the municipality for another year. Establishing the budget is always a challenging task because it has to be created prior to knowing exactly how much money will be left at the end of the year. Bills are still coming in, bills are still due, and revenue is still coming in. The Borough**

Manager's time and experience with the budget has allowed him to provide guidance on what is expected based on previous years budgets. Due to the current year end numbers, a tax increase of .25 mills is being considered for 2022. This will be the first time in the eight years Councilperson Boyd has been on Council that a tax increase has been considered. There have been cases where shifting of moneys and fees have been shifted in relation to the millage rate, but this is the first time for an actual millage increase in the eight year time period.

It is not for certain that the millage increase will take place, however, the rules for considering an increase require municipalities to follow certain guidelines (ex. advertising requirements). The guidelines require the Borough to advertise three weeks in a row to provide public notification on the considered increase. A quarter of a mill increase in real terms is that for a house worth (assessed) \$100,000.00, there would be a \$25.00 increase.

The municipality has received recommendations from Standard and Poor (S&P), the credit rating agency that oversees municipalities, which has reported that the Borough should be working towards improving their fund balance. This does not mean that there are not funds for the Borough to operate, S&P is asking the municipality to see a fund/reserve balance in the case that there are any unanticipated needs or emergencies. Moving forward, the considered tax increase will allow the Borough to build the emergency reserves and improve on the overall credit rating for any future bond refunding or refinancing that may take place.

- c) Code Enforcement and Community Development – As a reminder for 2022, if there is anyone planning to do any sort of repairs, additions, or projects to a property, please be sure to check with the Borough to see if there are any required permits. Based on the building codes followed by the Borough, certain work requires 3<sup>rd</sup> party review prior to approval. To not have to go backwards on any work completed, please check with the Code Department beforehand.
  - d) Public Works – Nothing for this evening.
  - e) Public Safety – Nothing for this evening.
  - f) President's Report – Nothing for this evening.
7. Manager's Report – The Borough currently has the Fall/Winter newsletter posted on [www.carnegieborough.com](http://www.carnegieborough.com). This newsletter will provide updates for the Fall/Winter months in addition to past events from the summer months and information on Borough happenings.

The Borough recently had a presentation provided by engineering students at the University of Pittsburgh for a Complete Streets Plan throughout the community, which is a program that connects pedestrians and cyclists to different areas throughout the Borough. Specifically, connecting areas throughout the Borough to the municipal park facilities (Carnegie Park, Chioda Field, 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Park). Deneen Underwood from the Administration Department worked with the group to provide them with municipal information to assist them with completing their project study. Councilperson D'Loss and Councilperson-Elect Mullins attended the final group presentation to listen to their findings and ask questions among the teachers and presenters. The students did an excellent job and will post any information provided from the project to the Borough website. We greatly appreciate the University of

**Pittsburgh and the students for choosing Carnegie Borough for their project and hope to utilize this information for future Complete Streets planning.**

**Also, this month Ms. Underwood took part in an outdoor fitness training course to gather information on how to incorporate new physical-related amenities to the park facilities. For example, this year the Borough received grant funding to upgrade the playground facilities at 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Park and would like to consider adding additional features in the future through available grant funding.**

**8. Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept. & EMS Report – For the month of November 2021, there were 26 fire calls and 119 ambulance calls.**

**9. Mayor’s Report**

**Mayor’s Report – Police Dept. activity for November 2021: Criminal Arrests and Citations – 15; Traffic Citations – 71; Traffic Stops – 214; Parking Tickets – 118; Complaints and Self-Initiated Activity – 1,251.**

**December Happenings - There are plenty of exciting shops right here in Carnegie! Let us support the businesses that support our community. There will be free meter parking compliments of Carnegie Borough from December 13<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup>. Note: parking is always free on weekends.**

**December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 6 to 8 PM, *Santa Visits Carnegie* Escorted by the Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department, Enjoy Santa as he rides on the fire truck throughout our local streets (listen for the sirens).**

**Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, *Christmas in Carnegie with Goats*, in downtown Carnegie; wear your most obnoxious holiday sweater while you shop locally. There will be plenty of deals and fun during this crazy event.**

**Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 to 3:30 PM, *Free Christmas Day Dinners*, sponsored by two local Churches. St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church and St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Carnegie, will be providing Christmas Day Dinners for take-out only on Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>. Local deliveries available for individuals unable to pick up their meals (please place your order by Dec. 22nd). There is no charge for the dinner or local delivery.**

**2021 Year End Review – Earlier this year I signed the National Wildlife Federation’s Mayors’ Monarch Pledge, committing to take actions to help save the declining monarch butterfly and other pollinators. The Borough of Carnegie is now part of an expanding North American network of cities working to create habitat in public parks, public landscaping, vacant lots, roadsides, medians, green roofs, backyard gardens and open spaces throughout the entire community. We achieved the “Leadership Circle” badge for completing twenty-one actions! Just to put that in perspective, if your community completed eight or more you earned a badge of achievement... let me repeat Carnegie had twenty-one!!! This only was achieved through the efforts of Deneen Underwood who prepared and submitted our report and who also acted as a liaison between the Shade Tree Commission, Junior Councilman Sam Bigham, and other key players in our community to achieve this accomplishment. I will be signing the pledge to continue our work in 2022. Our Farmers Market also landed in the Top 10 in Pittsburgh again which is awesome, but our goal for next year is Top 3!**

Despite this pandemic that continues to impact our small businesses, the Carnegie business district continues to thrive. We symbolically re-opened Main Street this year, were back to crawling and cut a lot of ribbons. We have welcomed twenty new businesses to our central business district since January of 2020... that is outstanding! I am anxious to see what is to come in 2022! In the meantime, there is still many events happening in December on Main Street, like “Christmas in Carnegie with Goats” on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 12pm to 10pm. You are not going to want to miss this!

We are saying farewell to a handful of individuals that have made such an impact on the Carnegie community. We were lucky to have these individuals as long as we did.

- Miss Betty (Municipal Bookkeeper) retired earlier this year and she will be greatly missed. She kept Steve in for sure lol! But more importantly was dedicated to making sure Carnegie’s books were right. I know her shoes cannot be filled but Renea in Administration has worked hard to master the tasks at hand and will do an amazing job carrying us forward on the right foot. Sending all the best to Miss Betty!
- Keith, Pete & Eddie (Department of Public Works) That just sound like trouble, doesn’t it? Keith has led the Dept of Public Works with pride, dedication and has set a new standard of what is expected of you if you are a part of DPW. Pete and Eddie possess that same attitude and work ethic.... It is just that old school, all in, always there – even on their own time way of doing things. All of their contributions to our community will leave a lasting impression on Carnegie for many years to come. Best of luck to all of you in your future adventures and Keith, I truly thank you from the bottom of my heart for your commitment to Carnegie.
- Regina (Councilperson Popichak) I cannot believe your leaving! Hopefully not for too long. I do pride myself on convincing great public servants to return to duty lol! I remember when you were first appointed and how delighted I was when you decided to run for a 4-year term. Your contributions have come in many forms, but you always come to the table levelheaded, open-minded, and dedicated to making the right decisions for Carnegie. The work you put in for our community for the 125ht celebration was tremendous and will be remembered as a fabulous celebration in our history. You have been a sounding board for me professionally and personally and I will truly miss you. You always show up... and I hope that continues. Who will plug the tree in for Carols & Lights now lol! I will cherish the time we had together serving Carnegie and I know you will continue doing amazing things in the future.

I want to thank Steve, Renea and Deneen in Administration, our Department of Public Works, Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept, and Chief Kennedy and the Carnegie Police Dept. for all that you do! It does not go unnoticed and is much appreciated.

Also, a big welcome to Pete Mullins – I look forward to working with you on council in the new year.

I wish everyone a happy holiday season and safe and prosperous new year!

## 10. Jr. Council Report

### Bishop Canevin School News

On November 26, the Bishop Canevin Crusaders football team traveled to Heinz Field for the Class 1A WPIAL championship. The Crusaders beat the OLSH Chargers 42-7 for their first WPIAL championship in 31 years.

**On Friday, December 10, Canevin hosted prospective eighth graders and freshmen for “Christmas In The Courtyard.” The celebration was filled with fun Christmas themed games and activities. It was a fun night for all who attended and a great way for students to learn what it is like to be a part of the Canevin community. All of those who came were asked to bring a toy to help “Stuff the Can-A-Van.” The toys would then be donated to kids in need. Throughout the last two months, Canevin students have been bringing in toys for the same cause.**

### **Carlynton School News**

**On Tuesday, December 21, the junior senior high school is holding a winter celebration of the arts! The junior-senior high school band and chorus are joining forces with the art department to showcase the talent among the Cougar Nation. Families are welcomed to the building for an evening of entertainment and community-building to celebrate the winter season and accomplishments of the students. The celebration starts at 7 p.m.**

**To prevent the ongoing disposal and waste of paper cups at the water filling stations in the school, teacher Matt Stagl worked with administrators to find grant monies to purchase Carlynton Cougar water bottles for every student, grades 7-12. The bottles were distributed to students during the homeroom period on November 18.**

**Officers of the National and National Junior Honor Societies organized a drive to collect four hundred cans of green beans! The beans were delivered to the Light of Life Rescue Mission on Pittsburgh's Northside and were used to help supply over 1,700 Thanksgiving meals to Pittsburgh area families who have a home but do not have the means to purchase food for a holiday feast.**

**Carnegie Elementary and the Carnegie-Collier Rotary partnered for the 2021 Carnegie Elementary School “Coats for Kids” drive! A total of eighty-eight coats were distributed to Carnegie community children in need of a winter coat.**

### **Carnegie News**

**Mayor Riley’s Mayors’ Monarch Pledge report has been reviewed and approved by the National Wildlife Federation Mayors’ Monarch Pledge Team. Communities with eight or more actions receive an achievement badge with their online program. We have completed twenty-one action items out of thirty. Mayor Riley has announced that she will be renewing the pledge for 2022 and the Shade Tree Commission has reported that a much larger amount of monarch butterflies will be present in our community next year because of our actions.**

**Thirty-five vendors from our Holiday Farmers Market reported great success. Even though there was light rain throughout the day, visitors flowed at a steady pace.**

### **Climate Action Plan News**

**Our Climate Action survey is available on our website. We are seeking input from community members to help guide our local Climate Action Plan. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete, and we really appreciate community response. The plan is being developed as part of a free program offered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, ICLEI, and CONNECT.**

**During the Holiday Farmers Market, the Climate Action Plan team set up a booth to encourage people to complete the survey. Many people stopped by and filled out the survey.**

## **11. General Public Comment**

**Mr. Robert Davidoff – 26 Lincoln Avenue**

**Mr. Davidoff commented on and thanked the board for the yearly leaf pick-up that is completed by the Department of Public Works. However, Mr. Davidoff inquired about potentially extending the pick-up schedule in the future. He noted that it always seems like there is one more pick-up in the year that goes beyond the yearly schedule.**

**Keith Hatcher (Public Works Supervisor) replied to Mr. Davidoff that after the posted leaf pick-up date, the Department of Public Works will still do leaf pick-ups as long as they are bagged.**

**Also, Mr. Davidoff inquired about the agenda and the motions under Code Enforcement and Community Development being tabled. At this point, the Borough is still working with the developer through the Engineering review letters. Once the comments are addressed the applications will be considered for acceptance by Borough Council.**

**Ms. Maggie Forbes – Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall (300 Beechwood Avenue)**

**Ms. Forbes thanked the Borough and the Code Department for their assistance through the Library Park Project process as things are continuing to move along with the completion. Despite the current mess, the anticipated completion for the structure should be completed this year, weather permitting. Library Park is really taking shape and it will be transformative for both the Library/Music Hall and the municipality.**

**As the overall project was delayed over the years, specifically with the mudslide occurring in 2018 and funding delays, and anticipated celebration for the opening of the park facility will be planned for April 23, 2022, which is the day after earth day. With Earth Day being recognized annually, the library plans to hold a celebration yearly moving forward. The goal will be to spread the celebration of the library and the new park on a regional level. Overall, the entire project that was promised years ago will soon become a reality.**

**At the last library board meeting, it was reported that library patronage has increased based on pre-pandemic numbers. This is thanks to the overall offerings of the library in addition other services that are offered, which include free legal advice and tax assistance. Walker Evans, who was present at last month's Council meeting, is in the process of working on a number of programs for library patrons in the future.**

**Lastly, Ms. Forbes mentioned the success of the yearly Carol Covi Children's Committee Santa visit to the library. Despite the pandemic, this yearly event was able to proceed and gather a crowd for 2021. Thank you to all who supported and volunteered to put this program in place yet again.**

**Joanne Letcher – Carnegie Community Development Corporation**

**Ms. Letcher provided an update on some of the December events that are taking place in the business district. First, the goats will be coming to the Carnegie Business District this Saturday, December 18, 2021, from noon to 2:00 PM. You can come and get your holiday pictures taken with the goats and Santa Claus. This event will be planed for the future as well.**

From 1:00 PM to 1:20 PM in front of Carnegie Coffee Company, will be the Sounds of Pittsburgh singing group, which is made up of forty women. The group will be singing carols on the steps of the coffee shop. Strolling through Carnegie will be students from Higher Voice Studio, and they will be singing from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM followed by Vocal Confluence from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. From 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM, the festivities will move to Quantum Spirits with Santa taking pictures with pets and a pet costume contest. Animal Friend will also be present accepting donations in addition to Angel Ridge Animal Rescue, who will be there with a number of rescue pets. There will be donations made by Purina and PetWell Clinic will be donating a basket and rescue funding.

Following this schedule, still strolling through Carnegie, will be Dancing Pittsburgh from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM. From 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM will be the famous Colonel Eagleburger's Highstepping Goodtime Band. From 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM will be Carnegie's very own Keven Solecki will be playing Christmas accordion. Lastly, into the evening hours from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM, will be ugly sweater wassailing. Wear your ugly sweater and come enjoy the festivities!

Ms. Letcher provided a big thank you to Chappelle General Contracting, which moved into Carnegie during COVID and have been a huge part of the Carnegie Community. Their assistance in the business district have helped to allow this event to proceed. Thank you.

Happy Holiday and best of luck for 2022!

## 12. Council Good and Welfare

Councilperson D'Loss – Councilperson D'Loss thanked Councilperson Popichak and now that she has everything figured out on Council we look forward to seeing her in the future. It typically takes about five years to learn everything on Council, which Regina has since completed. Thanks to Regina and best of luck. Also, thank you to Mr. Hatcher and the department of Public Works, which Keith has been supervisor the whole time while being the chair of Public Works. The Public Works Department has really stepped up over the years and handles the job like no other department. Thanks to the three who are retiring, and we will definitely miss your services.

Councilperson Boyd – Thanked Councilperson Popichack for her time and effort on Council in addition to thanking Public Works Supervisor Keith Hatcher (present), Pete Schepis, and Eddie Huehn for their thirty plus years working for Carnegie Borough. It is cool to see someone people that I have grown up with go all the way to retirement working in the same municipality they lived and grew up in. Mr. Hatcher replied that all three were childhood friends, went to school and wrestled together, and finally retired together. Mr. Hatcher then thanked Council, the Borough Staff, and the supporting groups in town for allowing them to be successful towards being one of the best Public Works around. All of the work that is done is thanks to Council and the Borough staff for working together and allowing Public Works to do what needs to be done. It was a good thirty years, and I was very thankful to work for the Borough.

COMMENT: Ms. Joanne Letcher added to what Councilperson D'Loss said in thanking the Department of Public Works over the ten-year time period being with the CCDC. Anytime there was ever anything that was needed DPW was always there to assist, and I cannot thank them enough for all of their help and attention.

**Councilperson Freshwater** – I hope that God continues to guide us and our country and Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas.

**Councilperson Popichak** – Thanked Mayor Riley for the kind words said regarding the time on Borough Council. It has been a good experience during the time on the board and there have been so many wonderful people worked with throughout my five years on Council. After filling the space for former Councilman Patrick Catena for a year, it was great to be a part of Council for four years. The time went by extremely fast, and I was able to learn a lot about what it takes to run a Borough in addition to the amount of time that the board members dedicate to their position. There is a large amount of information to be learned and a councilmember must know in their position, and I am thankful to have had that opportunity.

Thank you, all, for your support and I welcome Pete Mullins into his new role as councilmember. Best of luck and wishing everyone a safe and Happy Holiday.

**Councilperson DiPietro** – Wishing everyone a safe and Happy Holiday and a better new year.

**Council President Demko** – Reiterated what was said for Councilperson Popichak and thanked her for her time, efforts, and ideas while on Borough Council. Also, thank you to the Department of Public Works who has been such a huge help in my time on Borough Council. From all the additional work that has been taken on to all of the personal volunteer time (Haunted Trail, 5K, Farmers Market, etc.) that has been given, we will miss you all and wish you nothing but the best of luck moving forward in your retirement.

Wishing everyone a happy, health, and safe holiday season.

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilperson D’Loss. Seconded by Councilperson Freshwater. Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

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[www.carnegieborough.com](http://www.carnegieborough.com)*