



Monday, December 11th, 2023

Conditional Use Hearing Start @ 6:00 PM (150 Rosslyn Road – Hounds Town USA)

Workshop Meeting Start @ 6:10 PM / Voting Meeting Start @ 7:00 PM

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

Public Comment on Listed Motions

Roll Call

Councilperson D’Loss – Present, Councilperson Demko – Present, Councilperson DiPietro – Present, Councilperson Freshwater – Present, Councilperson Mullins – Present, Council President Boyd – Present (Zoom), Mayor Riley – Present

1. Administration (Councilperson Freshwater)

- a) MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council meeting on November 13th, November 20th, and December 4th, 2023. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b) MOTION to advertise the 2024 Borough Council, Planning Commission, and Shade Tree Commission meeting schedules. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- c) MOTION to adopt the 2024 General Fund Budget, Sewer Fund Budget, and Liquid Fuels Fund Budget. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- d) MOTION to adopt Borough Ordinance No. 2488, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie levying and assessing Real Estate Taxes for General and Specific Purposes for the year 2024 (7.50). Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- e) MOTION to advertise Borough Ordinance No. 2490, 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 2024. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

f) MOTION to amend Resolutions 2023-23 to 2023-26 related to the grant applications submitted to the Statewide Local Share Assessment (LSA) Grant Program. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

- A. Resolution No. 2023-23: Funding Request \$999,262.00 / Updated Amount \$995,582.00**
 - 1. Carnegie Borough Municipal Building Rehabilitation and Repair**
- B. Resolution No. 2023-24: Funding Request \$785,000.00 / Updated Amount \$824,250.00**
 - 1. Court and Playground Resurfacing and Fence Replacement**
- C. Resolution No. 2023-25: Funding Request \$383,224.00 / Updated Amount \$863,247.00**
 - 1. Public Works Department Upgrades**
- D. Resolution No. 2023-26: Funding Request \$172,000.00 / Updated Amount \$998,236.00**
 - 1. Carnegie Borough Parking Upgrades**

COMMENT: Borough Manager Steve Beuter explained that the amounts were raised as the grant does not have a match.

g) MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2023-32, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the issuance of a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note, Series 2024. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

2. Finance (Councilperson Mullins)

- a) MOTION to approve the December 2023 Bill List and Bill List Addendum. Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b) MOTION to amend the December 2023 Public Meeting Agenda to add Motion 2c regarding the 2022 Municipal Audit and Sewer Fund reimbursement. Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- c) MOTION to authorize the Borough Manager to waive the General Fund reimbursement for sewer project-related costs in the amount of \$630,407.00 in relation to years 2020 and prior. Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

3. Public Works (Councilperson D’Loss)

- a) MOTION to accept the bid submitted by The Players Edge in the amount of \$70,000.00 for the Carnegie Park Court (Tennis/Pickleball) Rehabilitation Project (DCNR Grant Program). Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENT: Councilperson D’Loss explained that there is \$35,000 remaining from a grant that must be used by the end of the year and that amount will go towards the new court.

- b) MOTION to authorize a deposit payment in the amount of \$31,280.00 to The Players Edge for the Carnegie Park Court (Tennis/Pickleball) Rehabilitation Project. Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

4. Public Safety (Councilperson Demko)

- a) MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2023-33, 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 615 6th Avenue (103-N-142). Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

5. Code Enforcement and Community Development (Councilperson DiPietro)

- a) MOTION to advertise Borough Ordinance No. 2489, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, amending its zoning ordinance, as codified at Chapter 27 of the Borough Code of Ordinances to revise the conditions imposed on the use of Place of Assembly/Worship as set for at Article 900, Section 904, 16. Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b) MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2023-34, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, recognizing and supporting participation of the Borough of Carnegie in the Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Essentials Certification Program. Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- c) MOTION to approve the application of Dog Paws of Pittsburgh, Inc. (Hounds Town USA) for the Conditional Use development of a kennel to be located at 150 Rosslyn Road (Lot & Block 104-M190 / C-3 Office Commercial District). Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMEMNT: Councilperson DiPietro added that this motion is for the new dog boarding/day care facility that will be opening.

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 2023, there were 32 fire calls and 145 ambulance calls.

F. President’s Report – Nothing for this evening.

7. Manager's Report – Thank you to Borough Administration and Public Works, Chief Kennedy, and Mayor Riley for their assistance with Carols & Lights on December 1st.

8. Mayor's Report – In November 2023, there were 5 arrests and citations, 177 traffic stops (76 on Forsythe Road), 59 traffic citations, 61 parking tickets, and 988 calls and self-initiated activity.

The Police Department, Council, and the Borough Manager participated in No Shave November and raised \$1,400 to benefit the family of Constable Bassano. Mayor Riley thanked Chief Kennedy, Council, the Borough Manager for taking on more duties while the mayor was on leave.

Mayor Riley thanked Councilperson D'Loss for his 12 years of service to Carnegie and read a proclamation in his honor. She also read a thank you message from Council President Boyd celebrating Councilperson D'Loss's time on Council.

The Carols & Lights event on December 1st was well attended by the community. Special thanks to the Police Department for raising money and purchasing gifts for Santa, as well as Public Works and the Fire Department for setting up for the event and getting Santa to the building. The Shade Tree Commission volunteered their time and passed out poinsettias.

Thank you to our Junior Councilperson Ella Synder plugged the tree in and spearheaded a toy collection at Carlynton High School for Toys for Tots.

The Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department is selling Christmas trees during evening hours weekdays and all day on weekends. On December 14th and 15th Santa will be going around the borough on a fire truck from 6:30pm-9pm. Santa with Pets will be celebrated on December 16th from 2pm-5pm in front of Carnegie Coffee.

On December 27th, the Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall will be having a performance from the Benacks to celebrate Executive Director Maggie Forbes' retirement and service to Carnegie. Mayor Riley thanked Maggie for her 20 years of service to the community and her dedication to making the library a safe and welcoming place.

9. Jr. Council Report (Angelika Pyvovar / Ella Snyder)

Ella Snyder – Carlynton had a collection for Toys for Tots and shared information on how to send gifts to the Children's Oncology Department. Middle school students recently had their Keystone Exams and a movie night.

10. ACFLMH / CCDC Update

Maggie Forbes, Executive Director of ACFLMH – Thanked Council and Mayor Riley for their kind works and years of cooperation. Maggie also thanked Councilperson D'Loss for his years of service and partnership on community events.

On December 2nd, the Library hosted over 260 kids for the Carnegie Celebrates the Season event. It was a great event and all of the kids were excited to see Santa. Maggie thanked the Borough for their work several years ago to enter into an agreement with the library to provide funding. The new Executive Director Marlee Gallagher was introduced and spoke about her excitement in starting this position.

Councilperson Demko read a special thank you message for Maggie from Council President Boyd.

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

Robert Davidoff (326 Lincoln Avenue) – Asked Council about Motion 5a and the status of the Papa J's development.

The Borough Solicitor explained that Motion 5a was in regard to a zoning change in the C-2 district that also included new parking and traffic flow conditions. The Papa J's pre-development agreement has expired, and any future development must now start from scratch.

Rick Mente (521 Hulton Street) – The property at 519 Hulton Street has fallen apart. There are junk cars in the driveway and the garage is leaning and unsafe. Mr. Mente has been in contact with the Borough and wants to see progress on this issue.

The Borough Solicitor explained that complaints and code violations go through a process with Code Enforcement to best address issues and corrective actions.

Dennis Dewey (1004 Forsythe Road) – Shared his concerns with speeding safety on Forsythe Road. Mr. Dewey also asked Council about how the borough is controlling the deer population.

The Borough Solicitor explained that there is currently not a process for controlling the deer population in Carnegie because there is not a space with enough acreage to use hunters. Other municipalities and the City of Pittsburgh are able to use hunters because their parks meet the state and local requirements.

12. Council Good and Welfare

Councilperson DiPietro – Thanked both Councilperson D'Loss and Maggie for the years of service and wished them luck in their futures. The Watchtower near PNC Bank was taken down for repairs. Shapel Contracting is donating to cover the renovation costs and Mayo Contracting is offering free labor to complete the project. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Councilperson Mullins – Thanked Councilperson D'Loss for being welcoming when he joined Council and congratulated Maggie on her years of leadership and her retirement.

Councilperson D'Loss – Thanked everyone for their kind words and partnership over the last 12 years. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve on Council. Mr. Terry Lee will be taking over in this seat. Maggie raised millions of dollars for the library and has been a great asset to the community. Happy Holidays!

Councilperson Freshwater – Thank you to Councilperson D'Loss and Maggie and we are sorry to see you both go. Merry Christmas!

Councilperson Demko – Thank you Maggie and Councilperson D'Loss you both will be missed. Happy Holidays!

Borough Manager Steve Beuter – Thanked both Maggie and Councilperson D'Loss for their years of service.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

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www.carnegieborough.com