



**Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**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.**

**Mayor Riley – Proclamation Presentations**

**Mayor Riley thanked Jim Manion and Shane Franklin for their continuous support and donations to the Police Department. Both were presented with proclamations.**

**1. Administration (Councilperson Freshwater)**

- a) **MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b) **MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2025-03, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, appointing a representative (Phil Boyd) and an alternate (Steve Beuter) to the Governing Board of the Chartiers Valley District Flood Control Authority. Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- c) **MOTION to accept the proposal of Hennessy Blotzer, LLC (CPA) for professional accounting/consulting services. Seconded by Councilperson Lee – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMENT: Council President Boyd explained that this accounting firm was recommended by the Mayor and the Borough needed assistance with accounting and bookkeeping due to staffing.**

**2. Finance (Councilperson Mullins)**

- a) **MOTION to approve the January 2025 Bill List and Bill List Addendum. Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

- b) **MOTION to authorize payment (No.2) to Otis Elevator Company in the amount of \$22,000.00 for elevator service repairs at the Carnegie Municipal Building. Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- A. **Total Project Cost - \$44,000.00**

**3. Public Works (Councilperson Demko)**

- a) **MOTION to authorize Pay Application No. 2(FINAL) from Robinson Pipe Cleaning Co. in the amount of \$6,070.61 for the SHACOG Year 14 Joint O&M CCTV Contract. Seconded by Councilperson Lee – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMENT: Council President Boyd explained that the Borough has a bill list and addendum that gets approved by Council monthly. Motions like 3a) are voted on separately since they are called out to bid.**

**4. Public Safety (Councilperson Lee) – Nothing for this evening.**

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

- a) **MOTION to approve the application of Carlynton School District for the land development plan submitted for 301 Franklin Avenue as recommended by the Planning Commission on January 28, 2025. Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- A. **Contingent upon engineer and Allegheny County Planning Agency review.**
- B. **Lot & Block 65-E-100**
- C. **R-2 Residential Zoning District**

**COMMENT: Council President Boyd explained that Carnegie Elementary School is doing renovations to address space limitations and has been working with the Code Enforcement Department to get proper permitting.**

**COMMENT: Borough Manager Steve Beuter added that representatives from the design team are present for further questions or clarifications.**

- b) **MOTION to approve the application PHC Companies for the land development plan submitted for 7-17 W. Main Street as recommended by the Planning Commission on January 28, 2025. A. Contingent upon engineer and Allegheny County Planning Agency Review. Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- B. **Lot & Blocks 103-R-154, 156, 158, 160, and 162.**
- C. **D-2 Cultural Zoning District**

**COMMENT: Council President Boyd added that these lots are between the Historical Society and Carnegie Stage on West Main Street. These are vacant lots that the builder is interested in turning into townhomes.**

c) **MOTION to approve the application of RAL Construction, LLC for the lot consolidation plan submitted for lot and blocks 103-G-282 and 103-G-284 as recommended by the Planning Commission on January 28, 2025. Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**A. Contingent upon Allegheny County Planning Agency Review**

**B. R-2 Residential Zoning District**

**COMMENT: Council President Boyd explained that the two lots will be consolidated so a single-family home can be constructed.**

**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 January 2025, there were 123 ambulance calls, 27 fire calls, and 2 mutual aid calls.**

**F. President’s Report – On Wednesday, February 12, 2025, there will be a meeting at the Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department with several local fire chiefs and the Allegheny County President to brainstorm the future of fire service. There has been a significant drop in volunteer firefighters and a new solution that is affordable and that works well with volunteers is needed.**

**7. Manager’s Report – On January 31<sup>st</sup>, Borough Administration and Public Works met with Duquesne Light to discuss street light updates between Broadway Street and Sansbury Street. There will be letters sent to building owners and businesses along this stretch to notify them of the upcoming work and to coordinate traffic and safety planning. Glass Recycling returns on March 1<sup>st</sup> from 9am-11am in the Borough Building parking lot.**

**Lifeline will be hosting a health screening event on February 20<sup>th</sup> here at the Borough Building. For more information on this, please see the Borough website. The 5k planning committee had their first meeting on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. This year’s race will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**COMMENT: Councilperson Lee added that if anyone has a streetlight out to contact Duquesne Light while they are in the Borough.**

**8. Mayor’s Report – In January 2025, there were 16 criminal arrests and citations, 72 traffic stops (20 Forsythe Road), 13 traffic citations, 50 parking tickets, and 810 calls and self-initiated activity. On Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, I will be swearing in Chief Kennedy as the President of the Allegheny County Chiefs Association. There is free tax prep at the library again this year, contact them for requirements and guidelines.**

Make sure to show our local businesses some love and do your Valentine's Day shopping on our Main Street this year. The entire month of February is Black History Month. Please take this time to educate and reflect on our shared history and future.

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

10. ACFLMH / CCDC Update

ACFLMH – Walker Evans shared that over 74,000 people visited the library, and they hosted 581 programs in 2024. As mentioned, the library will be hosting tax prep assistance and will have several Black History Month programs. The World Poetry Day celebration will return to the Library in March.

On April 4<sup>th</sup>, the Library is hosting a free job fair in partnership with JFCS. There will also be a resource fair at Honus Wagner Apartments. Please check out the Library website for more information on upcoming performances and information on the Civil War Symposium.

CCDC – Executive Director Sam Bigam has been meeting with business owners to discuss the future of the business district and to understand some of the challenges from this year. There will be a meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup> at 9am to discuss the businesses district and future events, all are welcome.

11. General Public Comment (Council will hear comments for up to three (3) minutes per person) – Nothing for this evening.

12. Council Good and Welfare

Councilperson DiPietro – Congratulations to the Carlynton boys basketball team for making the playoffs. The Planning Commission receives many calls and questions about the vacant Papa J's lot in town, any plans are up to the owner.

Councilperson Demko – The Lifeline Screening is on February 20<sup>th</sup> here at the Borough Building. It is a really important resource.

Councilperson Lee – Happy Valentine's Day.

Councilperson Freshwater – Thank you to Shane Franklin and Jim Manion for their donations to the Police Department.

Council President Boyd – The Borough received \$200,000 to update its parks to include accessible play equipment through the Greenway, Trails, and Recreation Program.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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