



## **CARNEGIE BOROUGH**

**Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**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**

**Councilperson Boyd – Present, Councilperson DiPietro – Present, Councilperson Freshwater – Present, Councilperson Popichak – Present, Councilperson D’Loss – Present, Council President Demko - Present, Mayor Riley - Present**

**PRESIDENT OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL – PATRICK J. CATENA – discussed people with special needs and/or autism when encountered by police. He has created a decal to be passed out to those in need in Allegheny County. This is to help keep police officers and individuals safe. The decal will alert first responders that an individual in a car or home has special needs. Is asking our help in promoting this through social media in our community.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON LISTED MOTIONS**

#### **ADMINISTRATION (Councilperson Freshwater)**

**MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020.  
Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to enter in a three (3) year agreement with Town Center Associates, LLC. for consulting services towards continued development of the Carnegie Central Business District in the amount of \$9,750.00 per year (January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022).  
Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to rescind the offer to hire Ms. Dawn Simmons as a School Crossing Guard for the Borough of Carnegie effective Tuesday, January 14, 2020.  
Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**FINANCE (Councilperson Boyd)**

**MOTION to approve the February 2020 Bill List and Bill List Addendum.**

**Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC WORKS (Councilperson D’Loss)**

**MOTION to accept Change Order No. 1 (Final) recommended by KLH Engineers in the amount of \$25,345.39, adjusting the contract based on final installed quantities for the 2019 Road Improvement Program (Contract No. 2019-03).**

**Seconded by Councilperson Freshwater – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to approve Payment Application No. 2 (Final) to Youngblood paving, Inc. in the amount of \$43,786.50 for completion of the 2019 Road Improvement Program (Contract No. 2019-03)**

**Seconded by Councilperson Freshwater – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to authorize KLH Engineers to prepare the advertisement for the 2020 Carnegie Borough Pavement Maintenance Program (PMP).**

**Seconded by Councilperson Freshwater – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC SAFETY (Councilperson Popichak)**

**MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2020 – 02, 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 104 Lee Street (102-H-172).**

**Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro –Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Councilperson DiPietro)**

**MOTION to deny the conditional use application submitted by Kenjoh Outdoor LLC. as recommended by the Carnegie Borough Planning Commission for a billboard installation located at 611 Arch Street (104-S-278).**

**Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to approve the curb cut application submitted by William and Barbara McGrath for the property located at 321 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue (102-B-218) (Pending KLH Engineer review and approval).**

**Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administration – nothing for this evening.**

**Finance – nothing for this evening.**

**Code Enforcement and Community Development – nothing for this evening.**

**Public Works – Council has reviewed the drawings for a new pavilion for Carnegie Park and has requested that our engineers get pricing. This would include handicapped accessible restrooms, a cooking area and a concession area. We've also requested that the pricing would have some options for extending the roof, which would provide move covered seating. We will be building the new pavilion this year. This will be funded by grant money the Borough received.**

**Alcosan has announced the next round of GROW grants, a storm water program they have. We receive a lot of money from Alcosan through these grants because Carnegie's location is a storm water center. The Broadway Street project this summer will be 85% funded by a GROW grant. This project will be about \$950,000 and Alcosan will be paying the bulk of that through one of these grants. Steve will be attending later this month for the kick-off meetings of these grants.**

**Public Safety – we have an ongoing need for crossing guards for Carnegie Elementary School.**

**President's Report – nothing for this evening.**

**MANAGER'S REPORT – administration has been working on a litter clean-up day for the community. We have an area on our website that allows people interested in volunteering to sign up. We've had a lot of interest and one of the businesses in town is looking to get a group together for this to give back to the community. We are currently looking at the date of April 4<sup>th</sup>. Deneen has been working with Allegheny Clean Ways and they will be providing us with guidance on safety in addition to any free supplies. Administration has entered Carnegie Borough in the HGTV Hometown Takeover Contest. The application was focused on West Main Street and Irishtown. A video by Alex Popichak was utilized for the submission.**

**Deneen attended a census workshop in Brentwood last month. The goal is to provide our community with information regarding the census. We will be putting out a press release and information regarding the importance of the census and how it impacts our community. We have applied for a mini-grant to become a Census Hub or Partner. This would provide us funds to purchase tablets and residents would be able to come to the municipal building to complete their census.**

**We have submitted a Coca-Cola Foundation Grant to possibly get recycling bins for East Main Street.**

**We're still working on this year's Farmers Market. Many vendors from last year will be returning.**

**There is a PSAB Award and we are submitting the 125<sup>th</sup> Calendar for 2019 which was designed by Alex Popichak and the parking guide which can be downloaded from our website.**

**CARNEGIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT & EMS REPORT** – for the month of January 2020 there were 19 fire calls. The CVFD is sponsoring a Cash Bash on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The 5K registration is up and running for April 25<sup>th</sup>. The CVFD is doing training with a local distillery through the Allegheny County Emergency Services to learn how to distinguish distillery fires.

**MAYOR’S REPORT** - Police Dept. activity for January 2030; Criminal Arrests and Citations - 10; Traffic Citations – 48; Traffic Stops - 109; Parking Tickets - 172; Complaints and Self-Initiated Activity – 1,107.

Beginning in mid-January our police department began issuing patrol activity cards to the business district. Chief Kennedy brought them this evening. They are double sided, one side lists the entire department and the other side lets the place of business know that it was checked the night before and by whom. The officers check six random businesses on each overnight shift. The officers check for open or unlocked doors, broken or unlocked windows or any suspicious activity. Since mid-January the police have found two businesses with unlocked doors. Our department always checks homes when residents are on vacation. If you are going to be away and would like the CPD to check on your residence, please call 412-276-4245 or stop into the police station and let them know you will be away.

Carnegie, along with surrounding communities in Western PA, have had numerous theft from vehicles in the past few months. In almost every case these vehicles have been left unlocked by the owners. As a reminder, please lock your car every time you exit your vehicle.

The Carnegie Police Department is in the process of obtaining body cameras for our officers. Both the Chief and I feel that the body cameras will benefit the officers as well as the general public who has an encounter with an officer. There are two main benefits of body cameras; first and foremost is the officers’ safety and secondly, if there were to be an assault on one of the officers the camera will film the assault. They can also be used to substantiate accused claims of police misconduct or disprove a claim of misconduct.

The Carnegie Police Department will continue to perform the following patrol services: Unlock car doors when keys are accidentally locked in the car; bank checks on every bank in Carnegie on a daily basis; school checks to the elementary school, twice a day, every day; perform businesses checks on daylight and afternoon shifts; random businesses will be checked on a daily basis; they will also respond to any need of our residents or businesses.

As of February 27<sup>th</sup>, the CPD will complete its mandatory service training. The PA Municipal Police Officers Training Commission requires a specific number of classroom hours to be completed by every officer in the Commonwealth of PA to retain their certification. These hours have to be completed during the year and I’m happy to say that our officers will complete the mandatory training by the end of this month. We will continue (although it is not mandatory) to send our officers throughout the rest of the year to classes and training that pertain to our specific needs. Our officers will also qualify with their firearms twice a year, with the first qualification scheduled for early April.

Upcoming events for February: Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup>, The Historical Society is having their annual meeting at the Library, community volunteers will be honored with the Marcella McGrogan Community Volunteer Award; Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 p.m. is the Carnegie Crawl. The theme for this month is the “Cupid Crawl”; Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 p.m. there is free Narcan training sponsored by

the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Substance Abuse Ministry. This is being held at the St. Margaret Scotland Church located at 310 Mansfield in Greentree; Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8 p.m., Red Beans and Rice will be performing at the Library; Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> is the first Friday of Lent. There are two local fish fries that you can enjoy – one is at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 330 Third Avenue and the other is at Carnegie Ancient Order of Hibernians located at the Ukrainian American Citizens Club located at 302 Mansfield.

Save the Date – Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> is the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Quantum Spirits – CVFD 5K Run/Walk. Check out our website and Facebook page for registration and more information.

Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 is the Carnegie Boys and Girls Club Trivia Showdown. It will be held at the Indian Community Center and you can contact the club for more information.

This past Friday was the Center for Victims fundraiser held in memory of Melissa Bowers. This was held at Cefalo's. This was the last year for this fundraiser as Colleen Bowers will be focusing her efforts on the changes needed in our justice system. Councilman D'Loss was in attendance and it was very enjoyable but emotional. Tonight, before this meeting, each male member of council, including Steve Beuter, Borough Manager, Chief Kennedy and our solicitor, Nate Boring, signed the Men's Challenge. This challenge is designed to encourage men to make a commitment to learn more about how to be a proactive bystander and speak up about violence against women and girls. This is an ongoing campaign, pledge and action plan to engage men in Allegheny County. Most people think that domestic violence is a private family matter and choose not to get involved. However, domestic violence impacts the community in surprising ways. Domestic violence tears the very fabric of our community by dismantling family units and causing a ripple effect of repercussions. The Center for Victims is the most comprehensive and inclusive provider of services, advocacy and education for all victims of crimes. Our mission is healing trauma, supporting victims and creating social change for a more peaceful community. I am now a board member of the Center for Victims, but most importantly, I gained an amazing woman, Colleen Bowers, as a dear friend. Donations will be accepted through the end of March and I encourage you all to donate to the Center for Victims in memory of Melissa Bowers.

## **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Maggie Forbes – Carnegie Library – we have a fabulous Mardi Gras concert with Red Beans and Rice, which has a strong Carnegie connection. We have made improvements to our studio and have given it a full acoustic treatment. We've also improved the entryway. The year 2020 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women's suffrage and we will be hosting events all year long. Our first performance is on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. with Jessica Lee doing a tribute to Maxine Sullivan, a well-known singer in the 1930's.

## **COUNCIL GOOD AND WELFARE**

Councilperson DiPietro – shout out to Chief Kennedy and the police department. The Carlynton Boys and Girls basketball teams made it to the playoffs. Good luck Cougars! Thanks to our DPW for their fine snow removal this past week.

Councilperson Popichak – wanted to remind people that April 13<sup>th</sup> is the last day to register to vote before the primary on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Councilperson Boyd – mark your calendars for May 24<sup>th</sup>, which is the annual Memorial Day Parade. Plans are already underway. We have invited the Oscar Meyer Weiner Mobile and they are interested in possibly attending. Wendy Jameson is the woman who holds this parade together. She is being honored at the Historical Society meeting and will be receiving a Marcella McGrogan Volunteer Award.**

**Councilperson D’Loss – February 23<sup>rd</sup> is the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the flag being raised on Iwo Jima. I was privileged to participate in a ceremony at the American Legion on Sunday called “The Four Chaplains Ceremony”. It commemorates a tragic event from WW II when a troop carrier was traveling from the United States to England was sunk by a German U-Boat near Greenland. Over 600 people died. There were four chaplains on board who took it as their duty to try to calm the men as much as possible and they refused to get into the lifeboats and stayed on board and went down with the rest of the soldiers. One of the chaplains was a Rabbi and we don’t have a Rabbi in Carnegie and I was asked to be a part of that. Thanks to our VFW and American Legion for all they do for our veterans.**

**Council President Demko – Happy Valentine’s Day to every one!**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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