



Monday, February 14th, 2022

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

Roll Call of Council

Councilperson Demko – Present; Councilperson DiPietro – Present; Councilperson Freshwater – Present; Councilperson Mullins – Present; Councilperson D’Loss – Present; Council President Boyd– Present; Mayor Riley –Present

Public Comment on Listed Motions

1. Administration (Councilperson Freshwater)

- a. MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on January 10th, January 13th, and January 20th, 2022. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b. MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2022 – 05, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, opposing the Major Bridge P3 Initiative and supporting the Motion for Summary Relief filed by South Fayette Township, Bridgeville Borough, and Collier Township in the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court relative to the Bridgeville Bridge Tolling Project. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- c. MOTION to enter into an agreement through the Char-West Council of Governments and the Borough of Crafton amending the Borough of Carnegie funding allocation under the Allegheny County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for application year 47 and 48. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENT: Councilperson D’Loss mentioned that this project is connected to the project in the borough to replace sidewalks. He will address this further in the public works motion.

- d. MOTION to engage the services of the Cohen Law Group (CLG) through the Char-West Council of Governments to assist in a franchise fee audit and cable franchise renewal negotiations with Comcast of PA II, Inc. (Comcast). Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- e. MOTION to offer a Conditional Offer of Employment to Mr. Todd Tulowitzki for the position of Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer at a rate of \$28.52 per hour. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- f. MOTION to offer Employment to Kellie Lesniak in a probationary status at a payrate in accordance with the labor agreement for a period of ninety (90) days and upon successful completion thereof Full-Time Employment subject to the collective bargaining agreement (Local Union 14034-54). Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

2. Finance (Councilperson Mullins)

- a. MOTION to approve the February 2022 Bill List and Bill List Addendum. Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b. MOTION to approve the purchase / lease of a 2022 Ford Explorer from Tri-Star Ford at a price of \$34,645.00. (Acquired through the COSTARS Purchasing Program) Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro– Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- c. MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2022 – 06, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, providing authorization to execute the necessary documents to apply for and participate in the Local Government Academy Community Financial Assistance Program. Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- d. MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2022-07, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, adopting written procedures relating to professional services for municipal pension plans in connection with Act 44 of 2009 and auditor recommendations. Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro– Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- e. MOTION to amend the February 14th, 2022, meeting agenda to include a payment in recognition of service for the Department of Public Works Superintendent position to Mr. Keith Hatcher. Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENT: Council President Boyd explained that Mr. Keith Hatcher will receive a one-time bonus due to the culture he instilled within the Public Works Department of volunteerism, taking ownership and community. He gets the one-time bonus along with the Council's gratitude.

- f. MOTION to authorize payment in recognition of service for the Department of Public Works Superintendent position to Mr. Keith Hatcher in the amount of \$3,300.00. Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro– Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

3. Public Works (Councilperson D'Loss)

- a. MOTION to accept the recommendation of KLH Engineers to reject all bids submitted on January 19, 2022, for the Beechwood Avenue Sidewalk Replacement Project. Seconded by Councilperson Freshwater– Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENT: Councilperson D'Loss explained the plan to replace the sidewalk on Beechwood Avenue, from Broadway to the library. KHL Engineers estimated the cost to be \$24,000. The first bid was \$40,000, this was rejected. It was rebid and it came in higher than that. The Council was given the option of doing half the sidewalk this year and the rest next year, but a trade with Crafton will allow us to give our money for this year to them and their money will go to us next year. Both monies will go together and be put out for rebid later in the fall.

- b. MOTION to authorize KLH Engineers to prepare the advertisement for the 2022 Carnegie Borough Pavement Maintenance Program (PMP). Seconded by Councilperson Freshwater– Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

4. Public Safety (Councilperson Demko)

5. Code Enforcement and Community Development (Councilperson DiPietro)

- a. **MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2022-08, 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 102-C-114 would be in accord with the comprehensive plan of the municipality (Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program). Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENT: Borough Manager Steve Beuter explained that this is for a vacant lot on Academy Street in which the neighbor is looking to acquire.

6. Committee Reports

- a. **Administration – Nothing for this evening**
- b. **Finance – Nothing for this evening**
- c. **Code Enforcement and Community Development –The Ukrainian Self Reliance Credit Union is moving into Carnegie at 700 Washington Avenue. On April 9th, the Dog Stop next to Bob’s Diner is opening. It will be from 10am to 4pm. Both basketball courts will be dedicated to two well-known people of Carnegie: George Skip Prosser will be the Basketball court at Carnegie Park and Lou Trombetta at the 7th Avenue court.**

COMMENT: Borough Manager Steve Beuter explained that the Trombetta dedication has not yet been decided, but the Prosser dedication will be at the Carnegie Park.

- d. **Public Works – Councilperson D’Loss explained that heightened interest in bridge safety and explained that the Main Street bridge was inspected and was rated in poor condition. Poor does not mean it is in danger, but that it needs repairs such as scouring and crack refilling. KLH Engineers will investigate this.**
- e. **Public Safety – Councilperson Demko announced there were 25 fire calls and 127 ambulance calls in January, and the fire department calls for 2021 were 306.**
- f. **President’s Report – Council President Boyd mentioned the Main Street bridge concerns and that Allegheny County is interested in replacing the Railroad Avenue bridge in Carnegie. He expressed his concerns about the safety of this bridge/intersection.**

7. Manager’s Report – Borough Manager Steve Beuter welcomed the two new employees- one in the administration department and the other in code and zoning department. He mentioned the borough was understaffed throughout the pandemic.

8. Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept. & EMS Report – In 2022, criminal arrests and citations 9, traffic stops 118, traffic citations 22, parking tickets 60, and complaints and self-initiated activity 932.

9. Mayor’s Report – Police Dept. activity for January 22: Criminal Arrests and Citations – 9; Traffic Citations – 22; Traffic Stops – 118; Parking Tickets – 60; Complaints and Self-Initiated Activity – 932.

For the Mayor’s report this month, I am going to be providing feedback and an overview on training for the police department. As you may know from our past meetings, the Borough of Carnegie was honored when the Allegheny County Police Academy in conjunction with Pennsylvania Municipal Police Officer Education and Training Commission selected the Carnegie Municipal Building as one of their 2022 mandatory training facilities.

Carnegie Borough is one of six locations selected in Allegheny County to train municipal officers. As of this date, 142 officers have completed their mandatory training at the Carnegie location with an expected 181 more officers to complete training by the end of March 2022. The officers from other departments that have completed these courses so far have been impressed with the Borough of Carnegie and the municipal building for training.

The mandatory training this year covers crime and vehicle codes updates as well as pertinent court decisions that impact our officers and the way they perform their job. Also, bias training, use of force training, hands-on tactical training, and de-escalation training. Our officers and every officer in Pennsylvania must complete these two days of training to maintain their certification numbers. Other training our department will complete by summer includes CPR and First Aid recertification, firearms qualifications, taser recertification, OC spray recertification, driver training, and PA search and seizure training.

I hope that this gives everyone an idea of how much training goes into the department on a yearly basis.

10. Jr. Council Report

Bishop Canevin School News

On February 18, Canevin will host Canevin After Dark. This is an overnight charity fundraising event for the student body. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh, a local charity whose mission is to help combat the effects of racism and social injustice by providing housing, education, medical support, hunger prevention services and other programs in the Pittsburgh area.

Senior Renee LaGrosse was awarded an Honorable Mention for her poem, "Yellow Stars," in the 2022 Pittsburgh Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Awards/Alliance for Young Artists and Writers. This competition is the nation's longest-running most prestigious recognition program for creative teens.

Carlynton School News

The Carnegie School Community is proud to announce the creation of the Freestore 15106. The vision of the Freestore 15106 is to maintain basic necessities for the students and make it a sustainable project supported by our entire Carnegie community. The Freestore 15106 opened on Friday, February 4, 2022.

Carnegie News

The Gene Capaldi Lens on Litter Photo Contest, a program of the Pennsylvania Resources Council is an annual statewide photography contest rewarding amateur photographers who snap striking images of litter across the Commonwealth. The purpose is not to glorify litter, but to bring awareness to how litter threatens public health and safety, scenic beauty, property values, the environment, and wildlife. The contest is open to Pennsylvania amateur photographers only. A top prize of \$500 will be awarded in each of two categories: adult and student (through Grade 12). Four additional prizes will be awarded with second place winners receiving \$250 and third place \$100 in each group. The deadline is October 31, 2022.

Climate Action Plan News

We will be holding a Climate Action Plan Outreach Session this Tuesday, February 15 at the Carnegie Carnegie Library at 6 pm. The session will go over the purpose and goals of the plan while giving people the opportunity to fill out our survey.

11. General Public Comment

Joanne Letcher – Carnegie Community Development Corporation

Ms. Letcher gave an update on the February Crawl and noted that it was a success for the patrons and the participating businesses. The weather was beautiful, and everyone enjoyed a February evening in downtown Carnegie.

A new committee has been formed that will be taking charge of the Building and Business Owners of Carnegie (BBOC) moving forward and a committee meeting will be held next week. The committee members, which include Larry Scott from the CCDC Board, will be the liaison for this committee. Barb Johnson (More Than Words), Pat Klug (Double Dog Studios), Hilerie Klein-Rensi (Higher Voice Studios), Marie DeSimone (Nailed It DIY), Beth Roedler (301 E. Main Street – Building Owner), and Adriane Longo (519 E. Main Street – Building Owner) will all be members of the new group. This committee will be taking over all the BBOC functions and planning for any Main Street-related events moving forward, outside of the Carnegie Crawl.

12. Council Good and Welfare

Councilperson D’Loss – Happy Valentine's Day.

Council President Boyd – I am happy to report that we will be bringing the Volunteer Fire Department 5K Run/Walk back in person for 2022, which is exciting after not being able to throughout the pandemic. Also, the Memorial Day Parade will also be taking place for this year on the Sunday before the holiday and we hope that it is as big as it ever was. Finally, we would like to present the following proclamation to Ms. nA’ Lewis Stubbs for all her work with the “*Life on Stage...The No More! Project.*”

Whereas, The Borough of Carnegie recognizes Ms. nA’ Lewis Stubbs for all of her social awareness efforts within the Borough of Carnegie, specifically, for her work as the writer and creator of “Life on Stage...The No More! Project”; and,

Whereas, The Borough would like to acknowledge Ms. Stubbs for her dedication towards helping stimulate change in youth and young adults in the following areas that include suicide, violence, peer pressure, sex, abuse, drugs, and trafficking; and,

Whereas, Ms. Stubbs has produced a successful stage play for fifteen (15) years focusing on this material; and,

Whereas, this information has been converted into a seven (7) episode film series, which began filming in July of 2021 in Carnegie, Pennsylvania; and,

Whereas, The Borough of Carnegie will be prominently featured throughout the film in locations that include Carnegie Stage, Carnegie Coffee Company, Solid Rock Foundation Ministries and Multipurpose center; and,

Now, therefore, Carnegie Borough Council shows its appreciation and gratitude to Ms. nA’ Lewis Stubbs for all of her efforts over the years and for her goals in presenting information to the public that will assist in guiding the youth of our community in the best direction possible.

The Borough will be presenting this to the family of Ms. Stubbs, which will then be providing this to her on an event that will be held on February 26th, 2022.

Councilperson Mullins – Happy Valentine’s Day.

Councilperson Freshwater – Happy Valentine’s Day and nothing further for this evening.

Councilperson DiPietro – I would like to let everyone know that I was just made aware of the Carlynton Boys’ Basketball Team making the playoffs and would like to wish them well and best of luck.

Councilperson Demko – Happy Valentine’s Day to everyone.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

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