



Monday, July 11th, 2022

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

Mayor Riley presented the Shade Tree Commission with a proclamation to celebrate the organization’s hard work in planting and beautifying the community, in addition to their work to preserve the monarch butterfly.

Mayor’s Monarch Pledge Day Proclamation

Whereas; the monarch butterfly is an iconic North American species whose multigenerational migration and metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly has captured the imagination of millions Americans; and

Whereas; 20 years ago, more than one billion eastern monarch butterflies migrated to Mexico, but in the winter of 2014, only 60 million made the trip; and

Whereas; the Borough of Carnegie wants to play a leadership role by continuing “The Carnegie Monarch Butterfly Conservation Project”; and

Whereas; I commend the Carnegie Shade Tree Commission for their hard work in procuring a National Wildlife Fund grant, planting hundreds of native milkweed and nectar plants throughout the borough, and giving plants and seeds to residents so that Carnegie can make a difference and provide habitat for monarchs and other pollinators; and

Whereas; in 2021, we completed 21 pledge action items putting Carnegie in the Leadership Circle. In 2022, we vow to complete more actions including: educational, environmental, creative, and public art projects; and

Whereas; on behalf of the people of Carnegie who will join me in creating healthy habitat for these magnificent butterflies, I am honored to lead the way by again signing the National Wildlife Federation’s Mayors’ Monarch Pledge; and I encourage other city officials across our great nation to take a stand with me so that the monarch butterfly will once again flourish across the continent.

Now Therefore; I, Stacie Riley, Mayor of the Borough of Carnegie, do hereby proclaim Sunday, July 31, 2022, the date of our second annual Monarch Butterfly Festival as:

***“MAYORS’ MONARCH PLEDGE DAY”
IN THE BOROUGH OF CARNEGIE.***

Public Comment on Listed Motions

1. Administration (Councilperson Freshwater)

- a. **MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on and June 13th and July 5th, 2022. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

2. Finance (Councilperson Mullins)

- a. **MOTION to approve the July 2022 Bill List and Bill List Addendum. Seconded by Councilperson D’Pietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b. **MOTION to exonerate lot-and-block 102-B-287 (Logan Street – Carnegie Borough Building) from the 2022 Borough property tax payment. Seconded by Councilperson D’Pietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENT: Council President Boyd explained that the property exonerated was the borough building.

3. Public Works (Councilperson D’Loss)

- a. **MOTION to authorize KLH Engineers to prepare bid documentation for the CDBG Year 48 Grant Application for the Beechwood Avenue Sidewalk Replacement Project (Project Amount - \$40,026.00). Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENT: Councilperson D’Loss explained that this was a pre-bid estimate in order to allow KLH to put out bid documentation. The \$40,026 is the dollar amount of grant funding for this project.

- b. **MOTION to authorize KLH Engineers to prepare advertisement for the construction of a shelter as a part of the Carnegie Park Improvement Project (Phase 3). Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

A. Final Phase of the DCNR Grant Application.

COMMENT: Councilperson D’Loss explained that this item is an ongoing issue as high costs for contractor rates have prevented the construction of a new shelter in Carnegie Park. The grant money expires at the end of the year.

COMMENT: Council President Boyd added that there is a high demand for another park shelter as weekends are completely booked through the summer and now weekdays are starting to book as well.

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

5. Code Enforcement and Community Development (Councilperson DiPietro)

- a. **MOTION to adopt Borough Ordinance No. 2481, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing procedures for the removal of hazardous trees on private property. Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENTS: Borough Manager Steve Beuter explained that the Shade Tree Commission assisted in the drafting of this ordinance that addresses dead and damaged trees on private property that could pose a danger to the community.

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 – There were 152 ambulance calls and 27 fire calls in June 2022.

F. President’s Report – Last year the borough received \$400,000 from the American Rescue Plan and a second round of funding is on its way for the 2022 year. The borough will have \$800,000 to spend on Main Street improvements such as lighting and wiring upgrades.

7. Manager’s Report – The borough is continuing to work with the Local Government Academy on budgeting assistance and next week is the third meeting. Discussion on the new comprehensive plan continues at the Planning Commission meetings which are the last Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm.

Deneen Underwood from the borough’s administration department submitted a proposal to the Allegheny County Community Development Block Grant program under the Housing & Human Services Division and was awarded \$18,000 to purchase Community Food Bucks.

COMMENT: Deneen explained that through a partnership with Fresh Access, families in the community can come to the Farmers Market and receive Community Bucks to purchase fresh food. A family of five will be awarded \$25 to spend at the market. The county is working on extending the program so residents have ample time to get Community Bucks and shop during the Farmers Market period.

Sunday, July 10th, the first Farmers Market of the season kicked off with great weather and many people attended.

8. Mayor’s Report - In June 2022, there were 18 criminal arrests and citations, 199 traffic stops (72 on Forsythe Road), 32 traffic citations, 102 parking tickets, and 1,054 complaints and self-initiated calls.

There were a lot of happenings in July, kicking off with the July 3rd celebration in Carnegie Park that was spearheaded by Councilperson Demko, with many members of council volunteering. Despite not having Life Flight this year, there was a bouncy house and face painting in addition to games and other activities at the park.

On Saturday, July 9th, the first annual Arts Walk kicked off, beginning at Double Dog Studio, and moved through the town with various numbered attractions. There were many visual and musical displays from local and national artists. This event amplified the diversity and art scene within Carnegie.

The Carnegie Farmers Market kicked off Sunday, July 10th and was by far the best market since its inception. Deneen has done amazing work to elevate the market and get it on the map in Pittsburgh. Vendors had lines going down East Main Street and were selling out of their products.

On July 14th, 15th, and 16th, St. Raphael the Archangel Parish Festival will be at St. Simon and Jude Church on Greentree Road. The Church of Atonement is hosting a Community Flea Market on Saturday, July 16th on Washington Avenue on the church lawn, spots are \$10.

The Andrew Carnegie Free Library is hosting Listen Locally Downstairs on Thursday, July 21st. This event will feature “The Great Women of Jazz” with Jessica Lee and Mark Strickland.

The Monarch Butterfly Festival is returning Sunday, July 31st, on East Main Street along with the regularly scheduled Farmers Market. There will be butterfly mask crafts, educational materials, chalk drawing, butterfly hopscotch, and information about the Mayor’s Monarch Butterfly Pledge.

The free grab and go summer lunches will run until August 22nd in front of Crafton and Carnegie Elementary schools, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11am-12pm. At Carnegie Elementary, the Free Store will be open from 11am-1pm. Extra lunches will be in the free community fridge at St. John’s Lutheran Church on Washington Avenue. All food in the fridge is available to the public 24/7.

The Andrew Carnegie Free Library is hosting Saturday Story Times beginning at 11:30am, check out their website for more info.

Mayor Riley presented Junior Councilperson Mac Johnson with the Pennsylvania State Associate of Boroughs Distinguished Junior Councilperson Award and thanked Mac for his dedication to his service and work on projects such as the Local Climate Action Plan and Sister Cities with Kelty, Scotland.

9. Jr. Council Report (Jr. Councilperson Johnson)

Bishop Canevin is hosting a drive-in movie theater event on Friday, July 15th. It is open to the public and begins at 8:30pm in the lower parking lot. The cost is \$5/car and \$3/guest. The Girls’ Basketball team will be at O’Reilly’s Auto Parts on Railroad Street in Heidelberg to hold a fundraising car wash from 10am-2pm.

The Local Climate Action Plan is still in the draft phase but has been approved by ICLEI and will be ready in August for council approval. The borough received a letter from Kelty, Scotland, who are interested in building a Sister City bond with Carnegie. Currently, the borough is in the process of drafting a response to discuss different cultural exchange programs and setting up an official signing.

10. ACFLMH / CCDC Update – Nothing for this evening

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

Rob Davidoff – Mr. Davidoff highlighted the need for more affordable options for electric vehicle charging stations, specifically for renters in Carnegie. Without the availability of electric vehicle charging stations at apartment buildings, electric vehicle owners will have to fast charge their car, which can be just as expensive as gas. There is funding for these charging stations in the federal

infrastructure bill and in grants from the state. Mr. Davidoff encouraged the borough to explore these options and to incorporate electric vehicle charging stations in their future plans.

COMMENT: Council President Boyd explained that as more grants become available, the borough will be researching options for funding.

COMMENT: Deneen from the borough administration department added that electric vehicles and charging stations are discussed in the Local Climate Action Plan and that she has been attending electrification webinars to guide the borough in planning for charging stations.

COMMENT: Borough Manager Steve Beuter added that electric vehicles and charging stations will be discussed during the Planning Commission meetings regarding the borough's new comprehensive plan.

12. Council Good and Welfare

Councilperson D'Loss – The amount of events in Carnegie is amazing. Sometimes I look at the calendar and say I cannot do anymore of these things. It is great to have such options. A couple of weeks ago there was a Beethoven concert up at the Andrew Carnegie Free Library. There was a four-member string quartet from the Pittsburgh Symphony, and it was packed. The Farmers Market was great on Sunday, lots of people were on the streets mingling. It gets noticed across Pennsylvania. This is a testament of the hard work of everybody making this happen.

Councilperson Demko – I received seven emails about how wonderful the Farmers Market was. I want to thank Representative Anita Kulik because she sponsored face painting for kids, making it completely free. Thanks to the wonderful face painter, our Junior Councilperson Mac, and his brother for assisting with the bouncy house, my sister Mimi, Councilperson DiPietro and Councilperson Mullins, the borough police and public works, the event DJs, including Councilperson Freshwater, the bands at the skatepark, and our Borough Manager Steve Beuter.

Councilperson DiPietro – I just wanted to thank Chief Kennedy and his officers for parking and traffic management. Also, I am glad I got to share a seat this year with our Junior Councilperson Mac, a future Notre Dame alumni.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

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