



CARNEGIE BOROUGH PUBLIC MEETING (via Zoom)

Monday, July 13th, 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 – President, Council President Demko – President, Mayor Riley - Present

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LISTED MOTIONS

ADMINISTRATION (Councilperson Freshwater)

**MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on Monday, June 8th, 2020.
Seconded by Councilperson Boyd – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

FINANCE (Councilperson Boyd)

**MOTION to approve the July 2020 Bill List and Bill List Addendum.
Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC WORKS (Councilperson D’Loss)

**MOTION to permit the Carlynton Youth Soccer Association to use the Carnegie Park All Purpose Field during August 17, 2020 through October 31, 2020, on Monday through Thursday at 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Seconded by Councilperson Freshwater – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC SAFETY (Councilperson Popichak)

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Councilperson DiPietro)

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2020-13, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, requesting a Watershed Restoration and Protection Program (WRPP) Grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be used for a rain garden update at Pitcher Park Memorial Skate Park (Carnegie Park).

Comment by Borough Manager – application was already submitted through PA American Water and we’ve received \$1,200 which will go towards this project. This is not enough to complete this project so we are submitting this application to supplement funds already received.

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

MOTION to approve the application of Kenjoh Outdoor, LLC. for the conditional use development of a billboard installation located at 611-613 Arch Street (Lot and Block 104-S-278) (Conditional Use Hearing – 7/6/2020).

Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Roll Call Vote: Boyd – Yes; Demko – Yes; D’Loss – Yes; Freshwater – Yes; Popichak – No; DiPietro – Yes. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to advertise Borough Ordinance 2469 an ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie amending the Zoning Ordinance 2445 to include the use of a “Kennel” in the D-3 Zoning District (Arterial District).

Seconded by Councilperson Popichak – Roll Call 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 – The sidewalk on Main Street Bridge on the north side of the bridge has badly deteriorated over recent years. Our Public Works department has begun replacement of the damaged sidewalk. This work will be accomplished by our employees with the assistance of Rosslyn Farms DPW. The demolition was accomplished this week.

The Broadway Street storm sewer project will be delayed until at least the end of August due to COVID-19 manpower problems at our contractor, Petrakis.

Borough engineers, KLH, will begin the design phase of the Cabbage Street storm water project. The application for the grant funds require that 60% of the design work be complete. Engineering survey work will proceed this week on the Mansfield Boulevard Bridge sewer relocation project. This section of sewer is located under Mansfield Boulevard near the bridge (behind PNC Bank). It is damaged and needs to be replaced. As part of the replacement, the pipe will be moved about 15-20 feet away from the bridge abutment to insure that in the future there is no conflict between bridge repairs and this sewer.

Public Safety – nothing for this evening.

President’s Report – nothing for this evening.

MANAGER’S REPORT – we are currently advertising for a Code Enforcement/Zoning Enforcement Officer position. We are advertising in several outlets. Our first Farmers Market was to start on July 12th but had to be postponed until July 26th. We have postponed the fireworks from July 3rd until Labor Day Weekend.

CARNEGIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT & EMS REPORT – for the month of June there were 14 fire calls and 106 ambulance calls.

MAYOR’S REPORT – Police Dept. Activity for June 2020; Criminal Arrests and Citations - 10; Traffic Citations - 6; Traffic Stops - 6; Parking Tickets-100; Complaints and Self-Initiated Activity -701.

The Grab and Go Free Lunch Program will continue through July. This program is open to anyone 18 and under. The Boys and Girls Club will be distributing Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. John’s Lutheran Church will be distributing Monday through Friday from noon to 1 p.m. Crafton Elementary School will be distributing lunches Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to noon. Free weekend grocery bags will be available every Friday at all locations.

The Boys and Girls Club will be kicking off their virtual summer camp, “Club on The Go”. The goal is to keep members and children engaged physically, mentally and emotionally over the summer and inspire the youth to explore healthy habits. Each week, “Club on The Go” will offer the youth an exciting new opportunity with weekly deliveries that include art kits, fresh vegetables to be used in the virtual cooking class, ice cream making, STEM kits and more. Please call the Carnegie Boys and Girls Club for more information.

Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall – the reopening scheduled for July 6th has been postponed. There is curbside pickup available for books and videos. For a schedule of pick up times, please call the Library.

The Open Air Carnegie business event that was scheduled for Thursday, July 16th has been cancelled. No new date has been set at this time.

The Carnegie Farmers Onsite Market has been postponed. We will provide updates as guidelines change. The Virtual Farmers Market will remain open all year. More information can be found on the Borough's website.

I'm pleased to announce that the Carnegie Police Department applied for a grant for body cameras in March 2020. We have been notified that we have been rewarded the grant. For six cameras the cost is \$20,000. The grant will cover ½ of the cost and the other half will be covered by donations from several local, generous businesses. Our target is to be up and running by October 1, 2020. The company that sells the cameras will be providing the training to the officers. We already have a policy that will be implemented. This comes as a recommendation from the Western PA Chiefs Association and the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office.

As Mayor of Carnegie, I am committed to prioritizing public safety; improving and sustaining police community relationships, department transparency and accountability and the augmentation of current community policing policies. We take pride in our community involvement through education, school visits, our email alert program, online daily log report, business and vacation checks. We have initiatives such as Coffee with CPD and the surveys we've started with individuals who have had police interactions asking them if they were treated professionally and with respect. The CPD has annual car cruises which raise money to help offset the expenses of the department or the money is donated to a local organization or charity. I believe the implementation of the body camera program will build community trust through accountability and transparency with indisputable and verifiable visual and audio evidence that will protect officers and citizens while providing evidentiary value.

I thoroughly support Carnegie Council's budget support commitment for the long term financial sustainability of the program. We will use the same motivation and initiative and effort that has resulted in the successful implementation of our many past major projects and initiatives to make the program a successful reality.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Maggie Forbes – Carnegie Library – we've been closed for the past four months and I am pleased to announce that the Library did open its doors today. This was a very careful decision for us to make. We do require that everyone wear a mask and we have sanitizers everywhere. It went very smoothly today. People were very grateful that we are open. County-wide shipping is now available throughout Allegheny County. Curbside pick-up will continue.

Ileen Falleroni – concerned about the billboard going up on Arch Street. How is this going to affect accidents and what types of problems is it going to cause the residents on Arch Street? *Solicitor commented that he didn't think it would have any adverse effect on property values as it is a billboard. The applicant has provided all the necessary documentation required by the zoning ordinance. Overspill of the lighting is expected to be kept to a minimum.* Discussion continued regarding the billboard and its approval. Would like to have DPW come and look at Harrison Street. It is in need of repair (asking on behalf of her neighbor, Vicky Latello).

Robert & Debra Sestili – 517 Center Avenue – we’ve been residents of Carnegie for over 40 years. We live in a very friendly neighborhood where everyone respects each other. We were gone over the winter and when we came back, things had changed. People are getting loud and obnoxious, using profanity at the top of their lungs. Don’t like grandchildren hearing foul language. House next door is in horrible condition, porch is falling in and trash is everywhere. Concerned that the porch may cave in and fall on our house. The condition of the house is worrisome and not sure of how many people live there. The address is 519 Center (concerns about 518 Center as well). The Carnegie Police and Code Office have already checked into this property. Would really appreciate something being done.

Councilperson D’Loss questioned as to how many times the police have been called to this address. Per Chief Kennedy, the daughter of the owner resides in the house at 519 Center. This wouldn’t fall under our renters ordinance. When things are happening we need someone to call the police so we can witness when this is happening. Mr. and Mrs. Sestili were encouraged by Mayor Riley to file a formal complaint online through the Borough’s website so that this can be documented and followed up on. Steve will follow up with Greg Maslek.

COUNCIL GOOD AND WELFARE

Councilperson Freshwater – nothing for this evening.

Councilperson Boyd – nothing for this evening.

Councilperson D’Loss – nothing for this evening.

Councilperson Popichak – nothing for this evening.

Councilperson DiPietro – is encouraging the general public to please follow the county guidelines so that restaurants, bars and small businesses can reopen.

Council president Demko – at my brother’s funeral two weeks ago, the Chief was directing traffic for the day of the funeral and the wake. I had a lot of comments from people asking me about the policeman stopping traffic for people to cross Washington Avenue. People were surprised that our Chief was out directing traffic. Thank you, Chief Kennedy, from all of our family.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

*The Borough of Carnegie Code of Ordinances is available “on-line” at
www.carnegieborough.com*