



Monday, March 11th, 2024

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 – Absent, Mayor Riley – Present

Public Comment on Listed Motions

Rob Davidoff (326 Lincoln Avenue) – Asked if it was possible to add an additional conduit for electric vehicle charging stations during the installation of the new parking meters mentioned in Motion 2b.

COMMENT: Borough Manager Steve Beuter explained that Motion 2b is for updating existing meters, but as work moves further down to West Main Street, that can be considered.

1. Administration (Councilperson Freshwater)

- a) MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council meeting on February 12th, 2024. Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b) MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2024 – 06, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, requesting a Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) grant in the amount of \$263,037.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be use for accessible and inclusive playground equipment for the Irishtown Tot Park and Carnegie Municipal Park. Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- c) MOTION to enter into an agreement through the Char-West Council of Governments and the Borough of Ingram amending the Borough of Carnegie funding allocation under the Allegheny County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for application year 50 and 51. Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENT: Borough Manager Steve Beuter explained that Ingram will receive roughly \$40,000 this year and Carnegie will receive that amount next year. The borough has done this in the past with other municipalities.

- d) **MOTION to enter into an agreement with OneDigital (TEC Benefits) for third party administration medical reimbursement services for the Administration and Public Works Departments. Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

2. Finance (Councilperson Mullins)

- a) **MOTION to approve the March 2024 Bill List and Bill List Addendum. Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b) **MOTION to authorize the purchase of five (5) parking kiosk machines from Butts Ticket Systems in the amount of \$42,840.00. (Includes installation, shipping, and training) Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- A. **COSTARS Vendor (No. 541461)**
- c) **MOTION to authorize payment to Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$98,170.00 for body worn cameras (\$21,200.00), police car dash cameras (\$30,570.00), and license plate readers (\$46,400.00) for the Carnegie Borough Police Department Technology Update Grant. Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- A. **Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Grant (PCCD)**
- B. **Total Product Discounts: \$41,682.40**

3. Public Works (Read by Councilperson DiPietro)

- a) **MOTION to permit the Carnegie Youth Athletic Association (CYAA) to utilize the 7th Avenue Field on Wednesdays, and Chioda Fields 1 and 2, Sunday through Saturday, beginning April 1st, 2024. Seconded by Councilperson Freshwater – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b) **MOTION to permit Carnegie Sunday Softball Association to utilize 7th Avenue Field every Sunday for their Men’s Softball League beginning April 28th through August 30th, 2024, from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Seconded by Councilperson Freshwater – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

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

5. Code Enforcement and Community Development (Councilperson DiPietro) – Nothing for this evening.

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 February 2024, there were 25 fire calls and 108 ambulance calls.

F. President’s Report - Nothing for this evening.

7. Manager’s Report – Currently, Administration is working on the building and technology grant request through the COVID-19 ARPA Capital Projects Fund and Multi-Purpose Community Facilities Project. There is an application through the DCED GTRP grant program for the Irishtown playground as seen in Motion 1b. The borough received a GTF grant to fund renovations to the East/West Main Street bridge. The agreement has been signed and accepted and the environmental report is completed.

The borough was also selected for the PA Creative Communities grant for \$6,250. This will go to the public parks and art activities throughout the community. Republic Services updated their collection dates recently, make sure to check out the Borough website and Republic’s for updates. Borough Administration has been working on updating the website and the staging for this has already began. Representative Kulik has updated the Borough that the LSA grant will be announced at the end of March, we are waiting to hear back on several applications. The reimbursement for the ARLE grant which funded the beacon at the intersection of Washington and Franklin has been approved and we expect that at the beginning of April.

8. Mayor’s Report – In February 2024, there were 8 criminal arrests and citations, 164 traffic stops, 41 traffic citations, 44 parking tickets, and 976 calls and self-initiated activity. The Police Department is working on making the Forsythe Road traffic stop report more accurate as speeding on that road is sometimes pulled over onto different streets, which affects the report. In February, there were 91 traffic stops on Forsythe but there were also 67 traffic targets as well.

Several officers participated in Read Across America at Carnegie Elementary. Also, all officers completed their mandatory MPOETC training, which welcomed 230 officers from other departments to the borough building. The St. Patrick’s Day weekend celebration at Riley’s Pour House begins on March 16th at 8:30am, check out their website for more information.

On March 23rd, the Easter Bunny will be on East Main Street in front of Carnegie Coffee from noon-2pm in an event sponsored by the Carol Covi Children’s Event Committee. On the same day from 11am-1pm, the library will be celebrating World Poetry Day. The Borough will be hosting another Glass Recycling event on April 6th from 9am-11am. The 5k Run/Walk will be on April 27th with the race beginning at 8am.

9. Jr. Council Report (Angelika Pyvovar / Ella Snyder)

Ella Snyder – The Poetry Day celebration will have many languages and cultures represented to show the diversity of the Carlynton School District. On March 23rd, there will be a garage sale at the Carnegie United Methodist Church on Washington Avenue. The Chartiers Senior Center will be offering tax prep services until

April 15th by appointment only. A new program called Hello Neighbor is being run by the CCDC to offer help with snow and leaf removal for elderly and/or disabled residents. Representative Anita Kulik's office is providing assistance with the extended property tax/rent rebate program as well.

For Carlynton news, this year's musical is The Addams Family which runs from April 11th-14th. Recently, students put together shoeboxes with toiletries for the homeless in the Pittsburgh area and art and Spanish classes visited Pittsburgh museums. The Junior Council as well as several members of the Honor Society will be volunteering at the 5k. Prom will at the end of May, Kennywood Day will be on May 24th, and graduation on May 31st.

10. ACFLMH / CCDC Update

Walker Evans, Library Director at ACFLMH –

The library reported that there were 62,820 books checked out, 5,000 hours of computer usage, 76,000 visits, and over 700 programs offered in 2023. As mentioned earlier, the Poetry Day at the Library will be March 23rd from 11am-1pm. There will be artwork on display, interpretative dancing, poetry readings, and international food for attendees to enjoy. Check out the website for more upcoming events and information.

COMMENT: Councilperson Lee thanked the library staff for their fantastic work and programming.

CCDC – Nothing for this evening.

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

Mary Zuccaro (327 Reamer Avenue) – Thanked the Borough Manager and Code Enforcement for their assistance with an issue.

Shade Tree Commission – Bill Moldovan thanked Public Works for their assistance with the rain garden maintenance and upkeep. The East Main rain garden was recently weeded and cleaned out; the West Main rain garden will be next. The gardens need done once or twice a year but need multiple people to go through it.

Borough Manager Steve Beuter – Once the Shade Tree Commission has the planting dates, the Borough will advertise this to get volunteers.

Rob Davidoff (326 Lincoln Avenue) – Saw an article about a \$1 million grant to fund extending the Panhandle Trail from Collier to the Carnegie park-and-ride.

COMMENT: Councilperson Mullins explained that the borough is aware of this funding, and this is part of the county's plan to purchase the railroad property to continue the trail into Carnegie. At this stage negotiations are between the county and the railroad and not with Carnegie, but there is movement on making this happen.

12. Council Good and Welfare

Councilperson DiPietro – There was not a lot of snow this year, but please continue to help elderly neighbors with snow removal and yard work. Be kind to your neighbors.

Councilperson Mullins – On March 25th @6pm, there will be a presentation from a Drexel University student on low-cost home weatherization for Carnegie residents.

Councilperson Lee – Have a healthy and happy St. Patrick's Day and Ramadan.

Councilperson Freshwater – Spoke about Allegheny County being a sanctuary city and the effects of this.

Councilperson Demko – Have a blessed Easter.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION to adjourn by Councilperson Mullins. Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

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