



**CARNEGIE BOROUGH PUBLIC MEETING (via Zoom/In-Person)
Monday, May 10th, 2021
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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LISTED MOTIONS

ADMINISTRATION (Councilperson Freshwater)

**MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on April 12th, 2021.
Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to advertise a Request for Proposal for the 2021 Refuse Contract.
Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION to accept the traffic study results from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) for the intersection of E. Main Street (S.R. 0050) and Chestnut Street (S.R. 3048 / S.R. 3056).

**A. Study Results – Install “No Right Turn on Red” at Chestnut Street / E. Main Street
Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to advertise for letters of interest and resumes for the Carnegie Borough Administrative Department.
Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

FINANCE (Councilperson Boyd)

MOTION to approve the May 2021 Bill List and Bill List Addendum.

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

MOTION to approve the April 2021 engineer and solicitor consulting invoices.

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

PUBLIC WORKS (Councilperson D’Loss)

MOTION to offer part-time, seasonal help employment for the Department of Public Works to Chase Brandebura, Robert Chapman III, Edward Huehn (Jr.), Chauncie Mickens, and Bryce Rodriguez, at a pay rate of \$11.00 per hour pending successful results of a physical examination. Starting date to be determined by the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY (Councilperson Popichak) – no report for this evening.

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Councilperson DiPietro)

MOTION to appoint Ms. Emily Moldovan (Code/Zoning Official) as the Building Code Official (BCO) for the Borough of Carnegie.

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

MOTION to advertise an ordinance regulating potable water within Carnegie Borough and amending Ordinance 2437 conditional upon the solicitor’s approval.

Seconded by Councilperson Popichak –Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – nothing for this evening.

Finance – one of the expenses on the sewer bill list. We only paid for the vector trucks for public works very recently. It has been delivered and ready for our DPW.

Code Enforcement and Community Development – nothing for this evening.

Public Works – last year we had a major sewer project on Broadway, which left trenches from Chartiers Creek to William Street. Those were temporarily filled in for the winter. Starting next week, the contractor, W. A. Petrakis will be preparing those trenches for the summer paving program. This program will resurface all of Broadway from Main Street to the creek. One section between Main Street and William may not be paved if there is going to be construction work going on at the Papa J’s lot.

The borough did receive a grant for \$85,700 for the renovation of 7th Avenue Park. That will cover obvious renovations to the field, basketball court, etc. This grant has a 15% match for the borough.

Public Safety – Vaccines for Covid are readily available now. Most healthcare facilities have an abundance of them.

President’s Report – we are planning on doing our July 3rd Celebration, which is on a Saturday this year. Details to be determined but we are having fireworks!

MANAGER’S REPORT – last week Carnegie Borough was part of a conversation with the Southwest Communities Chamber of Commerce. Included with Carnegie were South Fayette, Upper St. Clair, Bridgeville, Scott, Heidelberg and Collier. We all gave updates on what was going on in our communities. I went over what has been going on and is continuing in the borough. It was great to be a part of that and see what other communities are doing. We shared our positives as well as our challenges.

7th Avenue Park Update – we will be working with the state to get the application processed. The administrative staff will be working on that over the next couple of weeks.

We will be getting ready for our July 3rd Celebration, as previously said by Council President Demko. Updates will be posted on our website and social media.

Today marks the 11th anniversary of my start at Carnegie Borough. I am excited to still be here and see everything that has come along.

CARNEGIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. & EMS REPORT – for the month of April there were 17 fire calls and 117 ambulance calls.

MAYOR’S REPORT – Police Dept. activity for April 2021: Criminal Arrests and Citations – 21; Traffic Citations – 94; Traffic Stops – 234; Parking Tickets – 135; Complains and Self-Initiated Activity – 1,033.

Update on “Operation Forsythe”

- **I have a scheduled in person onsite meeting next week with PennDot, Chief Kennedy, and our State Rep Anita Kulick to discuss what the best solution is to this serious speeding problem on Forsythe Road and now we have a month’s worth of data to bring to illustrate how serious it truly is. Stay tuned for an update next month.**

I once again signed the Bells Across Pennsylvania Day Proclamation for May 2nd which called upon all residents, businesses and churches at 7pm to ring bells or make other celebratory noise for three minutes to honor our hometown heroes (our first responders and essential workers), rally all Pennsylvanians and show resolve to restore our local businesses and civic life to their former prominence.

I want to encourage all of council and our residents to check out the borough website, particularly the Spring/Summer Newsletter which is highly informative and highlights all the grants Carnegie has been awarded this year, it is impressive. I want to personally thank Deneen Underwood from Borough Administration for being so dedicated to applying for all the various grants on behalf of the borough, those monies have had a major impact on what we have been able to do in Carnegie. In addition, the Carnegie Parks Guide is posted and is a great resource for the community.

Carnegie Happenings for the Month of May are Summer Camp registration is underway at the Carnegie Boys and Girls Club. The Camp is \$150.00/week, including breakfast and lunch. Need-based scholarships are available. To register online or call the Club at (412) 276-3151.

The Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church Pierogi Sale will be held Thursday and Friday's throughout May, from 10 AM to 6 PM, located at the Church on 730 Washington Ave. Call ahead at (412) 276-9897 to pre-order your pierogi.

Friday, May 14th, 5 PM, *Carlynton High School 50th Anniversary Celebration*, at Carlynton Jr/Sr High School in the school's circle located near the gym. The evening, hosted by Class President Natali Lutsiv, Vice President Rodrigo Corral and Secretary Gina Ulizzi, will feature a special ceremony, highlighted by the opening of a 50+ year old time capsule. The capsule, encased beneath brick and mortar in a corner section of the building, will be opened and its contents revealed during the ceremony. The Class of 2021, Carlynton's 50th graduating class, will add several present-day items to the capsule before it is resealed.

Saturday, May 15th, 10 AM to Noon, *Vaccine Clinic*, at the Carnegie Boys and Girls Club. The Pfizer vaccine will be administered by St. Clair hospital for ages 16 and up. 16- and 17-year old's must be accompanied by a guardian. To register email Director Juan Perez at j_perez@bgcwpa.org.

Saturday, May 15th, 11 AM to 2 PM, *Carlynton Youth Football and Cheerleading Sign-Ups*, at the Carnegie Borough Building (new league with all school-based players). For more info go to the Facebook page: Carlynton Youth Football and Cheerleading or Email carlyntonvfc@gmail.com.

Saturday, May 22nd, at 9 AM to Noon, *Spring Planting*, volunteers are needed for planting the newly cleaned planters along E. Main and W. Main Streets. You can sign up for an hour or all three. You can register here: <https://visitcarnegie.com/event/spring-planting/>.

Saturday, May 22nd, at 11 AM to Noon, *Paper Airplane Day*. Pick up your paper airplane kit at the Library starting on May 17. Experiment with some different designs during the week, and then join them on Saturday for some outdoor test flights! For more info go to: <https://carnegiecarnegie.org/event/national-paper-airplane-day/>.

Friday, May 28th, *Carlynton Day at Kennywood*; for more info go to: https://www.carlynton.k12.pa.us/our_district/news/what_s_new/kennywood_school_picnic_2021

Saturday, May 29th, at Noon, *Sawhill Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony*, at the Historical Society of Carnegie, located at 1 W. Main St. Lt. Colonel Robert R. Sawhill, Jr. was a Carnegie resident who served in the Vietnam War. His plane was shot down near Hanoi and he spent 2,031 days in captivity as a POW. He received the Purple Heart and numerous other awards including the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Bronze Star. He also received numerous commendations for service and leadership during his 30 years of service and retired from the Pentagon. His family donated his personal memorabilia to be displayed at the Historical Society.

The 2021 Carnegie Memorial Day Parade has been cancelled this year due to COVID concerns. Planning for the event begins in January/February and at that time the COVID climate was very unpredictable. Many of the parade participants were hesitant to commit to the parade. We will be back in full force next year...save the date Sunday, May 29th at 2PM.

Saturday, May 29th, *Memorial Day Ceremony* at the American Legion Post 82 located at 421 Jane St.

SAVES THESE DATES FOR JUNE:

Friday, June 4th, 7 PM, *Carlynton High School Graduation*, congratulations and good luck graduates!

Saturday, June 5th, 6:30 PM, *Bingo Beer and Bidding*, an online fundraiser to benefit the Carnegie Boys and Girls Summer Camp Scholarship Fund. Enjoy bingo, beer and bidding on some great auction items; all while supporting the local youth. See attached flyer.

Friday June 11th, 5 to 9 PM, *The Carnegie Crawl* is back; every 2nd Friday throughout the year, businesses in downtown Carnegie will be offering fun, live music and discounts during the hours of the Crawl.

Just as a reminder Forsythe Mini Golf and Candy Stand is now open!!!! I am so excited and hope this rain is behind us so I can go enjoy and you should too!

Lastly, this week is National Police Week. In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

National Police Week is a collaborative effort of many organizations dedicated to honoring America's law enforcement community.

So, to all our law enforcement officers-the men and women who serve with selfless dedication: thank you for your service and for your sacrifice. May God Bless you and your families and keep you safe.

JR. COUNCIL REPORT – Sam Bigham – The Connect Climate Action meeting was cancelled and is rescheduled for May 17th. I attended the Penn Future meeting which was about sustainability in PA's infrastructure and transportation. I have an update on Alicia Kesneck's bridge mural. Alicia Kesneck and Carnegie Elementary students painted the background on May 5th. High school students will work on the mural on May 19th, 28th, 29th, June 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 9th. I attended a webinar on the Monarch Butterfly Conservation. Changes to the program were discussed including making the pledge annual and having a minimum of three action items to be completed each year. They also showed an online platform for Mayors to design a webpage for their cities about monarch conservation. Finally, I will be attending the opening of the time capsule at Carlynton High School.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Joanne Letcher – CCDC – the Carnegie Crawl is coming back and will start Friday, June 11th. This year the crawl will be extending down into West Main Street. There will be approximately 10 new businesses participating. Thanked everyone who volunteered for the clean up and planting days in Carnegie. They were held on April 17th and May 22nd.

Maggie Forbes – Carnegie Library – thanked the Mayor and Deneen for being at their earth day celebration. Talked about upcoming musical events. Please check website for times.

Resident of Forsythe Road – thanked Chief Kennedy and police department. There is a noticeable improvement on Forsythe. Hopefully, Forsythe will continue to become safer. Chief Kennedy responded that Operation Forsythe is ongoing, and they are still working on a solution.

COUNCIL GOOD AND WELFARE

Councilperson D’Loss – reminding everyone to vote on May 18th. There are 5 ballot questions, and it is especially important for everyone to vote.

Councilperson Freshwater – something that has been bother me for a while. It used to be called the “Carnegie Signal Item” and was owned by the Knepper family. There used to be a lot of information in the Signal Item. Now it is rare to find anything in there about Carnegie. I find this very disappointing.

Councilperson Boyd – nothing for this evening.

Councilperson Popichak – encouraged everyone to get out and vote on May 18th.

Councilperson DiPietro – nice to see everyone and not be sitting behind my laptop for these meetings.

Council President Demko – nothing for this evening.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilperson Boyd, seconded by Councilperson D’Loss.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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