



**Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 – Not Present; Councilperson Freshwater – Present; Councilperson Mullins – 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 April 11th and April 21st, 2022. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b. MOTION to accept the engineering services proposal submitted by Trans Associates Engineering Consultants, Inc for the Carnegie Elementary RRFB Flashing Warning Device Project in an amount not to exceed \$12,500. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMENT: Borough Manager Steve Beuter explained that this payment was for the package to go alongside a grant for the rapid flash beacon at Washington Avenue and Franklin Avenue.**

#### **2. Finance (Councilperson Mullins)**

- a. MOTION to approve the May 2022 Bill List and Bill List Addendum. Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

#### **3. Public Works (Councilperson D’Loss)**

- a. MOTION to accept Change Order No. 1 (Final) in the amount of \$10,250.00, to account for unforeseen site conditions and to adjust for final quantities installed on the Mansfield Boulevard Sewer Relocation Project. (Contract No. 2020-03 – Jet Jack, Inc.) Seconded by Councilperson Freshwater – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b. MOTION to authorize Payment No. 2 (Final) to Jet Jack Inc. in the amount of \$14,696.25 for the Mansfield Boulevard Sewer Relocation Project (Contract No. 2020-01). Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

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

**5. Code Enforcement and Community Development (Read by Councilperson Demko)**

- a. **MOTION to approve the application of Mr. Dustin Jones for the land development application as submitted for 826 Washington Avenue (E-Lane Development) as recommended by the Planning Commission on November 30, 2021.**

a.

102-D-50 (Vacant Lot)	102-D-304
102-D-52 (Existing Unit – 101)	102-D-306
102-D-54 (Existing Unit – 102)	102-D-308
102-D-300	102-D-310
102-D-302	102-D-58

**Seconded by Councilperson Mullins– Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**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 (Councilperson D’Loss) – Several years ago the Borough received a grant money to build another pavilion at Carnegie Park. The grant was around \$75,000, which a match requirement, thus totaling around \$160,000. The contractor costs have risen to a price that has exceeded our initial estimate, and the borough has been unable to find a reasonable bid. The project remains in limbo.**

**E. Public Safety and Fire Dept. / EMS Report (Councilperson Demko) – There were 17 fire calls, and 128 ambulance calls last month.**

**F. President’s Report (Council President Boyd) – Nothing for this evening**

**7. Manager’s Report – The borough extends its gratitude to the group of volunteers who helped pick up trash on Arch Street and North Bell Avenue. The volunteers were Alicia Kesneck, James Kozdra, and the team from RPG Resources (Kelly Sonetti, Josh Sonetti, Greg Bzorek, Dave Schuster, Joe Kasper, Sarah Ireland, Ethan Hurley). Twenty-one bags of garbage were collected from this clean-up.**

**On April 30<sup>th</sup>, the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy and TreeVitalize donated fourteen trees that were then planted by the Shade Tree Commission and Representative Anita Kulik.**

**8. Mayor’s Report – The department activity for April 2022: criminal arrests and citations 17, traffic stops 227 (91 were on Forsythe Road), traffic citations 93, parking tickets 74, complaints and self-initiated activity 1139.**

**May is small business month, make sure to celebrate revitalization efforts by stopping into the local businesses and thanking owners. The Carnegie Crawl is returning this Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. The crawl runs the second Friday of every month through October and occur from 5pm-9pm. Wisdom World Beats will be on the corner to kick off the first crawl.**

On Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:30am-1:30pm, the borough is hosting Pizza with the Police. Both Mayor Riley and Chief Kennedy will be at the event, along with the borough police officers to welcome citizens in a relaxed environment. This event is family friendly; minors must be accompanied by an adult. On the same day, there will be a Carnegie Community Yard Sale at Carnegie Park. Registration includes a placement on the map and a goodie bag.

From 9am-noon on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, there will be flower painting on East and West Main Street. Volunteers are still needed, sign-ups are on [visitcarnegie.com](http://visitcarnegie.com) On Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, the borough is hosting its annual Memorial Day Parade. You can join the Carnegie's Veterans Group American Legion Post 82 and VFW Post 331, as well as the Carnegie Historical Society who will be honoring outstanding service men and women.

On Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 2pm-4pm, there will be a commemoration at Forsythe Mini Golf to celebrate their 80th season. Mayor Riley will deliver a proclamation and Representative Anita Kulik will also be in attendance, Quantum Spirits will have a pop-up bar as well. Forsythe Mini Golf's regular season opens on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Dogapalooza is returning on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at Carnegie Park. More information will be available soon. As part of the mayor's Monarch Butterfly Pledge, a Public Art Project featuring Alicia Kesneck and 11 Bishop Canevin students is on display. Recycled cans and plastic bottles were repurposed for this project, as seen in the East Main Street parking lot.

During Earth Day at the library, Shade Tree Commission members Gina Thornberg, Chris James, and Alicia Kesneck handed out environmental coloring books. In addition, Carlynton student Julia Zayats and Bishop Canevin student Alexis Leppert-Bell painted faces for children at the event.

The Carnegie Annual Volunteer Fire and Rescue Bureau 5k Run/Walk raised a record breaking \$31,819 to benefit the Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department. In 2020, the event was cancelled and last year the race was virtual. This year there were over 79 sponsors and 253 participants. Mayor Riley extended gratitude to sponsors, participants, and to the 5k committee (Borough Manager Steve Beuter, Chief Kennedy, Council President Boyd, Police Secretary Patricia, and the borough administration Renea, Deneen, and Kellie, who planned the event.

**9. Jr. Council Report (Jr. Councilperson Johnson) - Carlynton School Districts Spring Musical Back to the 80's will be held on May 12, 13 &14 at 7:00pm and May 15 at 2:00pm.**

Carnegie's Spring/Summer 2022 Newsletter is available on our website.

Mayor Riley's letter to Kelty, Scotland requesting a sister city alliance went out in the mail last week.

The Shade Tree Commission received a grant of free milkweed from the National Wildlife Federation. Mayor Riley's renewal of the Mayor's Monarch Conservation Pledge this year substantially increased our chances of receiving the grant. The strategic planting of this milkweed around town will draw Monarch's to Carnegie during their late summer migration from Mexico to Canada and back.

**10. ACFLMH / CCDC Update – Nothing for this evening**

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

**Joanne Letcher (CCDC) – Joanne debuted the 10<sup>th</sup> year celebration poster for the Carnegie Crawl. The poster was designed by Dave Klug from Double Dog Studios. Carnegie Stage is returning as a participant, they will have live performances, videos, snacks, and beverages. The Carnegie Beer Outlet will also have live performances.**

Volunteers are still needed for the flower planting on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Donuts and coffee from Dagny's will be available as well as pizza from Pizzeria Davide in the afternoon. There are currently 15 volunteers, but we encourage anyone else to come out. The flowers will be blue and yellow to support Ukraine.

**Jeff Stephan (318 California Avenue)** – In 2014, California Avenue was hit with a severe flood and at the time Councilperson D'Loss stated at a council meeting that everyone in Carnegie knows that you do not put anything of value in your basement. Mr. Stephan showed council a video via his computer of the rushing waters from the 2014 flood and heavy rainstorm. The rushing water headed straight at the basement door at 318 California Avenue, flooding the basement significantly. A culvert on Lee Street overflows and sends water rushing down to California Avenue, like it did in August 2021.

Mr. Stephan showed council images of his neighbor's fence and his own basement and yard after the water rushed down. Mr. Stephan referenced a quote from then Councilperson Pat Catena, where he stated that borough council would meet with its engineers. Since then, Mr. Stephan has done right to know requests and is frustrated that no changes have been made to address flooding in the borough and with borough employees.

Mr. Stephan expressed his frustration that his home has lost value and that the family has been forced to make changes to the home due to the flooding issue. He raised concerns with a new road that was built in the area and its potential effect on future storms.

**Cheryl Stephan (318 California Avenue)** – Mrs. Stephan and her husband wanted to address council so they and the community could be made aware of the devastation that flooding causes upon the homes on California Avenue. The drainage and flooding is an ongoing issue in the borough and it has to be a known issue. Mrs. Stephan expressed her frustration with the borough's response to their home flooding and the loss of irreplaceable items, as well as her disappointment that they were not invited to a meeting with the borough engineer to come up with a solution. Due to the skate park and the park, water runs differently in Carnegie and Mrs. Stephan is concerned the flooding will occur again.

**Kim Geary (312 California Avenue)** – Asked council to investigate the flooding issue and described the rushing water that often entered their basement. Their basement door was broken in half by the heavy flow of water, resulting in property damage. Mrs. Geary explained that the water that floods their home is run off and the damage it causes is not covered by insurance.

**COMMENT:** Mr. Stephan and Mrs. Stephan added that they were hoping to get experts down on California Avenue to determine what is causing the flooding.

**COMMENT:** Councilperson Demko added her personal experience and frustration with the flooding in the community.

**COMMENT:** Mr. Stephan explained through his own investigating that he believes the water is coming from a private property, but that the borough also maintains the property. When the property is properly maintained, there is no flooding issue.

**COMMENT:** The borough solicitor explained that squalls and other flash flooding issues are a nuisance in other boroughs as well and is not easy to manage. Flood prevention and sewer maintenance is expensive.

**COMMENT:** Mr. Stephan showed council and the borough solicitor a video from the 2014 flooding. And further discussed the causation of the flooding.

## 12. Council Good and Welfare

**Councilperson D'Loss** – Nothing for this evening

**Councilperson Freshwater** – Yesterday was Mother’s Day, so happy belated Mother’s Day to all the mothers and to those who are not with us anymore. May 30<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day, which was originally known as Decoration Day in honor of those who served and died in their service. People would go out and decorate their gravesites to honor their service. Please keep all our veterans, especially those who have died serving our country, in your prayers.

**Councilperson Mullins** – Next Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> is the primary elections. Get out vote, make your voices heard.

**Councilperson Demko** – The Fire Department is having their Super Bingo fundraiser this Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. The early bird special starts at 11am, followed by the regular bingo at 1pm-4pm. Come down and play bingo.

**Council President Boyd** – Special thanks to the administrative department. Without them the borough would not have the communication or coordination it has with the public. As well as public works, many of whom volunteered to help with the 5K. They were able to help set up and clean up. On behalf of the fire department, we are extremely thankful to the borough for organizing the 5K. It is the department’s largest single fundraiser.

As a reminder on June 10<sup>th</sup>, the Carnegie Library is hosting Fly Us to the Moon annual benefit in the Music Hall. Benny Benack III, a Pittsburgh jazz musician now based in New York, will be there with his trio. We hope to see many of you attend.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

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