



Monday, November 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 – Absent, Councilperson Freshwater – Present, Councilperson Lee – Present, Councilperson Mullins – Absent, 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 October 14th, 2024. Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b) **MOTION to authorize the President of Council, Borough Manager and Borough Solicitor to prepare and execute the documents necessary to obtain the 2025 Tax Anticipation Loan from Washington Financial Bank in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 at a rate not to exceed 5.0% with no origination fee (pending credit approval). Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENT: Council President Boyd explained that the Borough gets a TAN Loan at the end of every year to cover expenses until tax revenue comes in.

2. Finance (Councilperson Mullins) Read by Councilperson Freshwater

- a) **MOTION to approve the November 2024 Bill List and Bill List Addendum. Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

3. Public Works (Councilperson Demko)

- a) **MOTION to authorize Pay Application No. 4 from Paramount in the amount of \$47,790.00 for the Carnegie Park Shelter Renovations Project (Contract No. 2023-02). Seconded by Councilperson Freshwater – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b) **MOTION to authorize Pay Application No. 1 (Final) from Alex E. Paris Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$231,714.05 for the 2024 Milling and Resurfacing Program (Contract No. 2024-02). Seconded by Councilperson Lee – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

- c) **MOTION to award Contract No. 2024-01 for the East Main Street Power Line Relocation Project to the lowest responsible bidder who was Westmoreland Electric for \$359,990 contingent on final engineer review. Seconded by Councilperson Freshwater – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENT: Council President Boyd explained that this project has been in the works for a long time and is being completed through funding by ARPA grant money that was received. This project is to install new, modernized poles along East Main Street and to move electric for seven buildings from the light poles to the power grid. \$159,000 of the total will address connecting the buildings to the power grid, \$100,000 for contingency in case anything else happens to the buildings, and an additional \$100,000 for direct expenses.

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

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

- a) **MOTION to adopt Borough Ordinance No. 2492, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, officially designating a certain unnamed alley within the Borough with a new name for legal and administrative purposes. Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENT: Councilperson Lee explained that the alleys to be named are Not Forgotten Alley and Mark Bassano Way.

- b) **MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2024 – 22, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, requesting a Main Street Matters Program (MSM) Grant of \$50,000.00 from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to be used for a business district façade improvement program. Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENT: Borough Manager Steve Beuter explained that the Carnegie Community Development Corporation had a façade program in the past where building improvements would be split 50-50 between the grant money and a building owner. The goal is to bring this program back and there have been a dozen businesses interested in it.

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 October 2024, there were 133 ambulance calls, 33 fire calls, and 2 mutual aid calls.**

F. **President’s Report – Nothing for this evening.**

7. **Manager's Report** – The next budget meeting is November 18th at 6pm. Thank you to those who helped at the Trail of Terror and to the volunteers, Council, and Public Works.

8. **Mayor's Report** – In October 2024, there were 8 criminal arrests and citations, 126 traffic stops, 18 traffic citations, 185 parking tickets, and 935 calls and self-initiated activity. Several officers visited Carnegie Elementary School to discuss Trick-or-Treating and general public safety tips and pass out glow bracelets. The Department was visible on Halloween, and it was a good turnout. This year the Department is participating in No Shave November to raise funds for St. Jude Children's Hospital and the UPMC Pediatric Burn Unit. Toys For Tots will return to the Borough Building beginning November 18th.

There will be a tree planting at Double Dog Studio on November 16th from 9am-noon and they are still asking for any interested volunteers. The Holiday Market will be on November 17th from 10am-1pm. Small Business Saturday will take place on November 30th, be sure to check out the business district for events and sales. On December 6th from 6pm-8pm, Carols & Lights returns to the Borough Building. There will be cookies, hot chocolate, writing letters to Santa, and an opportunity to meet Santa.

Santa will be at the Library on December 14th this year and this event is sponsored by the Andrew Carnegie Free Library, Carnegie Borough, and the Carol Covi Children's Event Committee. On the same day, the St. Matrona Cookie Walk will be held from 10am-2pm at Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church at 200 Mansfield Avenue. Patrons select their favorite holiday cookie and pay by the pound.

Now is a beautiful time to bond and reconnect with our loved ones. Your home is your sanctuary, and family is all that really matters. I want to express my gratitude to each and every one of you. Our borough is fortunate to have dedicated individuals across every department all working tirelessly to make our community thrive. Give thanks for each other and for strong bonds we share. Have a safe, joyful, and meaningful Thanksgiving.

9. **Jr. Council Report (Angelika Pyvovar)** – Nothing for this evening.

10. ACFLMH / CCDC Update

Walker, ACFLMH – Thanked those who attended the Veteran's Day event today. Check out the library's website for more upcoming events. The ACFLMH was voted the 2nd best library in the Best of PGH 2024 in the Pittsburgh City Paper.

CCDC – Councilperson Lee reported that Modern Mercantile is closing doors. This is a big loss to the community and the business district.

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

Mike Sisul (2 Christy Avenue) – Thanked all veterans. Mr. Sisul wanted information on whether Airbnbs were permitted in the Borough and shared his concerns with one near his home. Also, Mr. Sisul expressed his concerns with 10 Christy Avenue which is a dilapidated property behind the Boys & Girls Club.

Borough Solicitor Nate Boring explained that there is currently a permitting ordinance which requires any short-term rental to get an occupancy inspection and permit. Council is working on a zoning amendment to restrict which districts can have operating short-term rentals, zoning cannot retroactively address current rentals.

Borough Manager Steve Beuter explained that Code Enforcement is aware of 10 Christy Avenue and will address the safety issues with the property.

Keira Canan (501 Beechwood Avenue) – Asked when the zoning amendment for Airbnbs will be approved and expressed concern with littering along Washington Avenue near Carnegie Elementary School. Is it possible to get public garbage cans along that route?

Borough Solicitor Nate Boring explained that the amendment could be ready for vote in early 2025. Council will discuss the litter issue and find a solution.

12. Council Good and Welfare

Councilperson Lee – The Holiday Market will be this Sunday, November 17th from 10am-1pm. Happy Thanksgiving. Last week was a divisive week but let us remember we have more in common than we have apart.

Councilperson Demko – The Trail of Terror was really good this year, we got so many good comments about it. Thank you to the Police Department, Public Works, Council, and everyone that volunteered. It raised a lot of money for the park. Have a happy, blessed Thanksgiving.

Councilperson Freshwater – Today is Veteran’s Day, take the time to respect and honor those who served and especially those who gave their life while serving our country. Happy Thanksgiving.

Council President Boyd – The Veteran’s Day event at the library was a nice service. Congressman Chris Deluzio, a veteran, gave a wonderful presentation. There were about 60 people there. People’s Gas recently responded to the Borough to share upcoming construction projects, which includes a road we were going to pave next year. Hopefully, the water company will respond or work together with us. I was one of the many people who contributed time to painting Butterflies on the Monarch Shelter. It looks fantastic.

COMMENT: Mayor Riley added that there will be a public unveiling once the mural is completed with the artist and community.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION to adjourn by Councilperson Demko. Seconded by Councilperson Freshwater. Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED