



**CARNEGIE BOROUGH PUBLIC MEETING (via Zoom)**

**Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 – Present, Council President Demko – Present, Mayor Riley - Present**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON LISTED MOTIONS**

**Mayor Riley swore Samuel Bigham into Carnegie Borough’s Junior Council program.**

**ADMINISTRATION (Councilperson Freshwater)**

**MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

**Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to authorize the President of Council, Borough Manager and Borough Solicitor to prepare and execute the documents necessary to obtain the 2021 Tax Anticipation Loan from Washington Financial Bank in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 at a rate not to exceed 3.25% with no origination fee (pending credit approval).**

**Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to approve Resolution No. 2020-20, a Resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, authorizing participation in the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs Junior Council Program (Samuel Bigham – Indiana University of Pennsylvania).**

**Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to approve Resolution No. 2020-22, a Resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, authorizing the adoption of an intergovernmental cooperation agreement pertaining to the establishment of a Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals (Char-West Council of Governments).**

**Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to waive any fees associated with the Carnegie Borough Business Privilege Tax (BPT) Ordinance between November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for the 2020 BPT Collection.**

**Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

#### **FINANCE (Councilperson Boyd)**

**MOTION to approve the November 2020 Bill List and Bill List Addendum.**

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

#### **PUBLIC WORKS (Councilperson D’Loss)**

**MOTION to authorize Payment No. 1 to W.A. Petrakis Contracting in the amount of \$214,932.68 for the Broadway Street Sewer Separation Project (Contract No. 2020-01).**

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

**MOTION to accept Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$13,247.32 for the Carnegie Borough 2020 Milling and Resurfacing Program to reflect actual quantities used (Contract No. 2020-02 – Youngblood Paving, Inc.).**

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

**MOTION to authorize Payment No. 1 (Final) to Youngblood Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$222,499.40 for the Carnegie Borough 2020 Milling and Resurfacing Program to reflect actual quantities used (Contract No. 2020-02).**

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

**MOTION to authorize Payment No. 1 to JD’s Landscaping and Towing in the amount of 39,101.61 for the Campbells Run Stream Debris Removal Project (Contract No. 2020-03).**

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

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY (Councilperson Popichak)**

**MOTION to adopt borough Ordinance 2470, an ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of PA, amending chapter 15, section 108, Section 111, and Section 301 of the Borough Code of Ordinances relating to motor vehicles and traffic. (One-Way – Sansbury Street (Lydia to E. Main and E. Main to Mansfield)).**

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

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Councilperson DiPietro)**

**MOTION to approve Resolution No. 2020-16, a Resolution of the Borough of Carnegie declaring that several dilapidated and vacant structures individually and collectively in the Borough of Carnegie constitute blighted property as defined by the Urban Redevelopment Law.**

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

**MOTION to approve Resolution No. 2020-17, a Resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, confirming that the Borough of Carnegie has submitted a Community Development Block Grant application through the Char-West COG to the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development in the amount of \$85,000.00 for the 2020-21 Carnegie Borough Demolition Project.**

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

**MOTION to approve Resolution No. 2020-18, a Resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, confirming that the Borough of Carnegie has submitted a Community Development Block Grant application through the Char-West COG to the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development in the amount of \$68,408.00 for the Beechwood Avenue Sidewalk Replacement Project.**

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

**MOTION to approve Resolution No. 2020-19, a Resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, confirming that the Borough of Carnegie has submitted a Community Development Block Grant application through the Char-West COG to the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development in the amount of \$59,935.00 for the Borough of Carnegie Storm Drain Improvement Project.**

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

**MOTION to approve Resolution No. 2020-21, a Resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, confirming that the Borough of Carnegie intends to request funds from the Active Allegheny Grant Program in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the proposed Carnegie Complete Streets Policy and is authorized to enter into a grant contract between the Borough of Carnegie and the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC).**

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

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administration – there was a preliminary meeting regarding the contract for the administration department. There was a function at the library this past Saturday to recognize veterans for Veterans Day. It was a great day to honor all veterans.**

**Finance – we’re continuing to do quite well with the collection of property taxes this year. On the expense side, we’re doing a remarkable job of managing expenses, which is great.**

**There is one expense upcoming, which is about 30% of the DPW budget. We have yet to ratify their contract and we'll owe them what their salary increase would have been for this year. We'll have to pay them before the end of the year. It was in the budget but is not reflected on the P&L year to date. We have collected 93.7% of the taxes to date. Still a little light on the collection side, but we are still doing okay. We're working on the budget for 2021. President Demko questioned the amount of the TAN Loan and whether it could be lowered. Discussion continued on TAN Loan and payments.**

**Code Enforcement and Community Development – nothing for this evening.**

**Public Works - W. A. Petrakis Contracting has completed work between Mansfield Blvd and Chartiers Creek on the Broadway Street storm sewer project. They have moved on to the section of Broadway that is between Brown and Mansfield. On Wednesday, Nov 4, I met with representatives from KLH, Petrakis, and the Post Office to discuss disruptions to mail truck traffic as the project moves toward Main St. Keith Hatcher, Steve Beuter, and Police Chief Kennedy were in attendance. The Chief has developed a plan to post traffic detours when the project reaches Main St. These signs will be put in place on the weekend of Nov 14-15. There will be various traffic restrictions during a 6-8 week period beginning October 6 and ending just before Thanksgiving.**

**This evening, Council approved making Sansbury a one way street. DPW will now paint a yellow pedestrian walkway down both sides of Sansbury between Main and Mansfield, as well as install a stop sign on Sansbury at Brown and install a Do Not Enter sign on Sansbury at Mansfield.**

**With the assistance of Deneen Underwood and Sam Bigham, Dave Coldren and I made a video explaining the Broadway St sewer project. That video was 7 minutes in duration and it was posted on the borough website and Facebook page. It represents a new method of sharing information with residents. This past month the Department of Public Works began paving a number of roads/alleys throughout the community, which included Harrison Street, Middle Place, and Llama Lane. Also, DPW has completed the sidewalk repair for the gentleman who lives at 620 Poplar Alley behind the Church of Atonement.**

**Public Safety – Carlynton has started their reentry program. Elementary school started the last week of October. The high school will be starting back. Please be aware that buses are running and students are out and about.**

**President's Report – everyone else covered everything I was going to speak on.**

**MANAGER'S REPORT – We are currently working on applying to Allegheny County for the Active Allegheny Grant. This grant will enable us to create a map of all of the parks to be connected to one another. The goal of Complete Streets is to connect all of the amenities in the community. We're also working on the PA American Water Rainwater Garden Grant. This would cover rainwater repair and renovations to some of the raingardens that we already have throughout the borough. We have had resolutions for the yearly CDBG Grant application. That**

will include a demolition project, the Beechwood Avenue sidewalk replacement project and DPW will be applying for a number of catch basin additions and repairs. We will be sending out reminders to those businesses that have yet to pay this year's business privilege tax. We have waived the late fees for this year as the businesses have been impacted by Covid-19. Our holiday farmers will be on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup>. Additional details may be found on the borough's website.

**CARNEGIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. & EMS REPORT** – for the month of October there were 16 fire calls and 109 ambulance calls.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – the Police Department Activity for October will be shared at December's meeting.

Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. is the Holiday Farmer's Market. This will be held on East Main Street between Broadway and Mary. Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> from noon to 5 p.m., there will be a Thanksgiving Day Open House (pandemic Style) at St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church located at 200 Mansfield Avenue. This is a free Thanksgiving dinner and will be take-out only. To request a dinner, please call 412-276-9718 or you can place your order online.

Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> is Plaid Friday (Carnegie's answer to Black Friday). Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> is Small Business Saturday. Remember to shop local. Reminding everyone that if you make a purchase at participating businesses in November, you will be entered in to win a \$100 gift certificate to a Carnegie retailer.

Save the Dates: Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. we will have our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Carols and Lights, minus the carols this year. We will be lighting the tree at the borough building. Details to follow on our website. Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, Carnegie Celebrates the Season (drive-by version) at the Carnegie Library. Santa will be there from 2-4 p.m.

As John F. Kennedy said, "We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives". Therefore, I would like to thank Steve Beuter, Borough Manager, Borough Administration, the Department of Public Works, our Carnegie Police Department and Chief Kennedy, Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department, Borough Council (including Solicitor Nate), Joanne and the CCDC, and all of our businesses and residents. 2020 has been a trying time for all of us. At moments it has seemed impossible to have hope. But we must. Despite everything going on in our worlds, we still have to give thanks and be grateful. To everyone, please stay healthy and well this holiday season.

Lastly, a big THANK YOU to all of America's veterans. On Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> we celebrate Veterans Day and honor your patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. Veterans Day is a time for us to pay our respects to those who have served. For one day, we stand united in respect for you, our veterans.

**SAM BIGHAM** – Junior Council – I've worked on the video for the Broadway Street Storm Sewer Project. I will be working on more videos as well.

## **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Maggie Forbes – Carnegie Library – it was lovely to have the Veterans Day Ceremony. Bells for Peace is an app that can be downloaded to ring bells. There is a movement to have everyone ring bells on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month. The Library was a polling place for voters on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was an honor and everything went smoothly. As to the construction on Broadway, hoping that there will be signs posted directing people to the library. Discussion continued with Councilperson D’Loss about signage.**

## **COUNCIL GOOD AND WELFARE**

**Councilperson DiPietro – with the upcoming holidays, just asking everyone to be smart and be safe. Have a nice holiday season.**

**Councilperson Popichak – with the holidays coming up, try to enjoy yourself with your loved ones and do it safely. Have a blessed season.**

**Councilperson Freshwater – Veterans Day is about those who served our country, especially those who died serving our country. This is important and should be remembered and appreciated by all.**

**Councilperson D’Loss – The ceremony at the library for Veterans Day was just beautiful. The weather cooperated and it was a really nice event. I hope everyone has a nice Thanksgiving.**

**Councilperson Boyd – a pet peeve that has been mentioned over time regarding the rain gardens in Carnegie. I’m very grateful to Borough Administration for stepping up and doing the leg work to get a grant to do some restorations next year. I’m looking forward to the improvements.**

**Council President Demko – thanked Councilperson D’Loss and Councilperson Freshwater for their service in our Armed Forces. I’m thankful and grateful for everyone on Council. Wished everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving.**

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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