



**Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 – Present, Mayor Riley – Present**

**Public Comment on Listed Motions – Nothing for this evening.**

**Mayor Riley performed the swearing in of returning Junior Councilperson Angelika Pyvovar.**

**1. Administration (Councilperson Freshwater)**

- a) **MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b) **MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2024 – 18, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, requesting a Statewide Local Share Assessment (LSA) Grant of \$999,200.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Carnegie Public Stair Replacement (Phase 1). Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- c) **MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2024 – 19, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, requesting a Statewide Local Share Assessment (LSA) Grant of \$998,700.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Carnegie Public Stair Replacement (Phase 2). Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- d) **MOTION to accept the resignation of Deneen Underwood as the Administrative Assistant effective November 1, 2024. Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMENT: Council President Boyd thanked Deneen for her years of hard work and dedication to the Carnegie.**

- e) **MOTION to authorize the advertisement for position of Administrative Assistant. Seconded by Councilperson Lee – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- f) **MOTION to authorize the advertisement for an open position on the Zoning Hearing Board. Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMENT:** Borough Manager Steve Beuter added that if anyone knows anyone who is interested or if you are interested in joining the Zoning Hearing Board, to reach out to him. The board only meets a handful of times a year for as needed variances. It is a great way to get involved in the community.

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

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

## **3. Public Works (Councilperson Demko)**

- a) **MOTION to authorize Pay Application No. 3 from Paramount in the amount of \$134,006.40 for the Carnegie Park Shelter Renovations Project (Contract No. 2023-02). Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMENT:** Councilperson Demko said the epoxy on the floor is great and seems like it will hold up throughout the years of use.

**COMMENT:** Borough Manager Steve Beuter added that the bathrooms will have the same flooring as well.

- b) **MOTION to authorize Pay Application No. 3 (Final) from the Players Edge in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Carnegie Park Court (Tennis/Pickleball) Rehabilitation Project (2023-03). Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMENT:** Council President Boyd explained that the Borough is not happy with the work that was done on the Tennis and Pickleball Courts, but to hold onto their maintenance bond, the Borough had to pay the amount due from their contract. Next year, a contractor can mill, repave, and reset the tiles to get the courts to standard.

## **4. Public Safety (Councilperson Lee)**

- a) **MOTION to adopt Borough Ordinance No. 2491, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, amending its fire prevention and fire protection regulations, as codified at Chapter 7 of the Borough Code of Ordinances, to provide for the regulation of fire department rapid entry key lock boxes within the Borough to aid the Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department in gaining access to certain premises when responding**

to calls for an emergency service. Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

COMMENT: Council President Boyd added that the Knox Boxes will go on buildings to make it easier for the Fire Department to access them in the event of an emergency.

- b) MOTION to enter into a three (3) year agreement with Pennsbury Village for police, fire and ambulance services that will begin on January 1, 2025, and end on December 31, 2027. Seconded by Councilperson Freshwater – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

COMMENT: Council President Boyd explained that this is an extension of an on-going long-term agreement with Pennsbury.

- c) MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2024 – 20, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the adoption of a mutual aid agreement for the delegation of powers set forth in a mutual aid agreement for law enforcement services. Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

A. Char-West Council of Governments (COG)

COMMENT: Council President Boyd added that this agreement is in place in the event that Carnegie or another local municipality needs assistance.

- d) MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2024-21, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie establishing Chapter 15, Part 2, Section 209 of the Borough Code of Ordinances creating a handicapped parking space near 323 Rowland Avenue (65-A-126). Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

COMMENT: Councilperson Lee added that this space does not belong to one person and that it must be shared with whoever needs it.

5. Code Enforcement and Community Development (Councilperson DiPietro)

- a) MOTION to advertise 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 Freshwater – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

COMMENT: Council President Boyd explained that this is regarding an unnamed alley behind the Salvation Army building near East Main Street. This was brought to the attention of the Borough by the owner of Not Forgotten, therefore the street will be named Not Forgotten Alley. In addition, Cherry Way behind the stands at Honus Wagner stadium was renamed for Constable Mark Bassano in honor of his years of work in the community.

## **6. Committee Reports**

- A. Administration – Nothing for this evening.**
- B. Finance – The first budget and finance meeting will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup>.**
- C. Code Enforcement and Community Development – Nothing for this evening.**
- D. Public Works – Councilperson Demko thanked Public Works for their help in setting up and working the Trail of Terror at Carnegie Park. Josh with Public Works did a lot of the setting up, so thank you.**
- E. Public Safety and Fire Dept. / EMS Report – In September 2024, there were 27 fire calls, 4 mutual aid calls, and 128 ambulance calls.**
- F. President’s Report – Nothing for this evening.**

**Manager’s Report** – A PCCD grant was submitted for \$134,400 for the police department for thermal citation printers, biometric fingerprint system, radios, drones, thermal imaging camera, TruNarc technology, firearms, desktop computers, printers, shredders, and floor mats with new patch. Indoor and outdoor surveillance cameras were installed from our current PCCD grant.

Student artwork is on display in the library showcase. Art classes were made possible from our Creative Communities mini-grant. Thirteen students participated from grades K-8 creating multicultural art projects from every continent.

A mural on the Monarch Shelter will be completed in October and November. Muralist Alison Zapata is currently creating the design with students at Carlynton High School in the classroom. Painting will be completed by Alison, students, and community volunteers. The mural will complete the public art action in Mayor Riley’s NWF Mayors Monarch Pledge. The project is sponsored by the Pittsburgh Center for Arts and Media. Volunteer sign up information is on our website.

The annual Trail of Terror at Carnegie Park is underway. Fridays and Saturdays - October 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 and 26 from 7:00-10:00pm. Allegheny County has created a project guide that is posted on our website. The guide details road closures and work currently underway. The October 5 recycling event was a great success. Republic Services sponsored glass recycling, State Representative Anita Kulik sponsored paper shredding, the Allegheny County Sheriff’s Department sponsored a drug dump.

The annual Halloween Promenade will be Saturday, October 26. Registration begins at noon in front of Carnegie Coffee. The holiday market will take place on Sunday, November 17 from 10am to 1pm. Earlier time because of a Steelers game. LifeLine Screening will be at the borough building on Wednesday, November 27. Sign up information is on our website. The cost is \$159 for four screenings for Carotid Artery Disease, Atrial Fibrillation, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, and Peripheral Artery Disease. Plus, free Hypertension Screening. Thank you to Deneen for her years of hard work and time here at the Borough.

**COMMENT:** Councilperson Demko explained how important and useful the LifeLine screenings have been to her family.

- Mayor's Report** – In September 2024, there were 13 criminal arrests and citations, 175 traffic stops (61 on Forsythe Road), 33 traffic citations, 112 parking tickets, and 1,055 calls and self-initiated activity. The Police Department has recently undergone training in firearm and taser use as well as de-escalation. In addition, the department provided security for the events at Holy Trinity and the Shul here in Carnegie.

The Trail of Terror returns to Carnegie Park Fridays and Saturdays - October 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 and 26 from 7:00-10:00pm. This event is a fundraiser for the park. The Halloween Promenade will take place on October 26<sup>th</sup> on East Main Street. Trick or Treating will be on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6pm-8pm. Carols and Lights will return on December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Borough Building.

During the Homecoming football game on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, the family of Constable Mark Bassano was honored with the renaming of an alley. Mr. Bassano was a pillar of this community for over twenty years and the alley now named after him is the perfect location to honor the work he did in the community. Also thank you to Chief Kennedy for his assistance with this as well.

Voting is fundamental and essential to a healthy democracy, please vote on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

- Jr. Council Report (Angelika Pyvovar)** – The Homecoming game and dance was this past weekend. Students will be taking PSATs this week. Also, students were given a survey to fill out regarding the presence of a school police officer.

- ACFLMH / CCDC Update**

**Marlee Gallagher, Executive Director of ACFLMH** – The Library fundraiser on September 20<sup>th</sup> was attended by 275 guests and raised \$80,000. The valet service offered was great, so thank you to the Borough and Police Department for that. From Love Your Library Month, we raised an additional \$20,000 as well. The library is a polling place so make sure you get out and vote. Join us on November 11<sup>th</sup>, for the Veterans Day ceremony. The newsletter will be mailing soon, and Santa will be at the Library on December 14<sup>th</sup> this year.

**CCDC** – Councilperson Lee shared that the last Crawl of the season was on October 11<sup>th</sup> and that there will be a future holiday event.

- General Public Comment (Council will hear comments for up to three (3) minutes per person)** – Nothing for this evening.

- Council Good and Welfare**

**Councilperson DiPietro** – Congrats to the Homecoming Court and the football team for their win. The boys' soccer team also made the playoffs.

**Councilperson Mullins** – Just to echo, go vote.

**Councilperson Demko** – Make sure you check out the Trail of Terror. Thank you to Terry, Chief, and Steve for being there on Saturday for me. Thank you again Public Works for volunteering your time.

**Councilperson Freshwater** – Thank you Public Works for helping with the Trail.

**Councilperson Lee** – Daylight Savings is coming up. It gets really dark early on Halloween so be careful with kids out and watch for deer.

**Council President Boyd** – Rico from Public Works and the Fire Department is collecting items for a fundraiser for the victims of hurricane Helene. Donations were collected at the Fire Department, and he will be delivering supplies to them directly.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

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