



CARNEGIE BOROUGH PUBLIC MEETING (via Zoom)

Monday, October 12th, 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 – Absent, Mayor Riley - Present

**CARNEGIE BOROUGH – BOYS & GIRLS CLUB LETTER OF RECOGNITION
(Mr. Juan Perez)**

The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences recognized the video by the Boys and Girls Club, which they received an Emmy for. A letter was read by Councilperson Boyd recognizing the Emmy won by Juan Perez and The Boys and Girls Club. Juan was also recognized as one of the outstanding citizens of the Borough of Carnegie.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LISTED MOTIONS

ADMINISTRATION (Councilperson Freshwater)

MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on Monday, September 14th, 2020.

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

FINANCE (Councilperson D’Loss)

MOTION to approve the October 2020 Bill List and Bill List Addendum.

Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: ROLL CALL UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS (Councilperson D’Loss) – nothing for this evening.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Councilperson Popichak) – nothing for this evening.

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Councilperson DiPietro)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – discussion about Halloween at the COG meeting. Nothing else for this evening.

Finance – moving into the second part of the budget process for 2021. We’re continuing our efforts to finalize the budget. We are currently at 90% of the real estate collection revenues.

Code Enforcement and Community Development – nothing for this evening.

Public Works – Paving is complete on Lincoln Ave and Arch St. We have not yet received the invoice from the contractor, and therefore will act on that in November. W. A. Petrakis Contracting has begun work on the Broadway Street storm sewer project. The first phase is boring under the railroad tracks on Broadway. The project will then proceed to boring under Mansfield Blvd. After that, the remainder of Broadway will be open trenched for the new sewer. There will be various traffic restrictions during a 6-8 week period beginning October 6. The borough awarded a contract to JD Excavating for cleaning debris from the Campbell’s Run. The contract is for \$45,000 and the borough will be reimbursed 85%.

Public Safety – October is Fire Safety Month. Everyone is encouraged to change the batteries in their smoke detectors. Halloween falls on a Saturday and will be from 6 – 8 p.m. The fire department will have a truck going around. Everyone please remember that we are still in a pandemic. Numbers have started to rise. Please use your masks and social distance.

President’s Report – nothing for this evening.

MANAGER’S REPORT – there are two weekends left for our Farmers Market. In November and December we are coordinating two Holiday Farmers Markets. The dates will be November 22nd and December 6th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Details to follow and will be posted on social media. Our virtual Farmers Market will continue to remain open year round. We’ve received positive feedback for both markets and we are starting to plan for 2021. We applied and received a PA Covid Fresh Food Financing Initiative in the amount of \$6,500. Part of that funding is going towards Just Harvest Free Access Program, which shoppers will be able to utilize WIC and SNAP benefits. The balance of the funding will go towards marketing. The DCNR Grant which we were working on for Carnegie Park did not receive any funds from the first round. We were made aware that a second round will be coming so we can resubmit our application.

We've requested \$5,000 through Walk Works for a Complete Streets Policy, but we were unsuccessful in receiving this. The Automated Red Light Enforcement Grant (ARLE) is still under review with the Department of Transportation. This would be for Washington Avenue at the school.

DCED Greenways Rails and Trails Program for 7th Avenue Park and the Watershed Restoration for Carnegie Park are still being reviewed.

We are looking to start our Junior Council program in November. I have provided Council with two interested individuals, Sam Bigham is a freshman at IUP and Meghan Henke is an Honor Student at Carlynton School District.

CARNEGIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. & EMS REPORT – for the month of September there were 13 fire calls and 3 ambulance calls. State Rep. Anita Kulik had announced that several area fire departments received a grant from the State Covid Response Team Program and Carnegie Fire Department was included in that grant. The CVFDRB received \$22,603 from that grant to purchase necessary equipment that they may need.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Police Dept. Activity for September 2020: Criminal Arrests and Citations - 12; Traffic Citations - 17; Traffic Stops - 39; Parking Tickets - 203; Complaints and Self-Initiated Activity - 714.

October Events – the Carnegie Carnegie is having Harvest on the Hill on Saturday, October 17th; the Carnegie Children's Events Committee is having a Halloween Snag-A-Bag (instead of the promenade due to the pandemic). Carnegie children up to 6th grade can walk or ride up for a free bag of Halloween treats and a pumpkin. This is on Saturday, October 24th from noon to 2 p.m. There will be trick-or-treating on Saturday, October 31st from 6-8 p.m. The Carnegie Farmers Market is running through October 5th from noon to 3 p.m. Vendors are listed weekly on the Borough's website.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence was already an epidemic prior to Covid-19. The health crisis has caused a major spike in violent abuse. The Center for Victims is the largest, most comprehensive and inclusive provider of services, advocacy and education for victims of all crimes in the Commonwealth of PA.

Don't forget to go and vote on Tuesday, November 3rd.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Maggie Forbes – Carnegie Library – still taking registrations for Harvest on the Hill. Must be registered in advance. Stage 62 will be doing a performance on October 25th, songs from the steps will be a beautiful outdoor concert. Stage 62 is coming to sing and we will be singing along with them. Everyone is encouraged to wear a mask.

Sam Bigham – thanked everyone for the opportunity to be on Junior Council. Excited to work with the Borough on some projects.

COUNCIL GOOD AND WELFARE

Councilperson Freshwater – 630 Mansfield Avenue (next to the Uke’s club) there is a tree on private property that is hanging over the sidewalk. This needs cut back. Over the last several months, unfortunately we’ve been seeing violent protests and rioting. Hopefully it won’t be coming our way. People are demanding that police be defunded or eliminated. We are hoping that it doesn’t come to Carnegie. I hope our police officers stay well and protected.

Councilperson D’Loss – I went to a wonderful program at the library on October 3rd. It was the first musical program the library has hosted since the lockdown in March. It was outside and absolutely amazing!

I want to mention the upcoming election. The County has mailed out over 300,000 ballots have been mailed out. We should applaud all those involved as many people are afraid to go to the polls to vote.

Councilperson Popichak – the Christmas Cookie Walk has been cancelled for 2020. St. Peter and Paul Church has changed it to be virtual this year. Orders may be placed at www.smartcookiewalk.com. People can still have their cookies and support their church. Please vote, no matter who you are voting for.

Councilperson DiPietro – I hope the residence stay safe and vote.

Councilperson Boyd – having to have a Covid-19 test (which came back negative), I am much more conscience of wearing a mask. If you just take your guard down for a minute or two, you can put yourself or others at risk.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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