



Monday, October 10, 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

Councilperson Demko – Present; Councilperson D’Loss – Present; Councilperson DiPietro – Present; Councilperson Freshwater – Present; Councilperson Mullins – Present; Council President Boyd – Present; Mayor Riley – Present

1. Administration (Councilperson Freshwater)

- a. MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on and September 12th, 2022. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

- b. MOTION to permit the Borough Manager to execute an eighteen (18) month agreement between Kinect Energy, Inc., and the Borough of Carnegie to purchase Natural Gas Service for the Borough Building and Borough owned property/facilities (Snyder Brothers, Inc.). Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENT: Borough Manager Steve Beuter explained that this motion secures a deal with Snyder Brothers to provide the borough building with gas. Prices for gas are rising and following this agreement, prices can be revisited with the hopes of getting a lower rate.

2. Finance (Councilperson Mullins)

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

3. Public Works (Councilperson D’Loss)

4. Public Safety (Councilperson Demko)

- a. MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2022-27, 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 546 Boquet Street (103-S-358). Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

5. Code Enforcement and Community Development (Councilperson DiPietro)

- a. **MOTION to approve Resolution No. 2022-28, 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 \$55,935.00 for the Carnegie Borough Storm Drain Improvement Project (Catch Basins). Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

- b. **MOTION to approve Resolution No. 2022-29, 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 Carnegie Borough Demolition Project. Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

- c. **MOTION to approve Resolution No. 2022-30, 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 Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENT: Council President Boyd explained that funding is difficult to get, but that the borough has been lucky enough to receive funding in the past. This will allow the borough to seek funding to address blighted properties and storm drains.

COMMENT: Borough Manager Steve Beuter added that a Community Development Block Grant previously awarded will allow sidewalk work to begin on Beechwood Avenue, bids for this project will open soon.

- d. **MOTION to approve the application of Mr. Cecil Smith for the lot subdivision application submitted for 1 Swallow Hill Road as recommended by the Planning Commission on September 27, 2022. Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

A. Lot and Block 65-H-68

COMMENT: Councilperson DiPietro added that approval is contingent upon the conditions set by Allegheny County and KLH Engineers.

- e. **MOTION to approve the application of Mr. Ryan Burcham for the lot consolidation application submitted for 924 Kennedy Street as recommended by the Planning**

Commission on September 27, 2022. Seconded by Councilperson Mullins – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

A. Lot and Blocks 102-H-4 and 102-H-2

COMMENT: Councilperson DiPietro added that approval is contingent upon the conditions set by Allegheny County and KLH Engineers.

6. Committee Reports

A. Administration – Nothing for this evening

B. Finance (Councilperson Mullins) - The first budget meeting will be October 17th at 6pm.

C. Code Enforcement and Community Development (Councilperson DiPietro) - Sugar Butter Bakery held its grand opening Saturday, October 8th. It was a successful event, and all of their baked goods smell great. The Trail of Terror runs October 14th and 15th, 21st and 22nd, and 28th and 29th from 7pm-10pm at Carnegie Park.

D. Public Works (Councilperson D’Loss) - This year’s paving project has not been completed yet; the tentative start date is the end of this week.

E. Public Safety and Fire Dept. / EMS Report (Councilperson Demko) – In September 2022, there were 21 fire calls and 146 ambulance calls.

F. President’s Report – Nothing for this evening

7. Manager’s Report – On Saturday, October 8th, there was a paper shredding, glass recycling, and drug dump event held in the borough building parking lot. State Representative Anita Kulik sponsored the shredding event, Republic Services sponsored the glass recycling event, and the Allegheny County Sheriff sponsored the drug dump. We hope to have more event like this in the future.

8. Mayor’s Report – In September there were 20 criminal arrests and citations, 168 traffic stops (51 on Forsythe Road), 18 traffic citations, 120 parking tickets, and 1,112 self-initiated activity calls.

All 13 Carnegie Police officers passed their annual firearm qualified training. Officers will be handing out glow in the dark bracelets for Halloween at the Halloween Promenade. The final Crawl for the year will be on October 14th from 5pm-9pm. The Trail of Terror kicks off this weekend, its \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 years old and under. Proceeds from this month-long event go to park projects. Trick-or-Treating will be October 31st from 6pm-8pm throughout the borough.

Carols and Lights will be on Friday, December 2nd at 6pm at the borough building. Crafts, holiday snacks, and Santa will be returning this year. The library is hosting their holiday celebration on Saturday, December 3rd.

On Wednesday, October 26th from 10am-1pm, there will be a career fair at the Andrew Carnegie Free Library sponsored by the JFCS Career Development Center. There will be over 20 employers there and the event is free and open to the public. On October 29th, the Halloween Promenade returns. Registration begins at noon with the promenade kicking off at 12:30pm and will go from the East Main Street Bridge to Carnegie Coffee. Children from infant to 6th grade ages may participate.

9. Junior Councilpersons Report

Junior Councilperson Angelika Pyvovar – Carlynton’s band spaghetti dinner will be November 6th from 12pm-6pm at Rockefeller’s Grille in McKees Rocks. Tickets are \$12/per person. Literacy Pittsburgh is offering beginner classes Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning October 10th. The National Honor Society’s induction is on November 10th.

Holy Trinity hosted another successful Ukrainian Food Fest this past weekend. Many people turned out to check out the different foods and events.

Junior Councilperson Ella Snyder – Carlynton kicked off homecoming weekend with their parade down Washington Avenue and the football game against Chartiers-Houston on Friday, October 7th. The Cougars lost, but the new Homecoming King Denny Gorny and Queen Elaine Zang were crowned. The Boys Soccer team has made this playoff this year, good luck!

FAFSA applications opened October 1st, seniors wishing to continue their education next year should fill out an application. There is student interest in volunteering for the Trail of Terror, hopefully more volunteers will join.

10. ACFLMH / CCDC Update

Maggie Forbes, Executive Director of ACFLMH – The Doo-Wop concert was a great success. On October 20th, Gypsy Stringz will be performing in the downstairs. Kicking off November events, on November 4th, there will be a Blues concert in the music hall. The library is a polling place for certain wards in Carnegie, Election Day is November 8th.

The Veteran’s Day celebration will begin at 1:30pm on November 11th, with Representative Conor Lamb being the master of ceremonies. The parade will be held earlier in the morning.

The Espy Post has been flourishing under the direction of John Eric. On November 4th, there will be a Blues concert in the music hall. Stage 62 was voted on of the top theater companies in the region. Their next show is Urinetown running from November 10th-20th, 2022.

Joanne Letcher, Executive Director of the CCDC – The Fall Fest was a soggy one this year. Helen Daniels, also from the Farmer’s Market, was crowned the winner of this year’s Rogi Rumble. Special thanks to Council President Boyd for manning the hayrides again this year. The Pittsburgh Pirates Pierogis made a special visit as well.

The final Crawl of the season is October 14th. The Veteran’s Roll is on October 17th at Cefalos, with spectators able to line Lydia Street beginning at 11:15am. The planter cleanup will be on Saturday, November 5th. The Holiday Open House is returning as well. Save the date for the holiday celebration on December 17th from 1pm-3pm and the pets portion of the event will be from 4pm-6pm. There will be holiday inflatables and Santa photo opportunities for kids and pets.

There will be free parking in the borough December 12th-23rd.

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

Alyssa Snyder (Secretary, Carnegie Democratic Committee) – I wanted to bring to the attention of council the different voter concerns in the borough. Several voters brought up traffic and road concerns, potholes, excess garbage, road noise and speed, and uneven sidewalks.

12. Council Good and Welfare

Councilperson D’Loss – Election Day is November 8th, please vote and do not forget to attend the Veteran’s Day celebration at the library.

Councilperson DiPietro – Drive safe and watch for trick-or-treaters on Halloween.

Councilperson Freshwater – Never forget our veterans, especially those that made the ultimate sacrifice.

Councilperson Mullins – Do not forget to vote, make your voice heard.

Council President Boyd – Council President Boyd read a proclamation celebrating the dedication and work of Bob Podurgiel.

**Mr. Robert Podurgiel – Carnegie Borough Shade Tree Commission Recognition
Monday, October 10, 2022**

Whereas, The Borough of Carnegie recognizes Mr. Robert Podurgiel for his time and dedication towards the Carnegie Borough Shade Tree Commission; and,

Whereas, Mr. Podurgiel shared his experiences and vast knowledge with the Shade Tree Commission since April 9th, 2012, and continued to learn, educate, and build within the group for more than a decade; and,

Whereas, Mr. Podurgiel has been instrumental in acquiring and planting over 150 trees throughout the community by participating in the Tree Vitalize Program from the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, and,

Whereas, Mr. Podurgiel lent his expertise to Mayor Riley's Monarch Pledge activities and was responsible for the procurement and distribution of over 500 native plants, some obtained through the National Wildlife Fund grant application, and;

Whereas, Mr. Podurgiel volunteered time to plant gardens in several locations throughout the Borough and shared valuable information that was used for Rain Garden and Monarch Butterfly virtual classrooms, and;

Whereas, Mr. Podurgiel was consulted on green infrastructure, energy savings programs, water conservation, composting, and cooling activities during the completion of the Borough's Climate Action Plan, and;

Whereas, Mr. Podurgiel has continually supported the arts in Carnegie. Most recently by volunteering to assist mural artists, and;

Whereas, through his professional background as a writer, Mr. Podurgiel promoted the Shade Tree Commission and green initiatives, as well as Borough activities to the residents of the municipality, neighbors of Carnegie, Allegheny County, and beyond; and,

Whereas, Mr. Podurgiel diligently found unique ways to utilize green infrastructure, preserve trees, and restore beneficial pollinator habitat, bringing the biochar program to Carnegie and avidly encouraged recycling, composting, and rain barrel use, and;

Whereas, the mission of the Carnegie Shade Tree Commission is to preserve and enhance the greenery of the municipality while creating prosperity and beauty within our community; and,

Now, therefore, Carnegie Borough Council shows its appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Robert Podurgiel for achieving the mission of the Carnegie Shade Tree Commission and for improving the overall landscape of this historic community for generations to come.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilperson Freshwater. Seconded by Councilperson Mullins. Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

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