

Monday, June 8th, 2026

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 Canan – Present, Councilperson D'Loss – Present, Councilperson Demko – Present, Councilperson DiPietro – Present, Councilperson Lee – Present, President Boyd – Present, Mayor Bigham – Absent

Public Comment on Listed Motions – Nothing for this evening

1. **Administration / Parks and Recreation (Councilperson Demko (Canan))**

   a) **MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council meeting on May 11th, 2026. Seconded by Councilperson Lee – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

   b) **MOTION to approve Carnegie Borough Resolution 2026-11, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie providing the appointment of members to the respective boards and commissions of Carnegie Borough and setting forth the terms of such appointments (Planning Commission). Seconded by Councilperson Canan – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

   c) **MOTION to permit the request of the Ukrainian American Citizens Club to utilize Walnut Street on Sunday, August 23rd, 2026, between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM for the celebration of Ukrainian Independence Day. Seconded by Councilperson Lee – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

2. **Finance (Councilperson Canan (Demko))**

   a) **MOTION to approve the June 2026 Bill List. Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

   b) **MOTION to accept the proposal of Play & Park Structures in the amount of $161,585.06 to provide playground equipment, delivery, and installation, border, and surfacing for the Irishtown Tot Lot Playground Renovation Project. Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

      A. **Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) Grant Award**
      B. **COSTARS Supplier # 014-158 / Contract # 397527**
         1. **MOTION passed at May 2026 Public Meeting**

COMMENT: **Borough Manager Steve Beuter added that the original proposal that was approved in May 2026 was for $159,000. This new quote now includes the landscaping border and freight costs.**

3. **Public Works and Engineering (Councilperson Lee (D'Loss))**

   a) **MOTION to authorize Pay Application No. 2 from Grit Industries in the amount of $77,176.80 for the Irishtown Sewer Separation Project (Contract No. 2025- 02). Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

   b) **MOTION to offer part-time, seasonal help employment for the Department of Public Works to Mason Mulligan at a pay rate of $12.36 per hour, Dominic Ciabattoni and Connor Hart at a pay rate of $13.39 per hour, and Dylan Sunderland at a pay rate of $14.42 per hour pending successful results of a physical examination (Revised seasonal help roster details). Seconded by Councilperson Canan – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

      COMMENT: **Councilperson Lee explained that this motion was to adjust the pay rates to a lower amount as the motion in the May 2026 minutes was incorrect.**

   c) **MOTION to provide an offer of employment to Zachary Clayton in the probationary status and payrate in accordance with the labor agreement for a period of ninety (90) days and upon successful completion thereof full-time employment subject to the collective bargaining agreement with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 250. Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

4. **Public Safety (Councilperson D'Loss (Lee))**

5. **Code Enforcement and Community Development (Councilperson DiPietro (Mayor Bigham))**

   a) **MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2026-12, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, approving that the acquisition and subsequent disposition of numerous parcels of vacant property known as block and lot numbers 103-D-36 would be in accord with the comprehensive plan of the municipality. Seconded by Councilperson Canan – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

      A. 19 Sycamore Street, Carnegie, PA 15106

6. **Committee Reports**
   a) **Administration – Nothing for this evening.**

   b) **Finance – We are interviewing candidates and hope to add to our team soon.**

   c) **Code Enforcement and Community Development – Members of Council and the Borough did a business area walk through last week. Sidewalk and curb cut maintenance and repair**

are the responsibility of the property owner. Please take a look outside of your business or home and make sure it is safe for others.

d) **Public Works – The Party in the Park event was terrific. Great work to Chief Kennedy and the organizers. DPW was amazing and there all day. The event exceeded our expectations.**

e) **Public Safety and Fire Dept. / EMS Report – In May 2026, there were 32 fire calls and 129 ambulance calls. On May 18th Council President Boyd and Councilperson D'Loss attended a discussion on the future of volunteer fire departments. Membership is down significantly as people are busy with their family and work. Some departments are looking to a hybrid system of some paid and some volunteer members. A daytime shift in these departments now offer a stipend. There are currently no plans to do this in Carnegie, however, we are discussing our options for the future.**

f) **President's Report – We currently have four fully trained firemen in our Public Works Department, so they are able to get to calls during the day. Some nearby communities are looking to some kind of pay for service. Ten years ago, a fireman needed 160 hours of training, now it is up to 210 hours. There is no reimbursement for your time, milage, or meals. Our volunteer fire departments and boroughs can pay for training and some equipment, but it is still a burden on the volunteer. Starting June 5th, the Paul Miller Law will be in effect which prohibits the use of cellphones, even at stop lights and at traffic lights.**

7. **<u>Manager's Report –</u> We have been working on the garbage contract, which will switch from Republic Services to County Hauling. A resident notification process will be taking place soon. One change to collection might be recycling day for certain streets, so keep an eye out for that. The work to extend the Panhandle Trail through Carnegie is still continuing and moving forward. We will have an opening on the Zoning Hearing Board.**

   The first Farmer's Market of the season will be on Sunday, June 14th, 11am-3pm. On Friday, June 12th we have another Second Friday event in the business district. Thank you to Chief Kennedy and all our volunteers who helped with the Party in the Park event.

8. **<u>Mayor's Report –</u> Council President Boyd read the report in Mayor Bigham's absence. As a reminder the first Farmer's Market is June 14th from 11am-3pm, there will be around 30 vendors. The Police Department is hosting a Cops and Cones event at Scoops during the market. Party in the Park was a success. Happy Father's Day and Happy Pride Month.**

   Councilperson Lee added that in May 2026, there were 15 criminal arrests and citations, 71 traffic stops (6 Forsythe Road), 26 traffic citations, 165 parking tickets, and 804 calls and self-initiated activity.

9. **ACFLMH / CCDC Update**

CCDC – Council President Boyd added that the next Second Fridays event will be on Friday, June 12th. The next Business Meet-Up is on June 11th at 9am at Higher Voice Studios.

Heidi Matthews, ACFLMH – The Children's Summer Reading Program will be kicking off soon. The Library will have reduced operating hours during the summer. The Juneteenth event will be held on Saturday, June 20th from 11am-1pm. Check out the Library website for more information.

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

Melissa Mentz (310 Lexington Court) – Is there an update on hosting a community clean-up?

COMMENT: Borough Manager Steve Beuter stated that there is no update for this.

Charles Holmes (18 Charter Oak Drive) – Asked for an update on the pickleball and tennis courts.

COMMENT: Borough Manager Steve Beuter explained that the work on completing the courts is ongoing as the weather permits. The striping will be done in house by Public Works. We are exploring grants to do something similar at 7th Avenue Park.

Rebekah Shafer (209 7th Avenue) – Speeding and people running through stop signs is a big issue on 7th Avenue. My child is visually impaired and it is just a matter of time before there is an accident. We had a petition with signatures several years ago and nothing has changed. We need speed bumps and lines need repainted. There is a stop sign completely covered and a truck blocking the view on Midland and Steen. There are piles of garbage around that area. A stop sign is missing at Steen and 6th. Ebikes are flying through stop signs. These are kids under 16 years old, and they are going to get hit by cars on these bikes.

COMMENT: Council President Boyd added that they will look into the flashing speed/stops signs.

COMMENT: Chief Kennedy added that people have been stopped and parents have been talked to about the kids on e-bikes.

Karen Watkins (209 7th Avenue) – What are the rules on burning and fire pits? A neighbor is burning everything, and the homes are so close together. The smell is horrible and it burns the nose and eyes. I am glad I was here to learn about the Fire Department. Is there a way to send envelopes out to collect donations?

COMMENT: Council President Phil Boyd explained that recreational burning is allowed, but burning trash is not allowed. The ordinance states that the open fire must be at least 10 feet from a structure. The Fire Department used to send envelopes out for donations, but it now costs more to send them than what is collected.

COMMENT: Chief Kennedy added that if there are safety concerns, to call the police and it can be documented.

COMMENT: Councilperson D'Loss added that the 5k benefits the department directly and is well attended. Councilperson Lee stated that during some of the Farmer's Markets, there has been a donation booth for the Fire Department.

11. Council Good and Welfare

<u>Councilperson DiPietro –</u> Congrats to the graduating Carlynton seniors. Chief Kennedy, you did an awesome job with Party in the Park. Independence Day is on July 3rd, we will have a pasta salad vs a macaroni salad battle at the concession stand.

<u>Councilperson Canan –</u> The Party in the Park event was amazing. To Heidi's point, the summer reading program is kicking off, its 15 minutes a day. The renovations at Carnegie Elementary just began with their groundbreaking ceremony, so please note pick-up and drop-off changes. The Borough cannot do anything about the increase in traffic, please contact the school district with any questions.

<u>Councilperson Demko –</u> Thank you to Chief Kennedy and all of our volunteers from the Police, Administration, and Public Works Departments for their help with Party in the Park.

<u>Councilperson Lee –</u> School is out for the summer, so please keep an eye out and watch for any kids playing. Make sure you get your summer to do list together.

<u>Council President Boyd –</u> Our political climate has changed, and I would like to read what I put together for Pat Catena.

We, the borough of Carnegie had the opportunity to send an experienced and effective leader to the state House this year but sadly we chose not to. The political climate has changed, and I fear it has left this borough weaker than it could have been. It seems as though the popular trend in politics these days is to ignore facts and use words like condemn or worse as opposed to being loyal and grateful for past results. Memories have gotten very short.

Well, I am grateful for past results, and I will name a few of them now. During Pat Catena's time as an elected official either here on Carnegie council or with Allegheny County Council he: worked with our Library to set up dedicated funding for it from the borough so it did not have radically cut services.

Created the volunteer firefighter service tax credit that refunds qualified volunteer firefighters their Allegheny County real estate taxes each year. He fought hard against the proposed 60% tax increase. Allegheny County administration wanted to put through last year and got cut the 36%.

He worked hard for a decade or more to get the funding and negotiate with the railroad for the sale of the section between Carnegie and the panhandle Trail in Collier Township. It sure looks like that funding is finally here.

For 10 years, I worked with our current state rep to attempt to get PennDOT to recognize and correct a flaw in the storm water system on Washington Avenue. This flaw created flooding and even though it never happened in the 90 years, at some point someone would have died. That might sound like an exaggeration but. So, I wrote a letter to the editor the Post Gazette. I have a picture from 90 years ago and a picture from a few weeks prior to the letter being written from almost the same vantage point. These pictures show the flooding and how dangerous this situation can be. I sent this letter around the local effect elected officials for fact, checking purposes.

Pat stepped forward and asked me not to send the letter but to give him a chance. To make a really long story short, six months later, he secured funding for the first 8 million of the $9 million project. In the last month, Fetterman, McCormick and DeLuzio all signed on at the federal level for the million dollars that is missing that will allow this project to finally move forward. The unique thing about this project is 99% of it is not even in his district or in the Borough of Carnegie. He recognized it was a project that needed attention and he was effective.

Lastly, the current project on Campbell's Run Road would not have included two stormwater retention ponds were it not for Pat lobbying to have those added to the project. The stormwater that conveys its way from Robinson Township through Carnegie by way of Lexington Court has been a problem for decades. While this may not be a 100% cure for the problem because of all the overdevelopment that has occurred in Robinson without adequate storm water management, it will be a significant help for the good folks and Lexington Court.

I say thank you Pat Catena for all of these things and for all the other things that you have accomplished in the last 20 years. These results do not happen without an extreme level of passion and dedication. They do not happen without sacrificing a significant amount of personal time. I can only hope that whoever wins the state rep seat for our district can be as effective for Carnegie as I know Pat would have been. Sure, he made a mistake and like others before him he apologized for it. The political climate has changed and fear it has left this borough weaker than it could have been. Only time will tell.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilperson Demko. Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss. Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED