

Monday, May 11th, 2026

Public Hearing @ 6:00 PM – Verizon Franchise Agreement Renewal

Workshop Meeting Start After 6:00 PM Public Hearing / 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 – Present

Public Comment on Listed Motions

Ben Bonham (250 Hidden Lane) – Asked about motion 5a) regarding the approval of the subdivision plan. The plans do not address the front lot with the retention pond.

Amy Bonham (250 Hidden Lane) – There is a speeding issue on Hidden Lane and the road itself is too narrow for the number of cars that will be driving on it. Children walk and bike along that road and will get hurt.

Dennis Dewey (1004 Forsythe Road) – Asked about the rates for the new garbage contract.

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

   a) **MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council meeting on April 13th, 2026. Seconded by Councilperson Canan – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

   b) **MOTION to confirm that the employment of Renea Holden concluded effective May 1st, 2026, pursuant to the terms of the October 2025 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the applicable Collective Bargaining Agreement Provisions (USW Local Union 14034-54). Seconded by Councilperson Canan – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

   c) **MOTION to award the Borough's Refuse and Recycling Collection Services contract to County Hauling, LLC as the lowest responsible bidder for Bid Option "A" (Weekly Curbside Garbage/Rubbish Pickup limited to ten (10) bags per unit, plus one bulk waste item, and biweekly curbside recyclable pickup) together with Alternative # 1 (Electronic Waste**

collection services), all in accordance with the Borough's Refuse Contract and RFP and the bidder's submitted proposal. Seconded by Councilperson Canan – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

The contract shall commence July 1st, 2026, for an initial term of three (3) years, with up to two (2) one-year option renewals at the Borough's discretion as provided in the bid documents. Council further authorizes the Borough Manager and Solicitor to finalize and execute the Contract and any required bonds/insurance documents consistent with the bid documents and the awarded bid components.

COMMENT: Borough Manager Steve Beuter explained that the new three-year contract will begin on July 1st and there are two extension options, Years 4 and 5. The current collection rate with Republic Services is $252.36, the schedule for County Hauling is as follows: year 1 is $270.72, year 2 is $278.16, year 3 is $285.84, year 4 is $312, and year 5 is $315.12. This includes rubbish and recycling, and the current pick-up schedule will stay the same.

COMMENT: President Boyd added that residents with electronic items can call to schedule a pick-up for no additional cost and glass recycling is included.

d) **MOTION to authorize the use of Carnegie Park on Saturday, May 30, 2026, for the Party in the Park event that will take place between 11:00 AM and 10:00 PM. Seconded by Councilperson Lee – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
   - **A. Car Show, Live Music, Food Trucks, and Fireworks.**

COMMENT: President Boyd added that this will be a busy, successful day. This event will not cost a single tax paying dollar as sponsors are covering all expenses.

COMMENT: Chief Kennedy added that the music lineup includes The Mansfield 5, The Jaggerz, and the Timothy Earl Band. There will be food trucks, a car cruise, kids' activities, and fireworks. This is a family-friendly event.

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

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

b) **MOTION to accept the proposal of Play & Park Structures in the amount of $159,688.26 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**

COMMENT: President Boyd added that this work has needed done for some time. A large tree came down last year and this has paved the way for the project to kick off.

COMMENT: **Assistant Borough Manager Asher Carr-Chellman added that this project is twofold: the first step being the ADA replacements and the second community garden.**

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

a) MOTION to authorize Pay Application No. 1 from Grit Industries in the amount of $16,200.00 for the Irishtown Sewer Separation Project (Contract No. 2025- 02). Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION

b) MOTION to authorize Pay Application No. 3 (Final) from Independent Enterprises in the amount of $29,568.90 for the 2025 Milling and Resurfacing Program (Contract No. 2025-03). Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION

c) MOTION to authorize Pay Application No. 4 (Final) from E2 Landscaping in the amount of $32,226.71 for the Lexington Court Retaining Wall Project (Contract No. 2025- 01). Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION

d) MOTION to offer part-time, seasonal help employment for the Department of Public Works to Dominic Ciabattoni, and Conner Hart at a pay rate of $13.39 per hour and Jacob Moldovan and Dylan Sunderland at a pay rate of $14.42 per hour pending successful results of a physical examination. Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION

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

a) MOTION to adopt Resolution N0. 2026-07, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie adopting the Allegheny County 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of the municipality. Seconded by Councilperson Lee – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION

COMMENT: **Councilperson D'Loss explained that this is done in the event of a disaster, such as a flood, earthquake, tornado, or train derailment. All municipalities are required to create or adopt one. Carnegie typically adopts the Allegheny County version as they have the knowledge and expertise.**

b) MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2026-08, 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 291 Lexington Court (103-F-144). Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION

COMMENT: **Councilperson D'Loss added that these spots are still public parking and can be utilized by anyone with a handicap placard.**

c) MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2026-09, 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 437 Library Avenue (103-S-78). Seconded by Councilperson Lee – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION

d) MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2026-10, 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 120 Patterson Avenue (66-K-166). Seconded by Councilperson Demko – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION

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

a) MOTION to approve the application of CFIN-2022-RTL 1 Issuer LLC for the lot subdivision submitted for 222-240 Hidden Lane as recommended by the Planning Commission on April 28th, 2026. Seconded by Councilperson Lee – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION

- **A. Lot and Blocks 102-D-302, 304, 306, 308, and 310)**
- **B. R-4 Multi-Family Residential Zoning District**
- **C. Contingent upon Engineer and Allegheny County Review**

6. Committee Reports

A. Administration –Thank you to Upper St. Clair student Lily Seal for creating two dog safety posters to hang at the Carnegie Dog Park. Happy Mother's Day!

B. Finance – We are accepting applications for the Finance Administrative Assistant position. Visit the Borough website or reach out to the Borough Manager if you are interested.

C. Code Enforcement and Community Development – Its springtime, so make sure to tidy up your yards. If you do receive a letter from the Borough about your property, call us or Code Enforcement. The Party in the Park event is on May 30th, please watch where you park and do not block driveways.

D. Public Works – Nothing for this evening.

E. Public Safety and Fire Dept. / EMS Report – In April 2026, there were 42 fire calls and 119 ambulance calls. Sgt. Seaman will be attending the FBI Academy for training this summer, it is the best police leadership program and only around 1% of applicants get in. Both Chief Kennedy and Chief Harbin attended.

F. President's Report – Nothing for this evening.

7. <u>Manager's Report</u> – The Borough will be moving forward with the new garbage contract and we hope to get more information out to residents on the website and social media as the transition begins. Before the Council meeting, we held a public hearing to address the franchise agreement with Verizon. We will be working with the Cohen Law Group and the Char-West COG to complete this and more information will be shared as we proceed.

As Councilperson Canan mentioned, we have an opening for the Finance Admin Assistant. Feel free to call into the office if there are any questions about that. Carnegie will be part of the Community Outlook event on Wednesday, May 13th. This is through the Southwest Regional Chamber of

Commerce. Thank you to Mayor Bigham and Republic Services for their assistance with the Glass Recycling event in April. The CCDC held a pre-draft clean up event in town as well. Thank you to everyone who showed up for this.

The Shade Tree Commission cleaned and planted flowers in the planters along Main Street. Thank you for hosting this event and beautifying the community.

8. Mayor's Report - In April 2026, there were 10 criminal arrests and citations, 60 traffic stops (11 Forsythe Road), 18 traffic citations, 110 parking tickets, and 827 calls and self-initiated activity. Carnegie was recently a tree city designation by the Arbor Day Foundation for 2025. This is recognition for the Borough's efforts to protect and maintain trees and natural resources. The Shade Tree Commission helps with this as well as a proclamation from the Borough.

The Glass Recycling event on Saturday, April 25th was well attended. The final collection will be the weekend of June 27th as our new hauler will begin taking glass. Carnegie welcomed a new business: The Wandering Fish Society, which is at 233 East Main Street. They sell art and décor items, with many cryptid style items.

The Carnegie Farmer's Market begins on Sunday, June 14th from 11am-3pm from Mary to Broadway Street. There will be music, food, crafts, and produce. Many of our small businesses will be open as well. The Memorial Day Parade will be on Sunday, May 24th at 2pm.

9. ACFLMH / CCDC Update

Sam Bigham, Executive Director of the CCDC – The first edition of the Second Friday event on May 8th was a success. The parking lots were full of visitors and businesses were packed. One of the goals of this event is to bring new people to Carnegie. The next event is on June 12th from 5pm-9pm. The CCDC is still accepting sponsorships for the Second Friday events and more information on that can be found at visitcarnegie.com. Another business meetup event will be held at Higher Voice Studio on June 11th.

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

Melissa Mentz (310 Lexington Court) – Even with the new bus stop program with the camera system, should we still call in if cars fly by a bus with its lights flashing? Also would it be possible to have a clean-up event like Crafton where they had dumpsters for hard to recycle items at their park? This might give people more initiative to clean up their property. There is a community yard sale the same day as the Car Cruise as well.

COMMENT: Chief Kennedy added that you should still call if you see this happening. The camera will record the driver and their license plate and will be sent to Sgt. Seaman for review. The new bus stop program is a civil action, not criminal. This will go in front of PennDOT and involves a huge fee, but no points.

Dennis Dewey (1004 Forsythe Road) – Why do we not have a permanent glass recycling bin?

COMMENT: Council President Boyd explained that starting July 1st, glass will be collected as part of the new garbage contract.

COMMENT: Councilperson DiPietro added that there is a large glass recycling collection box near the Village.

COMMENT: Chief Kennedy added that the CVFRB 5k Run/Walk on April 18th was a great success and is the biggest fundraising event for the fire department. Kellie puts a lot of work in the months leading up to this event and it raised over $30,000. Chief Harbin started this event nineteen years ago and we were proud to raise $8,000. To see how it has grown over the years is incredible.

11. Council Good and Welfare

Councilperson DiPietro – Happy Mother's Day. It is almost summer and all of the kids are out, especially on ebikes, so please be careful driving.

Councilperson Canan – A reminder to join us for Party in the Park on May 30th from 12pm-10pm at Carnegie Park. There will be food trucks, music, a car show, and kids activities. Thank you to Public Works for getting our parks ready. Chioda looks great.

Council President Boyd – The Memorial Day Parade is on Sunday, May 24th at 2pm. We hope to have a tank as part of the event. Our Assistant Manager Asher recently graduated with his master's degree, so congrats to him. I think a public dumpster would be a fantastic idea.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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