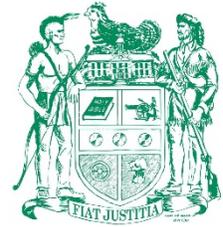


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**BOROUGH OF CARLISLE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
March 11, 2021**

This meeting was held via Zoom due to the restrictions of social distancing put in place due to Covid-19.

Council members present: Councilors Crampsie, Fulham-Winston, Hicks, Landis, Stuby, Deputy Mayor Shultz and Mayor Scott. Also present were: Borough Manager Armstrong, Assistant Borough Manager Snyder, Police Chief Landis, Water Resource Director Malarich, Finance Director Juday, Community Development Manager Skelly, Parks & Recreation Director Crouse, Fire Chief Snyder, Public Information Coordinator Taylor, Solicitor Brenneman, Dickinson College Student Ambassador DelMain, Dickinson Law School Student Ambassador Speer and Borough Secretary Stone.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS AND VISITORS TO BE HEARD**

Student Ambassador Ms. DelMain shared a prerecorded video message from Ms. Sara Markowitz, 137 F Street, Carlisle Pennsylvania and a Team Lead for the Climate Action Commission. Ms. Markowitz expressed her support for the Truth and Reconciliation resolution that includes a living land acknowledgement to honor the indigenous communities of the Carlisle area industrial school. She noted that the practice of a land acknowledgment is commonplace before many in-person and virtual events. She conveyed this practice is something that she committed the community engagement team to start at their meetings. Ms. Markowitz stated, "Moving forward it is important for us as stewards of the earth to honor those tribes and peoples who inhabited, cultivated, and thrived on this land centuries before colonizers arrived. With that arrival were indigenous peoples who were expelled from this land and subjected to centuries of displacement, genocide and forced assimilation. The environmental crisis that we now face is inextricably linked with this history of oppression of indigenous cultures, whose ways of life and practices had honored the earth. Research has shown that black indigenous and people of color are disproportionately affected by climate change and environmental injustices such as increased pollution or degraded water quality. Recognizing and remembering these historical truths and acknowledging the continued oppression of indigenous peoples in this country, no matter how hard or atrocious, is an important step towards a more inclusive equitable and just community here in Carlisle and for our whole country. I urge the Carlisle Borough to adopt this resolution".

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*Deputy Mayor Shultz made a motion, seconded by Councilor Hicks, to approve the Consent Agenda. Council unanimously voted (7-0) to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following items:*

**A. Mayor's Report:**

- 1. Borough Council approve a donation from the Destination Carlisle Save our Smalls Program in recognition of Borough front-line, non-exempt personnel.*

**B. Minutes:**

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**C. Approval of Bills and Investment Transactions:**

**Expenditures as of February 28, 2021**

General Fund	\$ 689,762
Water Fund	\$ 182,965
Sewer Fund	\$ 660,077
Stormwater Fund	\$ 29,392
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 130,319
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 26,215
Parking Fund	\$ 26,762

**D. HARB:**

**The HARB received approval for the following items:**

1. A request by Sarah Niebler at 265 South Hanover Street to replace five front windows with new Anderson 400 Series windows. The new windows will be one over one profile with an exterior white finish.
  
2. A request by Brooke Butler at 32 N. Hanover Street to:
  - Remove yellow edged moldings and white round moldings on front first floor façade. Recessed panels, crown and corbels will remain intact.
  - Demolish existing addition on the rear of the building.
  - Install hardscaping with pavilion areas creating outdoor patio for dining.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **TABLED, CONTINUED, AND RECURRING ITEMS**

None

### **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

#### **A. Community Planning and Smart Growth:**

1. Borough Council voted 7-0 to authorize the Borough Solicitor to draft and advertise an ordinance authorizing the execution of a cable franchise agreement between the Borough of Carlisle and Shenandoah Cable Television, LLC. (Crampsie/Stuby)

#### **B. ERCP:**

*Following are remarks offered regarding the proposed Truth and Reconciliation Commission Resolution.*

Councilor Stuby remarked the resolution presented has been revised eight times with the goal of improving racial justice and racial equity within the scope and jurisdiction of the Carlisle Borough Council. He noted the commission's work will involve examining and documenting policies, practices, and actions by the Borough of Carlisle and Carlisle Borough Council that have contributed to racial inequity and systemic racism. The commission will then "provide individuals opportunity to speak their truth in these areas and can identify, analyze, and recommend to Council reforms meant to mend the wounds of racial injustice and combat systemic racism". Councilor Stuby explained that based on feedback the resolution now provides a tiered process for beginning the commission's work. He noted that once appointed, the commission will submit its proposed mission statement, bylaws, and action plan to Council. The commission will then hold a joint public hearing on the submitted documents and then begin the work of acting on its mission statement and implementing its action plan. Councilor Stuby explained that this will add an extra layer of transparency and gives the commission, Council and the public opportunity to openly discuss and consider the commission and its specific aims. He explicitly stated that the resolution before Council tonight cannot undo over 400 years of systemic racism from every level of government. This resolution is only a step in that process but it is a necessary step and one that will likely lead to difficult and uncomfortable conversations, but we need to have those conversations if we are going to make any form of progress on these issues. Councilor Stuby concluded with "the moral arc of the universe only bends toward justice of human begins at to bend it. It doesn't happen on its own. Change cannot occur without us as a community working together to make it happen."

Mr. Donnie Martinez, 17 West Pomfret Street, commented that he agrees with seventy percent of what has been said. He explained it is about finding a way to live together, it is not about tinkering with just this or that policy or about expanding this or that feature of constitutional law. He stated it is more of an opportunity to reimagine our common future as a people. "The issue at stake goes beyond any purely intellectual exercise. The challenge is to redefine what is, not just with a pity plaque or buying out the guilt and glossing over the chain or even flipping the script, to finger point a generalized vagueness of what indigenous cultures being played down. As you know Indians in our current state which is absolutely central to the economic and political future of their identity." Mr. Martinez noted it is not just this town but maybe across boroughs. He mentioned that "Carlisle embarrassingly was responsible for men like Pratt in the Claw Indian School, which was to diminish the culture to emphasize on losing their identity by

rebranding into the white man's thinking and system of checks and balances". He remarked that "this is just the beginning of the long complicated products of cruelty and oppression".

Ms. TaWanda Stallworth, Lower Swatara Township, thanked Council for taking this significant measure and a courageous move given the state of the country. She also expressed her appreciation for including the land acknowledgement language in the truth and reconciliation resolution.

Deputy Mayor Shultz provided the following statement: "Tonight we vote for future, we vote to lead our community on a path toward improved equality of opportunity. Equality that can only be built by addressing the racial inequities of the present that are constructed upon the malformations of the past that Councilor Stuby mentioned earlier. Humanity and human institutions are imperfect, through time and effort we can chisel away at those imperfections to find ourselves nearer the perfection beneath the roughly shaped surface. There will be some who say this is attempt to lay blame, Such a notion presupposes a conclusion before we avail ourselves of the fact-finding a truth and reconciliation commission can more thoughtfully present. The only blame would lie in continuing to stand idle at the site of the vast chasms of income, housing, wealth, education and criminal justice, revealed clearly and statistically along racial lines. These disparities are indeed a call to action. We, each of the seven of us on council and any who wish to lead, we must be servants first. The creation of the truth and reconciliation commission will be an act of service to our community. Through this commission, we will offer ourselves and our community the ability to gain perspectives we might otherwise never have the chance to truly appreciate and process. It will give us the opportunity to examine and where needed reform institutions, conditions and laws that may stand as impediments to success. It is our responsibility as individuals in seats of authority, as servant leaders to take this action and establish the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and allow it to explore the borough landscape for barriers to equitable opportunity for prosperity. The success of each of the members of our community is our collective success. I urge our full-fledged, wholehearted support of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and I will gladly and proudly second Counselor Stuby's motion in the coming moments."

Mayor Scott echoed Deputy Mayor Shultz' comments and also stated that he couldn't be prouder of his colleagues for this action today. He especially thanked Counselor Stuby for doing great things, and not too long ago Mr. Crampsie brought us the Human Relations Commission. We have been just going like gangbusters here, he said, trying to become the progressive open community that we were meant to be and that we always were, but we just need a little nudging to get there. He remarked this is finally going to be that truth telling and he couldn't be prouder of that. He will consider this one of the capstones of his time on Council. He thanked Councilor Stuby for his leadership, Deputy Mayor Shultz's leadership and all the members of the Town Hall panel that participated. He thanked them for their suggestions and told them it is going to be their Commission and they should be very proud of that.

Councilor Fulham-Winston remarked that we as American are charged to always try to find a ways to form a more perfect union. She sees this Truth and Reconciliation Commission as our effort to do precisely that and she is looking forward to hear what our citizens want to tell us and identify the places that we can make things better.

Councilor Landis thanked Councilor Stuby again for the work that he put into developing this resolution. She noted that Council received very thoughtful comments along with helpful critiques that help to make this resolution more effective and more successful in the long run. Councilor Landis remarked that she is proud that this is coming forward.

Councilor Crampsie thanked his Council colleagues and stated that is an honor to get to serve with a group like this and to represent our citizens. He remarked that many of the citizens showed up at the Town Hall meeting and shared their stories, thoughts and reactions. It was

an honor to sit back and listen and to hear from folks who are telling their real life stories and coming at this from a good place. He said let's work together, by looking back and write our wrongs, but also let's have an eye looking forward to see where we can make those changes. There may be changes in policies, zoning, housing or policing. Whatever they are, he was very excited to see this citizen commission get started. He thinks it is a good product that came through stakeholder feedback and he was very excited to see what comes out of this process. Council Crampsie noted that this is an example of what Carlisle does when we all work together, when we listen and then when we take action after we listen.

Dickinson Law School Student Ambassador Speer agreed with Councilor Campsie noting the forming of this commission is a big step forward. It is something that needed to be done for a long time but this is just the beginning. He remarked that it is what happens at the end of this that is going to make the most difference. As people in power, it is easy to ask people to contribute, but it is what you do with those contributions that really counts. Mr. Speer noted that he is very interested to see what the Council will be able to do at the end of all of this to show that we do actually listen, that we do actually care and that we will try to make this community a better place for all.

Following these comments Councilor Stuby requested a roll call vote of Council be taken for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission resolution.

1. Borough Council, by a roll call, voted 7-0 to approve a resolution establishing the Carlisle Truth and Reconciliation Commission. (Stuby/Shultz)
2. Borough Council voted 7-0 to reappoint Ms. Julie Vastine to a second term on the Planning Commission. The term will become effective immediately and shall expire on February 28, 2025. (Stuby/Shultz)
3. Borough Council voted 7-0 to reappoint Mr. Robert Pinnell to a first full term on the Planning Commission. The term will become effective immediately and shall expire on February 28, 2025. (Stuby/Shultz)
4. Borough Council voted 7-0 to appoint Ms. Wanda Hunter to a first full term on the Human Relations Commission. The term will become effective immediately and shall expire on February 28, 2025. (Stuby/Shultz)

Deputy Mayor Shultz thanked Ms. Wanda Hunter for her willingness to serve on the Human Relations Commission. He proceeded to surprise Ms. Hunter by honoring her with a resolution recognizing her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 25, 2021. The resolution acknowledged the many milestones and life-time achievements that Ms. Hunter dedicated to her family and the Borough of Carlisle.

Borough Council voted 7-0 to approve a resolution recognizing March 25, 2021 as Wanda Kay Hunter day in the Borough of Carlisle. (Shultz/Landis)

### **C. Public Safety:**

1. Borough Council voted 7-0 to authorize the closure of North Pitt Street between I and K Streets on April 20-25, 2021, June 22-27, 2021 and September 28- October 3, 2021, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. -10:00 p.m. daily to facilitate the drop off and pick up of vehicles for Carlisle Events Auto Auction at the Carlisle Expo Center. Carlisle Events would be responsible for 100% of the variable costs and 10% of the fixed costs incurred by the Borough and be required to provide a Certificate of Insurance naming the Borough of Carlisle as an additional insured. Applicant shall be responsible for compliance of any/all applicable COVID-19 precautionary measures at time

of event(s). (Scott/Hicks)

2. Borough Council voted 7-0 to authorize the temporary closing of Cherry Street between W. High Street and W. Louthier Street on May 22, 2021 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. for Dickinson College Baccalaureate. Dickinson College would be responsible for 100% of the variable costs and 10% of the fixed costs to hold this event. Applicant shall be responsible for compliance of any/all applicable COVID-19 precautionary measures at time of event(s). (Scott/Hicks)

**D. Public Works:**

1. Borough Council by a roll call, voted 7-0 to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 223 of the Code of the Borough of Carlisle with respect to the requirements for placement of financial security and payment of fees before a utility cut is made within the street. (Fulham-Winston/Landis)
2. Borough Council **voted 7-0** to enter into an Engineering Services Contract with Herbert, Roland and Grubic, Inc. (HRG) to assist the Borough with its 2021 Sewer System Rehabilitation Program, in the total amount of \$38,300 (thirty-eight thousand three hundred dollars), subject to the Borough Solicitor’s review and approval. (Fulham-Winston/Landis)
3. Borough Council voted 7-0 to approve a resolution amending various street excavation permit fees established in Chapter 120 of the Code of the Borough of Carlisle. (Fulham-Winston/Landis)

**REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS & STAFF**

Councilor Crampsie recognized Ms. Hunter and noted he is looking forward to being back in person and seeing her at the Borough Council meetings as one of the strong constituents that keeps us honest in the Borough. He also recognized Cumberland County and the partners that helped organize and get the vaccine site up and running at the former Kmart location. Councilor Crampsie noted we are headed in a positive direction and encouraged citizens to support the downtown businesses. He thanked staff for their progressive work with the website, social media and live streaming the meetings on Facebook.

Mayor Scott announce a new citizen engagement tool in coming to the Borough that will allow citizens to ask questions and propose ideas and projects directly to the Borough.

Dickinson Law School Ambassador Speer noted that select in-person classes have started recently. He noted that some on campus events have been cancelled but a drive-in graduation ceremony is planned for this year. Mr. Speer announced that Pennsylvania will begin using the universal bar exam next summer for upcoming students. This change will require law students to take only one exam that is recognized across the nation. He announced an educational event on March 18<sup>th</sup> hosted by Dickinson Law and the Steele Family Leadership Program. This event will address systemic barriers experienced by victims of color and advocate for change.

Councilor Fulham-Winston noted the upcoming anniversary of the Community Action Network (CAN), a group of forty to sixty people representing nonprofit and for-profit organizations, the Chamber of Commerce, Borough of Carlisle and County personnel. The group holds weekly virtual meetings, which has opened dialogue, created partnerships and accomplished a large amount of community support throughout the pandemic.

Councilor Lands acknowledged the good work that Borough staff has done over this past year to support businesses and residents through the pandemic. She stated that the Cumberland County Climate Action Program is asking residents to complete an online survey to provide feedback that will be used as a guide for county planning.

Deputy Mayor Shultz reflected on the past year since the pandemic caused the state to be shutdown. He remarked how this affected schooling of children, which gave him an appreciation for teachers. He also recalled the number of Americans that were lost and stated there is hope on the horizon with the vaccinations. Deputy Mayor Shultz added that he has lost family members and is constantly reminded of the grief and loss that so many have felt over the past year. He expressed that he does see a light at the end of the tunnel and will remain hopeful. Deputy Mayor Shultz remembered firefighter Jerome Guise, who lost his life last year while in the line of duty and asked to keep those firefighters who were on the scene that night in your thoughts. He thanked all of our first responders for continuing to do what they do.

Councilor Joel Hicks announced that the Climate Action Commission has approved a pathway that will narrow the elements per sector that they are looking to reduce between now and 2050. The Commission will now begin the cost benefit analysis across the actions under each of those sectors. Councilor Hicks thanked Borough Manager Armstrong and her team for updating the utility permit fees.

Dickinson College Student Ambassador DelMain stated that the junior and senior students will return to campus after spring break and they will be required to stay on campus. She remarked that an anti-Semitic hate video was released by a Dickinson College Student and that genocide is no joke and not okay to make any kind of satire or a comedy out of the millions of lives that have been lost. Ms. DelMain noted that Dickinson College as well as the campus Jewish Center had released statements and the conversation continues to educate and hold those accountable for that kind of hatred on campus. She remarked that graduation and baccalaureate will take place, mostly virtually. Ms. DelMain acknowledged the incredible work of Councilor Stuby with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and for including the land and indigenous people acknowledgement in the resolution. She thanked Vickie Hamill and those that worked with the community on this issue and asked for Ms. Hamill to provide comment.

Ms. Victoria Hamil, 715 Sherwood Drive, Carlisle, Pennsylvania provided a historical overview of the Carlisle Indian School and how the lives of the children brought to the school were changed. She described stories of those brought to the school and their difficulty adjusting to a new world.

Parks and Recreation Director Crouse was happy to announce the Carlisle Community Pool will open on June 9<sup>th</sup> for the summer. They will follow all of the Department of Health and CDC COVID regulations. She remarked that a new lifeguard training program will be held at the pool this year.

Mayor Scott announced that Council held an executive session at 6:30 PM that evening to discuss potential litigation.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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Timothy A. Scott  
Mayor

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Joyce E. Stone  
Borough Secretary