

BOROUGH OF CARLISLE
COUNCIL MEETING
November 13, 2025
6:00 PM

Present at the meeting: Mayor Shultz, Deputy Mayor Landis, Councilors Mellen, Perry, Shiles, and Student Ambassador Pimental. Also present were Borough Manager Armstrong, Chief Landis, Assistant Borough Manager Juday, Director of Finance Cohen, Water Resources Director Abeln, Water Resources Manager Flythe, Sustainable Community and Economic Planning Director Woolston, Borough Engineer & Director of Transportation and Waste Management Bergsten, Parks & Recreation Director Crouse, HR Director Berrier, Fire Chief O'Donnell, Public Information Coordinator Taylor, and Borough Secretary Blair.

Mayor Shultz called the Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Instead of leading the Moment of Silence Councilor Mellen dedicated the time to discussing the 211 System which provides social services to those in need.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

James Evans of 157 B. St. push to continue construction on PennDOT roadways.

Owen Parker of 613 N. Hanover St. addressed housing instability in the Borough as well as lack of access to assistance.

Dr. Gary Blacksmith of 1215 Georgetown Cr. addressed the lack of access to internet fiber as promised by the Borough.

Eric Smith of 121 S. East St. supports the Community Energy Resolution.

Pennsylvania State Representative Barb Gleim was in support of the Community Energy Resolution.

CONSENT AGENDA-Borough Council voted 7-0 to approve the Consent Agenda (Landis/Mellen)

The following is a list of routine items which do not appear to be controversial in nature, and which probably do not require additional discussion. They can be acted on by one motion in their current form. If discussion is desired on any particular item, any member of Council, or the public, may request the item be removed from the Consent Agenda and that item will be considered separately.

A. Minutes:

Borough Council approved the Council Meeting Minutes from October 9, 2025.

B. Approval of Bills and Investment Transactions:
Expenditures as of October 31, 2025

General Fund	\$ 1,552,420
Water Fund	\$ 364,509
Stormwater Fund	\$ 100,184
Sewer Fund	\$ 518,176

<i>Solid Waste Fund</i>	<i>\$ 559,508</i>
<i>Capital Project Fund</i>	<i>\$ 815,661</i>
<i>Parking Fund</i>	<i>\$ 36,111</i>
<i>K-9 Fund</i>	<i>\$ 819</i>
<i>Highway Aid Fund</i>	<i>\$ 240,358</i>

C. *HARB-Borough Council voted 7-0 to approve a request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the following:*

- 1. Rachel Young of 44 East High Street to install a sign.*
- 2. Josh Reiff of 259 South Pitt Street to construct a second story addition to an existing sunroom porch.*
- 3. Nadeem Khan of 73-75 West Louthier Street to replace a roof conditioned upon the in-kind replacement with standing seam metal roofing material.*
- 4. Jason Smith of 55 South Pitt Street to install a sign.*

D. *Budget & Finance*

- 1. Borough Council accepted a donation of a bench and informational sign, including installation, from Addison Haller, a member of Scouting America Troup 175 of Carlisle Barracks for her Eagle Scout Project at LeTort Park.*

E. *ERCP*

- 1. Borough Council accepted the resignation of Misty Adkins from the Pension Advisory Commission effective November 7, 2025.*
- 2. Borough Council appointed Meagan Pryor to a partial term on the Pension Advisory Commission to fill the non-uniform employee vacant seat. The partial term will become effective immediately and shall expire March 31, 2030.*

F. *Parks & Recreation*

- 1. Borough Council approved the 2026 Recreation Facility Fee and Winter/Spring Recreation Program Fee Resolution.*

G. *Public Works*

- 1. Borough Council approved and accepted the conveyance of land of tax parcel 29-07-0467-006EX, commonly known as the Borough's Compost Site, from the Carlisle Sanitary Sewer System Authority, in exchange for a nominal fee of \$1.00 (One Dollar), retroactive to October 23, 2025, subject to satisfactory review and approval by the Borough Solicitor.*

REGULAR AGENDA

TABLED, CONTINUED, AND RECURRING ITEMS

REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

A. Mayor's Report

1. Mayor Shultz presented a Proclamation Honoring the Carlisle Cannons U18 Girls Soccer Team 2025 US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup Champions.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

A. Budget & Finance

1. Borough Council voted 7-0 to approve contracts for two elevator repair projects with Otis Elevator Company, for a total of \$93,474.36 (Ninety-Three Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars and Thirty-Six Cents) through the state contract program administered by the Pennsylvania Bureau of Procurement, Contract # 4400024365 / Parent Contract # 4400023882. The project includes the replacement of doors, tracks, locks, hangers, and the installation of a new HydroEnhance control processing board. (Landis/Shultz)
2. Borough Council voted 7-0 to approve a contract with Smith Elliott Kearns & Company, LLC (SEK), for independent auditing services to complete the Borough's year-end financial statements and preparation of the Borough's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). The contract is for an initial three-year term for the fiscal years 2025 through 2027, with the option to renew for two additional years, fiscal years 2028 and 2029. (Landis/Shultz)

B. ERCP

1. Borough Council voted 7-0 to appoint Mr. Martin Siefering to a partial term on the Carlisle Borough Planning Commission. The term will become effective immediately and shall expire February 28, 2029. (Mellen/Perry)
2. Borough Council voted 7-0 to appoint Mr. Alvin Blitz to a partial term on the Pension Advisory Commission. The term will be effective immediately and shall expire March 31, 2029. (Mellen/Perry)

C. Public Works

1. Borough Council voted 7-0 to award the bids for the purchase of the chemicals used at the Carlisle Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants for which the lowest, responsive bidders are outlined in the bid tabulation. The annual contract term shall be from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026. (Stubby/Shiles)
2. Borough Council voted 7-0 to adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor and Borough Manager as signature authority for the Reimbursement and Maintenance Agreement with PennDOT for the construction of two new ADA curb ramps at the intersection of East High Street and Spruce Street as part of the PennDOT Roadway Resurfacing Project on East High Street (SR0074), subject to satisfactory review and approval by the Borough Solicitor. (Stubby/Shiles)

D. Sustainable Community & Economic Planning

1. Borough Council voted 7-0 to approve the requested waivers from Chapter 226, Subdivision and Land Development, Article III, Section 226-10E and Article IV, Section 226-22B.7 and approve the Minor Subdivision Plan for Dickinson College ("Plan") located at 212-240 W. High Street ("Property") in the INS – Institutional Zoning District, subject to the applicant's acceptance and satisfactory resolution of the conditions listed herein. (Shiles/Landis)
2. Borough Council voted 7-0 to approve the requested waivers from Chapter 226, Subdivision and Land Development, Article III, Section 226-10E and Article IV, Section 226-17 and approve the Final Land Development Plan – Proposed Pilot Line Building, Research & Innovation Center Building Expansion, and Plant 5 Building Expansion ("Plan") located at 1285 Ritner Highway, more specifically identified with Parcel ID Nos. 49-08-0579-004 & 49-08-057-006 ("Property") in the I-1 – General Industrial Zoning District, subject to the applicant's acceptance and satisfactory resolution of the conditions listed herein. (Shiles/Landis)
3. Borough Council voted 7-0 to approve a time extension request by Frederick, Seibert & Associates, Inc. on behalf of Community CARES, owners of the property at 230 S. Spring Garden Street ("Property"), for satisfying the conditions of plan approval on the Final Land Development Plan for Community CARES, as per §226-21A(3) of the Borough's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. The request is for an additional 60 days, and the new deadline shall be January 13, 2026. (Shiles/Landis)
4. Borough Council voted 7-0 to adopt a resolution calling on the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to pass Legislation to allow for the creation of Community Energy Programs in Pennsylvania. (Shiles/Landis)
5. Borough Council voted 7-0 to adopt a resolution authorizing the Borough of Carlisle to participate in the Pennsylvania Electricity Plan Collaborative. (Shiles/Landis)

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mark Mateya, Attorney of 726 W. Louther, supports legal naturalization and noted that the federal statutes prohibit refusing communication with federal agencies.

James Evans of 157 B. St. submitted emails with council for the record, was in support of tabling the ordinance in favor of more community involvement and asked that the cost be further examined.

Margaret Frohlich 238 W. Pomfret St was in support of the ordinance.

Andrew Shaw, Attorney, of Old Coach Ln., N. Middleton Township, was in support of tabling the ordinance. His concern was that the services available are already taxed and behind in funding, and those in need that are already in the Borough will be pushed aside.

Devin Spiva 106 S. West St. was in support of the ordinance.

Andrea Shaw, Attorney, of Old Coach Ln., N. Middleton Township was in support of tabling the ordinance.

Giselle Lochner of 153 C. St. was concerned about the impact on Borough resources, losing federal funding, and lawsuits. She was in favor of tabling the ordinance for further review.

Eric Smith of 121 S. East St. was in support of the ordinance.

Jeff Englehardt of 218 West St. was in support of the ordinance.

Shelia Jane Menon of 55 Wilson St. made comments on the ordinance.

Heather Letherman of 635 Highland Ave was in support of tabling the ordinance.

Chris Dymski of 221 Arch St. reminded council they were elected to be good stewards of borough assets and was in support of tabling the ordinance.

Cory Gelbaugh 827 Wellington Dr. was in support of tabling the ordinance.

Tina Ziegler of 120 E. Louther St. was in support of the ordinance.

Andrew Wagner 267 W. Ridge St. was in support of the ordinance.

A resident of 103 E. Ridge St. was in support of tabling the ordinance for further community input.

Jared of N. Middleton Township was in support of tabling the ordinance.

Jordon Wanger N. Middleton Township was in support of tabling the ordinance.

Karalyn Watson 109 E. Park St. was in support of the ordinance.

Jim Cheney of 251 S. Hanover St. was in support of the ordinance.

Becky Holden 832 Forbes Rd. was in support of the ordinance.

Paul Howe of N. Middleton Township did not support the ordinance.

Rick Christie was in support of the ordinance.

Terry Heglan of Harrisburg pike was not in support of the ordinance.

Chris Arnsen 151 W. Pomfret St. does not support the ordinance.

Mark Price of 778 W. South St. was in support of the ordinance.

Dr. Gary Blacksmith of 1215 Georgetown Cr. Does not support the ordinance.

Laslo Pastor of 532 S. Hanover questioned why the ordinance is necessary, commented that council is placating extremists causing disunity in the borough. He was not in support of the ordinance.

Owen Parker of 613 N. Hanover was in support of the ordinance.

Leslie Rhodes of Gardners, PA was not in support of the ordinance.

Robert Gothen of N. College St. was not in support of the ordinance.

State Representative Barb Gleim of 437 E. North St. was not in support of the ordinance, disagreed with councils interpretation of President Trump's executive orders as it relates to immigration law, and noted that Carlisle Borough does not retain authority in this case. She noted that Tom King, an expert in the Constitution will litigate the ordinance if passed.

Jimmy Kingsborough 6 Wellington Ct. was not in support of the ordinance and suggested that it be thrown out altogether.

Tawanda Stallworth of Courtyard Ln. stated that this has created significant division in the community perpetuated by the

national political theater. She reminded everyone that, per the vision of Carlisle, they are a welcoming community, and all this ordinance does is solidify what Carlisle is already doing.

Rachel James of 97 Courtyard Dr. thanked Borough Council for their efforts in serving the community.

Katie Oliviero 711 Hillside Dr. via Zoom stated that this ordinance does not ask the borough to act outside the law.

Councilor Cate Mellen thanked everyone for taking the time to come to the meeting, reiterated her previous comments and concerns regarding passing the ordinance. She didn't believe there was a material benefit to passing the ordinance vs. the consequences to the Borough. She stated what she was and was not concerned about if passing the ordinance and indicated she would vote No on the ordinance.

Mayor Shultz took a moment to clarify his comments regarding the 10th Amendment made to others outside of Borough Council, referring to the anti-commandeering doctrine where the federal government cannot compel state and local agencies to expend funds and resources to effectuate a federal regulatory scheme. Otherwise, they cannot compel local government to take on the authority of immigration detainment on their behalf.

He then provided a recap of the history of his family in this country and the borough, then explained that the enforcement of crime does not change under the ordinance. He noted that the ordinance may allow undocumented individuals to be more free in their communications with law enforcement and other Borough personnel.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS & STAFF

1. Borough Council voted 6-1 to enact an Ordinance amending the Code of the Borough of Carlisle to uphold the community trust, ensure the efficient use of Borough resources for local priorities, and affirm the Borough's Home Rule authority in accordance with the Borough Charter and Strategic Plan. (Landis/Shiles)

Councilor Mellen voted no.

NEW BUSINESS - None

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 pm

Sean M. Shultz, Mayor

Patricia Blair, Borough Secretary