



## **CARNEGIE BOROUGH PUBLIC MEETING**

**Monday, October 10, 2016**

**Workshop Meeting @ 6:00 PM**

**Conditional Use Hearing - 101 W. Main Street – Center for Spiritual Living @ 6:30 PM**

**Voting Meeting @ 7:00 PM**

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL**

**Councilperson Boyd – Present, Councilperson D’Loss – Present, Councilperson Demko – Not Present, Councilperson Riley – Present, Councilperson Sarsfield – Present, Council President Catena – Present, Mayor Kobistek – Present.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON LISTED MOTIONS**

**No public comment on listed motions.**

### **Administration (Councilperson Boyd)**

**MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on September 12, 2016.  
Seconded by Councilwoman Riley. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION for Borough Council to accept the Civil Service Police Candidate list for the Carnegie Police Department as certified by the Civil Service Commission on September 14, 2016.  
Seconded by Councilwoman Riley. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION to extend an offer of employment to David L. Gittings as a Carnegie Probationary Police Officer upon completion of a satisfactory physical and psychological test with a start date of November 1, 2016. Seconded by Councilwoman Riley. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Swearing in of Officer Gittings by Mayor Jack Kobistek:**

*I, David L. Gittings, do solemnly swear that I will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the laws of this Commonwealth, and this governmental subdivision; and that I will hold, obey and enforce the law, and discharge my duties of my office with fidelity without consideration to a person's race, color, sex, religious creed, sexual orientation, age, national origin, ancestry, handicap or disability as a police officer for the Borough of Carnegie, Pennsylvania.*

*Congratulations Officer Gittings.*

**MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2016-21, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie of Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, hereby requests a Green Revitalization of Our Waters (GROW) from the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority ("ALCOSAN") to be used for reimbursement towards the Cooks-Allen Sewer Project (Project No. 2016\_01-045).**

**Seconded by Councilwoman Riley. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2016-22, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie of Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, hereby requests a Green Revitalization of Our Waters (GROW) from the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority ("ALCOSAN") to be used for reimbursement towards the Capital Drive Sewer Separation Project (Project No. 2016\_01-046).**

**Seconded by Councilwoman Riley. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION to permit the Borough Manager to submit a Letter of Intent to the Governor's Center for Local Government Services (Allegheny County DCED) to request technical services for the municipal administrative department.**

**Seconded by Councilwoman Riley. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION to authorize the borough solicitor to enter into a tax appeal stipulation for Case No. BV 16-000081 in relation to Lot-and-Block number 66-E-50 (419 E. Main Street).**

**Seconded by Councilwoman Riley. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **Finance (Councilperson Demko)**

**MOTION to approve the October Bill List and Bill List Addendum.**

**Seconded by Councilwoman Riley. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **Public Works (Councilperson D'Loss)**

**MOTION to approve Payment Application No. 1 to T.A. Robinson Paving, Inc., in the amount of \$34,861.50 for work completed between August 2 and August 31, 2016 for the 2016 Carnegie Park Phase II Main Park Improvements, Contract No. 2016-04.**

**Seconded by Councilman Sarsfield. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION to approve Payment Application No. 2 to T.A. Robinson Paving, Inc., in the amount of \$22,306.50 for work completed between September 1 and September 30, 2016 for the 2016 Carnegie Park Phase II Main Park Improvements, Contract No. 2016-04.**

**Seconded by Councilman Sarsfield. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION to approve Payment Application No. 1 to R&B Contracting and Excavation, Inc., in the amount of \$49,248.00 for work completed between August 2 and September 29, 2016 for the 2016 Carnegie Park Phase II Main Park ADA Sidewalks, Contract No. 2016-05.**

**Seconded by Councilman Sarsfield. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Public Safety (Councilperson Sarsfield)**

**MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2016-20, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie adopting the National Incident Management System that will be utilized for all incident management related issues.**

**Seconded by Councilman D'Loss. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Community Development and Code Enforcement (Councilperson Riley)**

**No Motions for this evening.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administration. No report for this evening.**

**Finance. No report for this evening.**

**Code Enforcement and Community Development. No report for this evening.**

**Public Works. Councilman D'Loss reported that the goal of having another public works garage so that we can get the equipment out of the weather for the winter is not going to happen before the snow flies, so we will have to delay that until the spring.**

**Public Safety. Councilman Sarsfield gave comment on the hiring of our new police officer, David L. Gittings, commenting that he will be a great asset to our municipality.**

**President's Report (President Catena). Council President Catena reported that the Borough will know in November or December of this year if we were successful in obtaining grant money for Phase III redevelopment of Carnegie Park. If we are successful, we would receive approximately \$250,000. He reported the park is really starting to come together with the completion of Phase I and Phase II.**

**President Catena reported they have had one budget meeting so far. The budget is a work in progress and it is too early to report on very much right now. The next budget meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 24, at 6:00 p.m., and is open to the public.**

He reported that with the hiring of Officer David L. Gittings, this fills one of the two openings. He commented that with the retirement of Detective Oros and Sergeant Lint, the Chief and the Mayor did an outstanding job getting through the busiest time of the year with vacations keeping overtime to a minimum with no sacrifice to service.

President Catena reported that ALCOSAN will be increasing their rates again this year. He reported the Borough will be reviewing its sewer fund to see what we can do with our sewer rates. The Borough's sewer rates are about the third highest in the south and the west hills. The Borough was able to lower its rates last year to offset the ALCOSAN increase. He hopes to be able to do that again this year.

**Manager's Report.** The Borough Manager reported on the following grants which were submitted in the past two weeks:

**Act 101, Section 904, Municipal Recycling Program Performance Grant**

**PA Department of Environmental Protection**

**Submitted on September 30, 2016**

**Previous Grants Awarded:**

**Year 2014: \$1,869.00**

**Year 2015: \$7,518.00**

**Year 2016: Anticipated Grant \$8,000.00 to \$9,000.00**

**2016 Green Light-Go Program Grant**

**PA Department of Transportation**

**Re: Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon | Washington Avenue @ Franklin Avenue**

**Carlynton Elementary School**

**Submitted on September 30, 2016**

**Project Cost: \$58,273.**

**2016 Coca-Cola Keep America Beautiful Public Space Recycling Bin Grant**

**The is a Foundation Grant for Beverage Container Recycling Bins**

**Submitted on October 6, 2016**

**Requested 30 Park Recycling Bins for aluminum cans, glass and plastic bottles.**

**If awarded, the bins will be placed at all four parks, and maintained by our Department of Public Works.**

**Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept. & EMS Report.** Councilman Boyd reported for the month of July 2016 the Fire Department responded to 15 calls, and the EMS responded to 123 calls. For the month of August 2016 the Fire Department responded to 10 calls, and the EMS responded to 103 calls. For the month of September 2016 the Fire Department responded to 19 calls, and the EMS responded to 116 calls.

**Mayor's Report.** For the month of September 2016 – Criminal Arrests and Citations: 17; Traffic Citations: 47; Parking Tickets: 286; Complaints and Self-Initiating Activities: 998.

**The Mayor reported that the Carnegie Police Department has recently been certified to carry Narcan.**

**The Mayor thanked everyone who was involved with the Open Streets Carnegie event which was held on September 24, 2016. The Borough is now designated as the newest Live Well Allegheny Community.**

**The Halloween Promenade will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2016. Registration will be held at 12:00 noon at the bridge. The Promenade will commence at 1:00 p.m.**

**The First Annual Marcella McGrogan Carnegie Volunteer Awards Presentation will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall. The program is being administered by Dan McGrogan through the Historical Society. There will be three award categories: religious outreach, student, and community service. This event will serve as a fundraiser for the Historical Society, and honor those that make our community so great.**

**On November 10, 2016, the Carnegie Police Department will be playing the teachers at Carnegie Elementary School in a volleyball game. All proceeds from this event go to the anti-bullying program.**

**The Borough Code states that the Mayor is to address Council and the residents as to the state of the borough. Because it is budget season the Mayor reported on the following issues:**

**Parking is an issue the Mayor has been working on for a long time. A parking committee was created to address parking issues. Initially, there were permit parking issues which have since be resolved. However, the past couple of weekends have highlighted the Borough's need for parking relief in our downtown, especially from Elk to Sansbury. He reported that this situation is only going to get worse. We have talked about short term needs; better lighting, signage, parking lots that need resurfaced, and the meter system being utilized for day time population. He reported we should also talk about purchasing or renting lots that may be available. He stated that this must be a priority due to the additional stresses being brought on due the parking issues.**

**The Mayor reported other areas of concern are infrastructure improvements, particularly in the downtown area, such as lamp posts, garbage receptacles, and completion of the informational/directional kiosks. Also, the cleanup of Campbell's Run Creek to prevent future flooding in that area.**

**The Mayor addressed the need for some enhancements to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Park, including new playground equipment.**

**The Mayor stated that the Borough needs to address the blighted, vacant properties throughout the Borough. He would like to create a Blighted/Vacant Property Committee and treat the properties on an individual basis. Through CONNECT, the Congress of Neighboring Communities, we have legal services that are tied to CONNECT that are very strong in the Act 90 laws. They have been helping other communities. The Mayor reported \$6,000 to \$10,000 in the budget would enable the Borough to address a number of these properties each year.**

**Another area of concern for the Mayor is the need for increased programming for our children in the age group of 12 to 16 years old. There is a critical need for some type of programming to address loitering and rowdy behavior. The Mayor suggested the Borough partnering with the Carnegie Boys & Girls Club in order to provide open nights. This would provide this vulnerable group of tweens a place to go in a constructive environment instead of the streets.**

**The Mayor also suggested that he would like to see the Borough of Carnegie produce a community Newsletter.**

## **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Melissa Mentz, 310 Lexington Court. Melissa addressed council with regard to an aggressive dog on her street. She was informed by Chief Kennedy that the owner has been cited, and it will go through the due process of law with the District Magistrate.**

**Maggie Forbes, Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall.** Maggie addressed council with regard to the library's Annual Benefit and also the progress of Library Park.

**Isabel Ford, President of the Library Board.** Isabel addressed council with regard to the financial constraints of the Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall.

#### **COUNCIL GOOD AND WELFARE**

**Councilman Sarfield.** Councilman Sarsfield offered comment with regard to the financial constraints of the Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall. He also asked for remembrance of the two police officers recently slain, and also remember our law enforcement, our firefighters, and those that are out there every day for our safety.

**Councilman Boyd.** No comment for this evening.

**Councilwoman Riley.** No comment for this evening.

**Councilwoman Demko.** No comment for this evening.

**Councilman D'Loss.** Councilman D'Loss gave comment with regard to the financial constraints of the Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall.

**Council President Catena.** Council President Catena thanked the Mayor for his organization of the Open Streets Carnegie Event. He also reminded everyone the Haunted Trail will be the last two weekends of the month of October. President Catena also made several comments with regard to the state of the borough and the budget. He closed by asking everyone to be mindful of our children during this Halloween season.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** by Councilwoman Sarfield.

**Seconded by Councilman D'Loss. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED.**

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[www.carnegieborough.com](http://www.carnegieborough.com)*