



**Monday, February 12, 2018**

**Workshop Meeting @ 6:00 PM / Voting Meeting @ 7:00 PM**

**Call Meeting to Order / Moment of Silence / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call of Council**

**Public Comment on Listed Motions**

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL**

**Councilperson Boyd – Present, Councilperson Freshwater – Present, Councilperson Sarsfield – Present, Councilperson Popichak – Present, Council President Demko – Present, Mayor Riley – Present.**

**Swearing-In of Councilperson Theresa Rem-Canofari**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON LISTED MOTIONS – no public comment on listed motions.**

**Administration (Councilperson Canofari)**

**MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on January 8 and January 22, 2018. Seconded by Councilperson Popichak. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to approve Resolution No. 2018-02, a Resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, requesting a PA Small Water and Sewer Program grant in the amount of \$425,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for its Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project. Seconded by Councilperson Popichak. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to appoint Council President Demko, Councilperson Popichak and Mayor Riley as municipal representatives to the Carnegie Borough Historical Society Board of Directors. Seconded by Councilperson Popichak. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to appoint Borough Manager Steve Beuter and Mayor Riley as representatives to the Congress of Neighboring Communities Program (CONNECT). Seconded by Councilperson Popichak. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to appoint Councilperson Michael Sarsfield as the Council representative to the Carnegie Borough Police Pension Committee.**

**Seconded by Councilperson Popichak. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to appoint Steve Beuter as the municipal representative to the Chartiers Valley Flood Control Authority.**

**Seconded by Councilperson Popichak. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION to ratify the contract for Stephen Beuter, Borough Manager, with a term to expire on December 31, 2020.**

**Seconded by Councilperson Popichak. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED**

#### **Finance (Councilperson Boyd)**

**MOTION to approve the February 2018 Bill List and Bill List Addendum.**

**Seconded by Councilperson Popichak. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED**

#### **Public Works (Councilperson Freshwater)**

**MOTION authorizing the Borough Manager to enter into a lease agreement with the Genesee & Wyoming Railroad Services, Inc., Real Estate Department for the expanded public works facility located at 1 Glass Street (additional garage space).**

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

**MOTION to permit the Carnegie Youth Athletic Association (CYAA) to utilize the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Field, Monday through Saturday from March 1<sup>st</sup> thru October 31<sup>st</sup>, the Carnegie Park Baseball Field and All Purpose Field and Chioda Fields 1 and 2, Monday through Sunday, Beginning March 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.**

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

**MOTION to approve Payment Application No. 3 and No. 4 (Final) to Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC. in the amount of \$86,115.30 (No. 3) and \$1,481.15 (No. 4) for sewer work completed between December 1, 2017 and January 29, 2018 for the 2017 Sewer Facilities Improvement Project, Contract No. 2017-03B (Lining Contract).**

**Seconded by Councilperson Sarsfield. Roll Call Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED**

#### **Public Safety (Councilperson Sarsfield)**

**MOTION to advertise Ordinance No. 2451, an ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of PA, amending chapter 15 section 205 of the Borough Code of Ordinances relating to motor vehicles and traffic (Beechwood - Library Avenue / 2 hr. parking extension 12/31/18). Comment by Councilperson Sarsfield: We passed an ordinance last year that had a sunset provision because we wanted to see how it was going. Obviously in the winter months you don't get as much activity up there so we felt that by doing this extension, it**

would help give a broader look to it to see if we would make it a permanent ordinance or not.  
Seconded by Councilperson Boyd. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

### **Code Enforcement and Community Development (Councilperson Popichak)**

**MOTION to approve the application of 552-560 Washington Avenue, LLC. (Mr. William Ball / Mr. Matthew Fiscus) for the lot subdivision plan of Lot and Blocks 103-S-256, 258, 260 and 262 as recommended by the Planning Commission on January 30, 2018.**

**Seconded by Councilperson Boyd. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED**

**Mr. William Ball, attorney downtown and is now the owner of the Cindrich Center. Wanted to say hello and thanked Carnegie for its consideration.**

### **Committee Reports**

**Administration – nothing for this evening.**

**Finance – Bills are paid, we still have money in the bank, and we're in good shape.**

**Code Enforcement and Community Development - nothing for this evening.**

**Public Works - nothing for this evening.**

**Public Safety - nothing for this evening.**

**President's Report - nothing for this evening.**

**Manager's Report – update on motion 1B, the resolution for the \$425,000. We're going to be applying for a project for the lining (which is the B Contract) for our yearly sewer repair. That won't happen until 2019 but we'll be receiving the \$425,000. The Borough will be responsible for anything above that. We also have several bid openings coming up. We have the basketball court at Carnegie Park, baseball lights for Field 2 at Chiodo, our A&B contract, our 2018 paving program and our Grienbrier storm sewer project we're working on. Those bid openings will happen on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and we'll have those ready for the March public meeting.**

**I'd like to thank council for extending my contract. I look forward to working with all those who I have and the new people and hopefully keep making progress.**

**Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept. & EMS Report – for the month of January there were 23 fire calls and 126 ambulance calls.**

**Mayor's Report – Police Dept. activity for January 2018: Criminal Arrests and Citations – 21; Traffic Citations – 59; Traffic Stops – 62; Parking Tickets – 231; Complaints and Self-Initiated Activity – 852.**

A few points I'd like to touch on tonight. On February 3<sup>rd</sup> we had the fundraiser in memory of Melissa Bowers. I really think it was a success. Colleen, her mother, had set her goal this year of \$10,000. They are a little shy of that but she has continued the Gofundme page that was set up. This will continue until March 17 so we still have some encouraging donations and news from sponsors that I think we will get that goal. It was a very nice event and evening. Also we kicked off, this past Saturday, our first Coffee with CPD. I'd like to thank Chief Kennedy and the residents that showed up. I see a couple of you in the audience tonight, which is awesome. We probably had between 10-15 people. There was some good dialogue and it was a chance for the residents to raise any issues, concerns and get to know the new mayor and Chief Kennedy. We will continue this series monthly where they will also get to know their police officers in an informal but informative environment. I was pretty pleased. The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual CVFD 5K Run/Walk is coming up on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Keep that on your calendar.

Another thing I wanted to touch on. I don't know that council nor our residents realize how much training our police department does. Chief Kennedy does an amazing job of being diligent to make sure that this is completed on time. I want to give you a bit of an overview of what our officers are doing. Every year our officers must complete two days of in-service continued education training, which is governed by the Municipal Police Officer Education and Training Commission. These two days consist of education of changes of laws, as well as safety issues, and issues dealing with the current climate of policing. The two days are then followed by a series of four tests which the officers must pass in order to retain their MPT number. As of now, ten of our officers have already completed this mandatory training for 2018. On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, the remaining three officers will complete this required training. On February 19<sup>th</sup>, we'll be sending one of our younger officers to field training school, which is put on by Penn State University. After the officer completes that training, he will be certified to train new officers. We currently have five officers in our department that are certified through Penn State University as field training officers. Coming up in mid-May we will also be sending two officers to school to become certified as NRA Police Firearms Instructors and this will give us four certified firearms instructors. Currently the Municipal Police Officer Education and Training Commission requires police officers to qualify with their firearms annually. This includes the officer's sidearm as well as shotguns and AR-15 rifles, which we currently carry. Under my direction, I have instructed the Chief to increase this training to biannually. I feel that this increase in firearms training will make our officers more proficient with their firearms, which in turn will improve their judgement in stressful situations. Our officers also have to complete first responder training, which mandates that they be certified in first aid and CPR. Our officers just completed this training at the end of 2017 and are required to complete this every two years. Our officers carry AED's (automated external defibrillators) and are trained on the units. In addition, all of our officers are certified to administer Narcan and carry Narcan on every shift. Our officers recertify annually on every tool they carry which include OC or pepper spray, the Taser, and the baton. The Carnegie Police Department has its own certified instructor on all of these items. Besides meeting all the requirements of the Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission annually, we will continue to send our officers to elective training to improve their ability to do their job in a professional and safe manner. I felt that it is very important for you to know all of the training and certification that they go through.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Resident Jeannie Williams – career counselor at JFCS Career Development Center in Squirrel Hill. I’m really excited to announce we are in our third year of Work Launch – trying to create an equal playing field for those that are looking for jobs, whether you are underemployed or unemployed. It’s for ages 18-80, it’s free, and it’s a collaboration with Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and Career Development**

**Center. I’ve been here in Carnegie for four years and I have been telling my employer over and over again how great Carnegie is. Finally, this is the first year we will have one of the days of Work Launch at CarnegieCarnegie. I hope you will support it. I have brochures and will be sending information out electronically. We’ll be in Beechview, Sewickley and Oakland as well. It will culminate with a career fair in Oakland at Carnegie Library with a lot of employers. I hope that you will participate. In Carnegie it will be Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. I hope all of you will consider coming or will bring someone who will benefit. I wanted to thank you publically for opening up the Library for this.**

**Maggie Forbes – Welcome and commend Emmet Freshwater for stepping up. We have a brand new Library Director. She started today, Denise Scalartia, and we are excited to have her start. Diane, who is retiring as director will be continuing on as Espy Post Curator-Social Historian. We have a couple of things coming up. Our Signature Event is called The Lincoln Portrait and is on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Please check out website for details on all of our upcoming events.**

**Darryl Deangelis – 33 Woodridge Drive – a few years ago I tried to get something done about the seven houses on my street that don’t recycle. Out of twenty-eight homes on Woodridge Drive, seven don’t recycle. I tried to report this but was unsuccessful. This was three to four years ago and so I thought I’d try again because we have new people on the board. Some people may not be recycling because the bins were not available when they moved in. They weren’t presented with any bins like we were in the past. I just checked with the girl downstairs and she said they haven’t had bins for sale here for over two years. Recycling is a mandatory program established under the Solid Waste Ordinance, paragraph 20-502, along with a statement saying the program shall also sustain public information and education program. We should not make ordinances if we are not going to enforce them. The bins currently being used are inadequate due to their size and the fact that when the wind blows, littering occurs when the paper, cans and plastic bottles blow out onto the street. I called Republic Services and they said that the Borough receives a check every year for the tonnage of recycling they take in. I don’t know if the Borough ever got a check or not. Discussion continued with Mr. Deangelis and Council. Councilperson Sarsfield will talk with a Commissioner of Scott Township for more information regarding larger bins for the community. Councilperson Sarsfield appreciates this being brought to Council’s attention but feels that if people are going to recycle, they will recycle whether the Borough provides a bin or not.**

## **COUNCIL GOOD AND WELFARE**

**Councilperson Sarsfield – Happy Valentine’s Day to everybody even if you don’t have a significant other. Love your neighbors and your fellow man. Not enough of that in the world.**

**Councilperson Freshwater – I wish Council could get back to saying a prayer before the meeting starts instead of a moment of silence. I don’t know when it started and the way it was told to me by**

**Councilperson Sarsfield, this happened about ten years ago and I'd like to know who perpetrated that. Council used to always begin with prayer. Supposedly because somebody might be offended, when you think about it, when immigrants come to our country, they already know about our customs, our traditions, our values and our beliefs and they come here anyway. They want to make a better life for themselves and take advantage of what America has to offer them. It's just like if we're invited to a party for dinner and the people who invite us out of friendship don't believe in God, but before the event starts they say a prayer to what they believe in. What you do if you don't believe in what they do, you stand in respectful silence until they're finished and then you enjoy each other's company.**

**Now**

**I don't know how this happened, it's just another example of political correctness going too far as usual. Like I said, I'd like to see Council get back to prayer instead of a moment of silence. Councilperson Sarsfield – we did address Mr. Freshwater's concern in a workshop. At that workshop everybody had an opportunity to speak to it. But I'll certainly make my comments public. Unlike a dinner at somebody's house, this is your government at work. It's everybody's government. We represent everybody beliefs. People do not necessarily come to this country for Christian beliefs. They come here for the freedom to practice any religion or no religion to their choosing. That's why people come to America. In many countries they are forced to practice certain religions or beliefs. As a government body we must represent all people, every day of the week. In my moment of silence I choose to pray. I pray to my God and I ask for His help and His support that I make the best decisions. But it's up to each council member and each person in the audience during that moment of silence to pray or not to pray. You have that freedom because this is the United States of America. Quick discussion on the First Amendment. Powers don't come from government, they come from God.**

**Councilperson Rem-Canofari – I'm grateful and blessed to be in this position. I hope to work with the residents and business owners in Carnegie. I know a lot of the business community and hope to help with community events in any way that I can.**

**Councilperson Popichak – Welcomes Councilperson Rem-Canofari. Coffee with CPD was very encouraging and is happy that this program is continuing. Come out and meet our officers. We are blessed with a good police department.**

**Councilperson Boyd – no comment this evening.**

**Council President Demko – I bought my tickets for Madagascar for my grandchildren and we're looking forward to it.**

**Motion to adjourn – Councilperson Sarsfield**

**Seconded – Councilperson Boyd – Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

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