

COUNCIL MEETING Minutes of January 24, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

President Weitzel called to order the Agenda Meeting of Crafton Borough Council at 7:15 PM, in Council Chambers of the Community Center. Flag Salute led by Mr. Hayes. ROLL CALL, by Mrs. Keeley, recorded (8) members of Council present as follows: Mr. Cindric, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Johnston, Ms. O'Connell, Mr. Phillips, Mrs. Stacey, Ms. Wojda, and Ms. Weitzel. Also present were Mayor Bloom, Solicitor Daley, Engineer Flaugh and Manager Callen.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (Ms. O'Connell/Mr. Hayes) to approve January 24, 2012 List of Bills.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (8-0).

CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

No citizens present.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Flaugh reported on 2012 quantities for the 2012 SHACOG Joint Municipality CCTV Contract with bids due to Gateway by February 15, 2012 and the 2012 SHACOG Joint Municipality excavation and lining contracts with bids due to Gateway by February 16, 2012. Engineer Flaugh also reported on the PASER program and that Gateway would like to set up a meeting with the Public Works Committee for further direction with the development of the 2012 Road Program. Gateway is still waiting for the Char-West to execute contract documents on the ADA Automatic Door Openers. Gateway is nearing the completion of the sewer system capacity evaluation and will be scheduling a meeting in February with the Manager to review locations and preliminary capital improvements projects to correct capacity deficiencies.

NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion on the new format to be used for the Agenda Meeting followed by the Regular Meeting, Mr. Callen requested that by noon the Friday before the Agenda Meeting any issues to be discussed are to be sent to him so that they can be placed on the Agenda for discussion. Then these items can be placed on the Agenda for the Regular Meeting to be discussed or voted on.

Ms. Weitzel noted the times of the committee meetings. Discussion followed. Mr. Callen advised he would advertise these meeting times for the February 1st edition. Ms. Weitzel spoke on the goals she would like the committees to come up with.

Mr. Cindric inquired if any letters of interest were received for the vacant seat in the second ward. As none have been received he inquired of Solicitor Daley what the next procedure would be in the event no one applies before the 30 days are up on February 11, 2012. Solicitor Daley advised that a Special Meeting of the Vacancy Board would need to be scheduled and advertised to try to appoint someone to fill the seat. The Vacancy Board consists of all of Council, exclusive of the Mayor, and the Vacancy Board Chairman, Susan Viola. The Vacancy Board would have fifteen days to fill the vacant seat. In the event the Vacancy Board does not fill the seat it then goes to Common Pleas Court. Discussion followed regarding when this meeting should be

scheduled. The date set was the same as the next Regular Council Meeting if Mrs. Viola is available.

Mr. Cindric recommended Council accept the quote for the new pool pumps as submitted. Mr. Cindric advised he would be unable to attend the last Budget Meeting on the Wednesday.

Mr. Cindric spoke on the discussion from the last meeting regarding the bargaining agreement with Public Works in regard to the health care change. Ms. Wojda inquired that if they do not accept the change then would layoffs begin as was discussed at the last Budget Meeting. Mr. Cindric advised that the reason he brought this up was that since it was discussed that if they did not agree that certain action would be taken and he understood that to mean that we would get rid of the bargaining unit and hire new people. Mr. Johnston stated that it was discussed that when the contract was up that the Borough needed to look into not being a union shop as far as public works was concerned. The Borough would have more leeway in what they would be able to do and not being bound by the contract. When the contract is up next year Mr. Johnston advised we should just not negotiate. Mr. Cindric advised that you cannot do that. Ms. O'Connell advised that Council should deal with this issue next year when it comes up. As for the change in the health care if they do not agree then they would have to be told that it will be necessary to layoff employees. Solicitor Daley recommended that since there are issues on the rights of public employees that if Council wanted them to look into this they would. However, since Council has special Labor Attorneys this is something that Labor Counsel should look into. Ms. Weitzel advised it was her understanding that if the health care provided was not accepted then there would be layoffs, one in Police, one in Public Works and one in Administration for the year 2012.

Mr. Cindric also spoke on the problems the fire department is having and asked that Mr. Johnston and Mayor Bloom resign from Council as they are officials of the fire department, Mayor Bloom as Treasurer and Mr. Johnston as Secretary. Mr. Johnston and Mayor Bloom refused. Discussion followed. Ms. Weitzel inquired of the Solicitor if there is any legal basis to Mr. Cindric's request. Solicitor Daley advised that the policy for recusal by a public official at issue has a pecuniary interest in the matter to be voted on. Further discussion followed. Mr. Cindric stated that he felt that they should resign for the benefit of the people of Crafton. Ms. Weitzel stated that the people of Crafton should also understand that the Crafton Volunteer Fire Department is an organization which is separate and not controlled by the Borough of Crafton. They provide a service to the Borough of Crafton and the actions of one individual who was affiliated does not impact the organizations ability to provide fire protection to Crafton, Rosslyn Farms and Thornburg and also the surrounding with mutual aid.

Mr. Callen spoke on the premiums paid to the current health care provider with regard to the 2012 Budget. He stated the Borough would continue to pay the monthly premium up until the end of March with the understanding that April 1, 2012 the lesser cost plan will start. Mr. Callen advised Council he would have an analysis of four different plans for the Budget meeting tomorrow.

Mrs. Stacy inquired about the Zoning Hearing scheduled for February 14, 2012 if this was in regard to the Maxwell Street development. Mr. Callen responded this was for temporary storage containers. The one scheduled on February 1, 2012 was for the Maxwell Street development.

Ms. O'Connell advised that she had received a letter of interest from Alice. J. Pescuric for the vacancy on the Civil Service Board and asked that Council entertain a motion to appoint on this agenda.

BUSINESS AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (Mr. Phillips/Ms.O’Connell) to replace two (2) swimming pool pump valves Peerless Pumps at a quoted combined cost of \$3,466.00 submitted by Daman Superior LLC.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (8-0).

PUBLIC SAFETY

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (Ms. O’Connell/Mr. Johnston) to appoint Alice.J. Pescuric to the Civil Service Commission for a term to expire July 1, 2012.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (8-0).

SET BUSINESS ITEMS FOR REGULAR MEETING (February 14, 2012)

Nothing for the February 14th meeting set at this time. Ms. Weitzel reminded Council that if they have anything for discussion for Feb. 28th meeting, to have it to Mr. Callen by noon on February 24, 2012.

OTHER COMMENTS/CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mr. Cindric resigned from Crafton Council and the Planning Commission.

MOTION: It was regularly moved, with no second, to accept the resignation from Council of Daniel Cindric.

MOTION failed for lack of a second.

Resignation was effective and final without a Council Motion.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (Mr. Phillips/Mr. Johnston) that this meeting be adjourned.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (8-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Keeley
Assistant Secretary