

COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of December 14, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

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

SPECIAL MENTION RESOLUTION-EDWARD L. STEWART

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (Ms. O'Connell/Ms. Weitzel) to adopt Resolution No. 2011-11, to honor and remember Edward L. Stewart: former Mayor, Councilman, Crafton resident and friend. **COMMENTS:** Mr. Cindric requested Ms. O'Connell, a close friend of Mr. Stewart, to read the Resolution (copy attached). The Resolution establishes the Edward L. Stewart Community Service Award to be presented September of each year to one member each from organizations in Crafton that are either approved functions of the Borough or are registered Not-For-Profit organizations and whose efforts and contributions benefit our Borough and citizens. After the reading of the Resolution Mr. Cindric requested the family of Edward L. Stewart to come forward and presented them with the Resolution and the name plate from his desk.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote 8-0.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (Mr. Johnston/ Mr. Donovan) to approve December 14, 2011 List of Bills.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote 8-0 with exceptions noted by Mr. Donovan line item #404.32 Subsection D.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: It was regularly moved and seconded (Mr. Donovan/ Mr. Pellegrino) to approve the Minutes of October 12, 2011.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote 8-0.

CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Eugene Szymborski, 11 Valley Street spoke on the deplorable condition of Valley Street. Mr. Cindric asked Mr. Phillips to meet with the Public Works foreman and see what shape it is in and see what would need to be done to fix the street.

Constance George, 31 Elmwood Street spoke against the proposed ordinance to change the parking on Elmwood street to one side only. Mr. Cindric stated that there are problems with the Borough salt trucks being unable to get up the street to salt in the wintertime due to the parking on both sides. There are also problems with the UPS and garbage trucks having difficulty getting up and down the street. Mr. Cindric also stated that a study was done regarding the number of parking spaces and driveways on that side of the street in order to park off the street. The decision was then made by Council to limit the parking to the other side of the street. Ms. George stated that as far as she knows there are no problems with the trucks being able to go up or down the street. Further discussion followed.

Floyd Carothers, 91 Dinsmore Avenue spoke against the proposed ordinance to change the parking on Elmwood Street to one side only. Mr. Carothers has rental property on McMunn Avenue and

said it would cause problems with parking on McMunn if this goes through.
Greg Rempel, 26 Elmwood Street spoke against the proposed ordinance to change the parking on Elmwood Street to one side only.
Leah Toth, 60 McMunn Avenue Apt. #3, spoke against the proposed ordinance to change the parking on Elmwood Street to one side only.
Aaron Laughlin 60 McMunn Avenue spoke against the proposed ordinance to change the parking on Elmwood Street to one side only.

RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS (October 2011):

Treasurer's Report, Financial Report, Act 511 and Trash Collection Reports, Property Tax Collection Report, Police Report, Ordinance Officer's Report, REMS Report, CVFD Report, Animal Control Report and Engineer's Report.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS: It was regularly moved and seconded (Mr. Johnston/ Mr. Phillips) to approve the October 2011 Written Reports as received.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote 8-0.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Ministerman reported that both the CCTV contracts and the sewer line maintenance point repair contracts have been completed. He indicated that they would be looking to initiate televising in early 2012 and develop a risk deficiency in the sewer system and begin the contract to make those repairs.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Ayoob advised nothing to report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Callen spoke on the Blacks Bridge reconstruction being completed and final payment is attached to the Business Agenda. Two bids were received for the HVAC units at the Borough Building and Community Center Building. Leaf pickup for the year is completed and the Vactor was in town cleaning laterals on Broadhead and Crafton Blvd., Willard and Station Streets. The Haldane sink hole is being repaired this week and there is another sink hole forming at the intersection of Crafton Blvd and Hawthorne Avenue. The fire siren was repaired and replaced. and Dave Dienpero Trucking donated the crane services for the siren installation. The Rec Plan Study Committee did not meet in November and will reconvene on January 26, 2012. Trees were planted on Bell Avenue, Station Street, Mildred Street, Crafton Blvd, and West Steuben Street with a dedication and proclamation by Mayor Bloom on November 20, 2011. Energy saving ballasts and light bulbs have been delivered for installation in the Municipal Building the week of December 19. See complete report attached.

UNFINSHIED BUSINESS and NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. **Administration**--Ms. O'Connell and Mr. Pellegrino attended the Connect meeting on September 17, and packets on the meeting are available. She recommended that the Borough continue its involvement with Connect. Ms. O'Connell also stated that the pool table was advertised for sale but there were no bids sent.
- b. **Finance**--Ms. Weitzel spoke on the Budget to be passed this evening and stated there would be no tax increase. Discussions are being held regarding the changing of the health insurance for Borough employees. Ms. Weitzel attended the Town Hall meeting in Greentree for the Marcellus Shale Drilling Bill, House Bill #1950, that will take away municipals rights to zoning.
- c. **Public Safety**--Mayor Bloom reported that during November the Police Dept. responded

to 227 complaints and made approximately 18 arrests. Through the end of November the officers of the Police Dept. through the Magistrates office has collected over \$37,00.00 in fine money that has been brought back into the Borough fund. The Crafton Officers also participated in the Pennsylvania Click It or Ticket Seat Belt Enforcement mobilization between November 18 and December 4. This was grant money received from the state so there was no overtime out of the General Fund for this enforcement. The officers worked a total of 38 hours. Santa on the Fire Truck will be in Crafton Sat. 12/17/11 starting at 9:30 am.

- d. **Ordinance/Planning Insurance/Pension**--Mr. Johnston stated that there would be no ordinance meeting this month. Mr. Johnston spoke on the Elmwood Street problem. Mr. Johnston advised that the ordinance should be passed and if need be addressed at a later time to restrict it only during winter months so public works employees do not endanger themselves or risk causing damage to borough or public property. Mr. Johnston stated he had something for Public Safety. He had received a memo from Fire Chief Crown regarding new fire hydrants and he wanted it distributed to all of Council as it involves Council approval before Chief Crown will address this issue with the water company. The water company will install the hydrant for free but there is a \$125.00 a year fee for new hydrants. Mr. Johnston recommended that Council look into to this for the safety of the community. Mr. Johnston also inquired if any word has come from Duquesne Light regarding downed wires. Mr. Callen advised that he had spoken to Chief Crown regarding this and that there had been no response back from Duquesne Lights law department. Ms. Weitzel questioned as to whether there were any meetings with the residents regarding the Elmwood Street Parking ordinance. Mr. Cindric stated that there was discussion at a Council meeting which was attended by some of the residents and there was also some discussion at the ordinance meeting. Mr. Donovan wanted to know if the restrictions on parking were to be only during certain hours of the day or all day. Mr. Cindric indicated it would be all day 24 hours a day going up Elmwood Street. Mr. Cindric agreed with Mr. Johnston that the Ordinance should be passed now and then have Council take a look at possibly making changes at a later date. Further discussion followed.
- e. **Parks/Recreation**--Mr. Pellegrino spoke on the Connect Meeting and agreed with Ms. O'Connell that the Borough should remain a member. Mr. Pellegrino also asked Ms. O'Connell, the REMS Representative, to oversee some kind of co-ordination efforts between REMS and the Fire Dept. Ms. O'Connell spoke regarding the meeting with the consultant of the Parks Study to be held on January 26, 2012.
- f. **Public Works**--Mr. Phillips advised that the Public Works Dept. was getting ready for the snow removal season.

Before moving on to the Business Agenda Mr. Cindric resigned from being the COG Representative and asked that Council appoint a new representative at the meeting next month. Ms. Weitzel advised that she has won the four and two year term for the Second Ward and that she will take the 4 year term. Letters of interest will be accepted for appointment to the two year term of the Second Ward to be in the Borough Secretary's Office by December 30, 2012.

BUSINESS AGENDA

ORDINANCE

~~**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (Mr. Johnston/ Mr. Phillips) to adopt ordinance No 1607 which shall prohibit parking on the southerly side of Elmwood Street, in an easterly direction from McMunn Avenue to the dead end at Underhill Street.~~

MOTION it was regularly moved and seconded (Ms. Weitzel/ Ms. O'Connell) to Table the Motion.

MOTION to Table carried by Roll Call Vote 5 Yes, 3 No (Mr. Donovan, Mr. Johnston, & Mr. Phillips).

BUDGET AND FINANCE

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (Mr. Phillips/Ms. Weitzel) to Adopt the 2012 Borough of Crafton General Fund Budget, Special Road Improvement Tax Fund Budget and Sewer Fund Budget. **COMMENTS:** Mr. Cindric advised he is going to vote against the Budget as he believes funds should be moved from the Road Improvement Fund and the Sewer Fund to the General Fund in order to lower the Road Fund millage and reducing the surcharge and by equal amount raising the General Fund Budget so that there is more money in the General Fund. Ms. Weitzel questioned if he would prefer that instead of the action that was taken for the health care providers. Mr. Cindric answered yes he would prefer that.

MOTION carried by Roll Call Vote 5 Yes, 3 No (Ms. O'Connell, Mr. Pellegrino, and Mr. Cindric).

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (Mr. Johnston/ Mr. Donovan) to Adopt Ordinance No. 1608 of the Borough of Crafton fixing the Tax Rates on Real Property for the 2012 Fiscal Year at 7 Mills for General Fund purposes and 1.75 mills for the Special Road Improvement Tax Levy.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote 8-0.

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (Mr. Donovan/ Mr. Phillips) to Adopt Resolution No. 2011-08 of the Borough of Crafton establishing the 2012 General Schedule of Fees, Costs, Charges and Expenses pursuant to Borough Ordinance and repealing any and all Resolutions inconsistent therewith.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote 8-0.

MOTION: ~~It was regularly moved and seconded (Mr. Donovan/ Mr. Johnston) to Adopt Resolution No. 2011-09 fixing the Annual Salaries of Certain Employees of the Borough of Crafton, Commencing with January 1, 2012, establishing Holidays, Vacations, Sick Leave and other Benefits and providing Disciplinary Procedures for the Violations thereof; and, repealing any and all Resolutions inconsistent therewith.~~ **COMMENTS:** Ms. O'Connell stated that this should not be passed by this Council but by the next Council. She wanted to clarify some of the language in the Resolution and felt it was premature to pass it at this time.

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (Ms. Weitzel/Ms. O'Connell) to Table the Motion to the January 11, 2012 meeting.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote 8-0.

PLANNING/CODE ENFORCEMENT

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (Mr. Johnston/ Mr. Donovan) to re-appoint Michael Magliocco to the Crafton Borough Code Appeals Board for a three year term which shall expire on December 31, 2014.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote 8-0.

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (Mr. Johnston/ Mr. Phillips) to re-appoint Stephen Palchowski to the Crafton Borough Zoning Hearing Board for a three year term which

shall expire on December 31, 2014.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote 8-0.

ADMINISTRATION/BOROUGH PROPERTIES

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (Ms. O'Connell/Mr. Donovan) to authorize the Borough Secretary to advertise the Reorganization Meeting of Council to be held Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 7:15 PM and the Borough Council Meeting of January 11, 2012 at 7:15 PM.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote 8-0.

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (Mr. Donovan/ Mr. Phillips) to award the CDBG Year 37 project to the low bidder, Automated Entrance Systems, in the amount of \$13,634.00, and to notify the CharWest COG of the Borough's bid acceptance for same.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote 8-0.

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (Mr. Phillips/ Ms. O'Connell) to Adopt Resolution No. 2011-10 approving the extension of term for the Chartiers Valley Flood Control Authority.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote 8-0.

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (Mr. Donovan/ Mr. Phillips) to award a contract to Controlled Climate Systems, lowest bidder, for the Rooftop HVAC Replacement Units Project for the lump sum of \$40,830.00, replacing the older units at the Municipal Building and Community Center Building, as an approved 2011 Capital Improvements budget/expenditure.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote 8-0.

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (Mr. Donovan/ Mr. Johnston) to Adopt Resolution No. 2011-12 authorizing the adoption of the 457 Deferred Compensation Plan Reinstatement.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote 8-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (Mr. Donovan/Ms. O'Connell) to hire Nancy Long as a Substitute School Crossing Guard.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote 8-0.

COMMENTS: Mr. Cindric stated that at the school board meeting last Thursday he had spoken to the Superintendent and some school board members concerning adding a crossing guard at the Elementary School and they have no problem with it. So if we hire a crossing guard they will not object to paying for it. Ms. Weitzel stated that as of last Thursday they had \$13 million dollars in cash and by a vote of 7-2 they voted to keep Crafton Elementary School open and in Crafton and Carnegie Elementary open and in Carnegie.

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (Mr. Johnston/Ms. O'Connell) to authorize payment request #5 to Thornbury, Inc. in the amount of \$4,796.10, representing Final Payment, as

recommended by Gateway Engineers for repair work satisfactorily completed through November 4, 2011, for the Blacks Bridge Rehabilitation Project.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote 8-0.

OTHER COMMENTS/CITIZENS COMMENTS

Resident of Elwood Street wanted to know what will happen now. Does it go on another agenda and will they be notified when it is brought up again. Mr. Cindric advised if it is brought up again it will be at the January 11, 2012 meeting at the earliest. Ms. Wojda advised if information is not on the website to call the Borough Secretary's Office for Agenda information.

Mr. Symborski asked again if someone would be down to check on Valley Street. He was told again that Public Works would be down.

Ms. O'Connell thanked Mr. Pellegrino and Ms. Viola for there service.

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