

**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Minutes of March 9, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Cindric called to order the Meeting of Crafton Borough Council, in Council Chambers of the Community Center. Flag Salute lead by Mr. Johnston. ROLL CALL, by Mrs. Tremblay, recorded seven (7) members of Council present as follows: Mr. Donovan, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Pellegrino, Mr. Phillips, Mrs. Viola, Ms. Weitzel, and Mr. Cindric – Also present were Mayor Bloom, Manager Callen, Engineer Minsterman and Solicitor Daley.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Viola/Johnston*), to approve the March 9, 2011 List of Bills. **QUESTIONS:** Mr. Johnston – Atlas Wholesale invoices; \$14,172.72, reference P/W garage: Inquired what was purchased for the garage for that amount? Mrs. Tremblay reported that the Public Works garage had several improvements made (Shelving, Storage Loft, Man-door, Ext. Lighting, etc.) but that expense should be more like \$1,400; possibly an input error and she would review the invoices and advise Council.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (7-0).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Viola/Phillips*) to approve the meeting Minutes of February 9 and February 23, 2011.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (7-0).

**CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

None

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Engineer Minsterman reported **1. Station Street Retaining Wall** – A Motion is on the Agenda to award the contract to the low bidder; Council needs to decide is to award just the base bid of \$58,000., or base bid and add Alternate A bid, for a total of \$135,000. **2. Black's Bridge** - A Motion is on the Agenda to award the contract to the low bidder; recommending the base bid and Alternate B bid, totaling \$373,935. This would not include paving of the approaches to the bridge (Alternate A) which is pending a joint paving project with the City of Pittsburgh. **3. Facchiano Contracting** - A Motion is on the Agenda to approved payment for the emergency concrete spall repair at Blacks Bridge, performed by Michael Facchiano Contracting. A significant amount of loose concrete was removed and a boom truck was used to reach the underside and fascia of the sidewalk. **4. Flow Measurement Study** – Gateway will be performing flow measurements during off peak hours (midnight to 5am), at various manholes, between March 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> – Manager and Police will be notified.

Mr. Cindric noted that a DEP letter is in Council's packet, regarding planning exemption applications no longer being permitted; that all developments, including one and two family dwellings, will now require a Planning Module Component review – which will require a fee by the Department.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Manager Callen noted that the ADA sidewalk ramps were inspected for vandalism, etc. He noted that one ramp was not installed properly and needs to be redone at Linwood and Parke Street; but most of the vandalism is cosmetic and can be easily remedied by the contractor. Other item: Refer to Manager's written report – copy attached (Clearview Storm Sewer 5 yr-plan, COG Vactor, CVFD Rescue Tools, Crafton Elementary Auditorium issues, Education & Government Channel agreement with the School District). Manager Callen also reported that he had spoken with Superintendent Panza and he has recommended Courtney Grondiowski for the Junior Councilperson – Motion/appointed at next Council meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS and NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- a. **Ordinance** – Mr. Johnston is hoping to have ordinance amendments available at the next Council meeting for consideration, advertisement, etc.
- b. **Recreation** – Mr. Pellegrino reported that a conference with DCNR was being rescheduled to review the Grant requirements. Need to advertise for an RFP, set up a time table for requirements, public meetings/advertisements and formation of an ad hoc committee, possibly including a few members from the Rec Board. He noted that the next Senior Citizen dinner is March 26<sup>th</sup>; also that the Rec Board would like to invite Seniors to help plan/chair other Senior Citizen activities and daytime use of the center. Or, perhaps the Library could be involved, and possibly move some of the equipment down to the Library. He also reported that Summer employment applications are due by March 18<sup>th</sup>, and interviews will be scheduled. He also reminded everyone of the Celebrates/Library Bingo fund raiser in the Community Center on March 10<sup>th</sup>, and an upcoming Library fundraiser at Bob Evans Restaurant, Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> – 15% of proceeds to the library of that days sales.
- c. **Public Works** – Mr. Phillips/Manager Callen reported on the work being done by both Equitable Gas and PAWC on Clearview and Sterrett. Mr. Phillips noted that delivery of the skid loader is due soon. Mr. Cindric reported that he experienced some inconvenience when Mongiovi set up to begin work and blocked his garage; that homeowners aren't being notified.
- d. **Public Safety** – Mrs. Viola reported that, per Chief Crown, MDT's (Mobil Data Terminals) need to be installed in certain fire apparatus, and would need to purchase two laptop computers from the Communications Line Item. Mr. Phillips noted a problem with drivers going the wrong way at the one-way section of S. Linwood at Woodlawn; refer to Police.

**Other Items:** Mr. Cindric noted that the notice for the ALOM spring conference was in Council's packet and if anyone wanted to attend, it would be at their own cost. He noted that the Ordinance Officer was recently in the hospital with pneumonia. He also reminded everyone of the upcoming COG dinner, and to RSVP to the Secretary's office by April 7<sup>th</sup> if attending.

Ms. Weitzel commented on the recent School Board meeting: Approved \$13,000 for Construction Bond rating, need to perform site survey and wet land study. She noted that the Board indicated that they do not plan on setting a budget for the new school project. Mr. Cindric reported that he had spoken with Rosslyn Farm's Council President, Kathy Green, regarding possible joint participation and action regarding the school situation. She agreed that as a Council, there is nothing they can do – but need to pursue efforts as individuals.

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Donovan/Phillips*) to approve payment to Michael Facchiano Contracting, Inc, in the amount of \$12,475, for Invoice #27445, Loose Concrete Removal Project at Black's Bridge, per the recommendation of the Engineer.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (7-0).

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Donovan/Pellegrino*) to approve payment to Mongiovi & Son, Inc., in the amount of \$81,254.45, for Payment No. 7, for the Sewer-Point Repair Project, as recommended by the Engineer. **COMMENTS:** It was again noted that there are several Mongiovi patches that have sunken and need to be inspected and redone.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (7-0).

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Johnston/Pellegrino*) to accept the bid of Gary Metzinger Cement Contractor, Inc, as the lowest bidder for the Station Street Wall Repair Project, for the Base Bid in the amount of \$58,000, per the Engineer's recommendation. **COMMENTS:** It was the consensus to approve the Base Bid only, as the Road Fund is not able to fund both the Base Bid and Alternate Bid.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (7-0).

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Phillips/Viola*) to accept the bid of Thornbury, Inc, as the lowest bidder for the Black's Bridge Rehab project for the Base Bid and Alternate B Bid, for the amount of \$373,935.50. **COMMENTS:** It was noted that the paving (Alternate A Bid) of the bridge approaches; both sides (Noble and Harrison), is not included and a joint paving of this area is proposed with the City of Pittsburgh

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (7-0).

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Donovan/Philips*) to accept the low bid of Howell Rescue Systems, Inc, in the amount of \$31,597. for fire department Rescue Tools, as per bid specifications. **COMMENTS:** Ms. Weitzel inquired on the optional items noted on the proposal that were not included, as shown on an attachment that Council did not receive. Mr. Callen noted this was reviewed with Chief Crown, and items, such as additional hoses, were not included. Mrs. Viola noted that Council agreed to expend \$13,500. toward this purchase, representing the Borough's 50%, and that \$18,800 is actually available in that budget line item.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (7-0).

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Viola/Donovan*) to approve the Fifty Percent (50%) Reimbursement Agreement by and between Crafton Volunteer Fire Department/Crafton Volunteer Fire Department Relief Association and the Borough of Crafton, for the purchase of Rescue Tools.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (7-0).

**OTHER COMMENTS/CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Charlene Krenke, Clearview Avenue – She reported that work is being done by one of the utility companies on Sterret and Clearview, with some street and lane closures. Also, inquired about the yellow pipes being stored on, and blocking, the sidewalk on Sterrett. Manager Callen reported that the pipes are for the gas line replacement and the only place they have to store them; that their work is commencing soon.

Mr. Dorfield – Inquired on the proposed bridgework – planned work was discussed noting that this work, and previous surface work should extend the life of the bridge 20-30 years. He also noted several properties on West Steuben Street with property maintenance issues – these will be reviewed by Manager Callen and the Building Inspector for permits, and Ordinance Officer for citations.

Crystal Boehm, Belvidere Street – Inquired on any possible problems with the sewer lining projects. Engineer Minsterman reported that the lining is a very thin application and is so minor that it would not cause any capacity reduction problems.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

MOTION carried by a Unanimous Voice Vote (7-0).

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary

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MANAGER'S REPORT: Other Items  
(Attached to and made a part of Minutes)

#### **4. Clearview Avenue Storm Sewer 5-Year Plan**

Gateway Engineers will briefly update Council on 3/9/2011 on a 5-Year Clearview Avenue Sewer Improvement Plan. We might be looking at a \$1M cost over the next 5 years should Council decide to make the necessary infrastructure corrections.

#### **5. CWCOC Vactor in Crafton Borough**

CWCOG Vactor will be in Crafton March 9-10-11 to address and clean troublesome storm sewer catch basins as identified by Public Works.

#### **6. CVFD Rescue Tools Cost Sharing**

Advertisement for bids were published and a bid opening is scheduled for Monday, March 7 at 10:00AM at Crafton Borough Building for the Rescue Tools proposed by the CVFD and for which the CVFD and Crafton Borough have agreed to a 50%-50% cost-sharing with Crafton's share not to be more than \$18,800 if that much. Bid results will be available for the March 9 Council meeting for review and hopeful award recommendation.

#### **7. Inspection of Crafton Elementary School**

Dan Felton, Building Code Officer, April Weitzel and I met with Dr. Panza and Business Manager Christy at Crafton Elementary School on March 4, 9:00AM to follow up on the "ADA non-compliant" balcony issue as was expressed by a resident at the 3/9 Council mtg.

It is not that the balcony is 'non-compliant via ADA' it is described by Dr. Panza as 'unsafe' according to the District's insurance carrier. Mr. Fenton suggested changes to the balcony steps leading to the seating area. The balcony is structurally solid...it is the steps area that can easily be addressed and corrected. Since 1913 there have been no incidents on the balcony steps.

Additionally, April wanted to address 'water by the electrical junction box' examined. Indeed, ground water seeps through the foundation and water is present around the floor level electrical junction box. Mr. Fenton recommended that the District correct this safety issue via a sump pump and other minor, inexpensive solutions. A written report will be prepared by BUI in these regards.

#### **8. Severe Rains March 4-6 Weekend**

We expect a variety of complaints by Monday Morning, 3/8 from what is predicted to be constant and severe rains this weekend. Stay tuned.

Robert Callen, Borough Manager