

COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of July 13, 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. Donovan ROLL CALL, by Mrs. Tremblay, recorded seven (7) members of Council present as follows: Mr. Donovan, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Pellegrino, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Stewart, Ms. Weitzel, and Mr. Cindric (*Absent: Grapes, Viola*). Also present were Mayor Bloom, Manager Callen, Engineer Minsterman and Solicitor Ayoob.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Stewart/Johnston*), to approve the July 13, 2011 List of Bills.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Stewart/Donovan*) to approve the June 22, 2011 Meeting Minutes.

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

CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Minsterman reported that the sewer defect repair contract is essentially complete. As well as the Station Street Retaining Wall project; with a punchlist of items being reviewed with the Contractor. It was confirmed that only a small amount, \$2,800, was recouped from the vehicle owner's insurance company. CCTV work of the sewers, through the ShaCog joint municipality contract, is scheduled to begin in about a month, which will generate a report for the necessary 2012 point repairs and estimate for next year's budget. Mr. Stewart inquired on the status of the Promenade street steps – this was referred to Public Works; no oversight requested by the Engineers. Regarding the Station Street retaining wall, Mr. Phillips asked if something can be done to taper the top of the new wall to meet the existing wall; some kind of cap, to improve the look of the wall. Engineer Minsterman said yes, something can be done that wouldn't affect the integrity, but would just be for aesthetic purposes.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Callen reported that he met with the bridge contractor and utility company reps; only some delays dealing with Gas Company. Deck will be lifted a ¼ to ½ inch, so it was important to review any affect on utility service lines. Not sure if sidewalks will be open by the time school starts. With so many trees in the borough, there have been an increase in calls for the Borough to take down storm-damaged trees. Resident's should not assume that this is a borough responsibility, as it may be a private property issue; and to contact his office with any inquiries. The borough may be able to assist in removal at the curb with the use of the new chipper. Met with DEP regarding the reimbursement of \$31,000 for the chipper. Problems continue with the A/C unit in the community center. He reported that information was provided for the purchase of two AED's with cabinets, at a cost of approx. \$1,500 each; one of

which would be for the library and cost reimbursed back to the Borough by them. Still awaiting DCNR approval on the proposed Request for Proposal for the Recreational Development Plan; which is needed prior to requesting proposals from professionals. Mr. Cindric inquired on tree removal bids and cost from Olander. There could be some cost savings if Public Works does the work, or some of the work. Mr. Cindric felt that doing tree work takes the Public Works crew away from other work, and that this would offset any savings. Mr. Phillips inquired about obtaining quotes from other tree services, but it was noted that, dating back to the major storm damage, that Olander has provided the lowest bids and have always performed satisfactorily. Manager Callen noted that he may look for quotes from others on larger jobs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS and NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. Administration** – Information was provided to Council to change the current electric generation supplier through a contract with Energy Savers, Inc. Once all accounts are moved to this new supplier, the savings could be as much as \$10,000-\$11,000 per year. Duquesne Light would still be the distributor, and both charges would be billed and included on the Duquesne Light invoice. An Energy Savers representative was present to comment and answer questions. She noted that they also offer a resident program and asked Council to consider providing this information to residents and asked if their information could be printed under Borough letterhead; which they would mail, and also requested a resident mailing list. Solicitor Ayoob reviewed and approved the basic contract. He also recommended that the Borough not be involved in this resident mailing, as it would set precedence and open the Borough to do likewise for any other company that would want to solicit borough residents. It was also noted that the changeover, if approved, would not commence until January 2012, when all existing contracts will be expired. (Presently, all, but one (*Street Lights Account*), are expired and existing on a month-to-month basis.)
- b. Other** - It was requested that placement of additional bridge detour signs be considered at Crennell and N. Linwood intersection to prevent traffic from driving up N. Emily only to find they are still at the wrong side of the bridge. It was also noted that PennDot has installed “No Right Turn on Red Signs” on Steuben at West Crafton Avenue. Formerly, this was always a continuous green arrow, so the change may not be readily observed by drivers. Also, most of the time, the continuous green arrow will still appear, with the exception of when someone presses the crosswalk button which will stop all directions of traffic at the intersection for pedestrian crossing.
- c. Finance** – Ms. Weitzel noted that the Committee will be reviewing all current vendor contracts.
- d. Public Safety** – It was noted that the ladder truck was out of service while being repainted (under warranty).
- e. Ordinance/Planning/Insurance/Pension** – Mr. Johnston reported that the Planning Commission will be meeting on Monday, July 18th, and will review any additional ordinance changes (including placement of storage trailers). Also, there will be no Ordinance Review Committee meeting this month, in lieu of the Public Hearing on July 27th, at 6:30pm, on the proposed Ordinance changes.
- f. Parks/Recreation** – Mr. Pellegrino thanked Jr. Council Courtney for her help volunteering at Crafton Celebrates; noting that the festival was, once again, a success. He re-iterated the Manager’s comments on the proposed purchase of the AED’s. It was noted that these would need to be hard-wired to 911.

- g. Public Works** – Mr. Phillips reported that the ADA ramp has been completed on East Crafton Avenue, the foundation is being poured at the storage shed at the stage. It was requested that the street sweeper be used with a water application, rather than dry sweeping. It was his understanding that water was being used, and he would look into it.
- h. Other** – Mr. Cindric noted that Mrs. Keeley was on two-weeks vacation, and thanked Mrs. Tremblay and Manager Callen for managing the office, shorthanded during that time. Mr. Cindric noted that the CharWest COG has once again been rejected on their CITF grant application for the replacement of their Vactor. He is disappointed in the review and approval process, as this equipment is used by multi-municipalities, and should have qualified for approval. The CITF is now run by the URA, and the board is chaired by Senator Fontana. He noted that the COG's vactor is in dire need of replacement.

BUSINESS AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Phillips/Johnston*) to authorize the payment to Thornbury Inc. for the sum of \$22,725.00 as recommended by HDR Engineering for services satisfactorily completed to June 30, 2011 for the Black's Bridge Rehab project.

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

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Stewart/Phillips*) to authorize the payment to Gary Metzinger Cement Contractor the sum of \$15,180.00 as recommended by Gateway Engineers for construction satisfactorily completed to June 16, 2011 for the Station Street Retaining Wall project to be paid for from the Road Tax Fund.

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

FINANCE

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Stewart/Donovan*) to authorize the Borough Manager to execute all necessary agreements to change the current electric generation supplier to TriEagle, c/o Energy Savers, Inc.

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

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Donovan/Phillips*) to adopt Resolution No. 2011-03 being the Concurrent Resolution formally requesting grant funds, in the amount of \$10,000., in accordance with the Year 38 – CDBG program, for ADA handicapped sidewalk ramps.

MOTION carried by a Six Yes, One No (*Stewart*) Roll Call Vote (6-1).

ADMINISTRATION

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Donovan/Pellegrino*) to authorize the Borough Manager to purchase two AED's (Automatic External Defibrillator) with cabinets for the Community Center and for the Crafton Library, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500 each; and the Crafton Library will reimburse Crafton Borough for one of the units.

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

OTHER COMMENTS/CITIZEN COMMENTS

Sandy Taylor, Bell Avenue – She reported that a woman has been coupon diving in the paper recycle dumpster at the elementary school, and has been found inside the dumpster on several occasions. The police were called, so she was inquiring on the status – is this a borough matter or school matter. Noting that it is very startling and frightening when you go to place something in the dumpster and find there is someone in it.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary