

**BOROUGH OF CRAFTON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
Minutes of July 24, 2017**

President Amendola noted a Special Meeting was held at 6:45 pm, Claire Calig and Sam Caymen attend, they presented to Council and audience the proposed plans and renovations to the Crafton Ingram Shopping Center. Ms. Amendola noted, no action was taken.

The regular meeting of Crafton Borough Council began at 7:22 pm.

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Amendola called to order the Regular Meeting of Crafton Borough Council of July 24, 2017, in the Council Chambers of the Community Center of the Municipal Building. The Flag Salute was led by Ms. Glaser.

ROLL CALL, by Manager Scott, recorded Seven (7) Members of Council present as follows: Mr. Amendola, Ms. Glaser, Ms. Damits, Mr. O'Brien, Ms. Perry, Mr. Levasseur and Ms. Amendola. Absent from the meeting was Mayor Bloom. Also present were Solicitor Gladys, Engineer Strunk, Public Works Director Kaczorowski and Manager Scott.

**BILL LIST APPROVAL**

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*Perry/O'Brien*) to approve the Bill List dated July 24, 2017 as presented.

MOTION #1 was moved and seconded by Unanimous Vote (7-0).

**ACCEPTANCE/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (Levasseur/F. Amendola) to approve the Minutes for the July 10, 2017 Meeting as presented.

MOTION #2 was moved and seconded by Unanimous Vote (7-0).

**CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL/Agenda Items Only:**

Karen Falbo, 257 Noble Avenue, she inquired the value of the Crafton Ingram Shopping Center to a corporation who would consider constructing a building down there, perhaps a business headquarters or doctors' offices on the first floor and condos on the second floor. She noted that strip malls are having difficulty maintaining business levels.

**ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS (JUNE 2017)**

Council acknowledged receipt of the following Monthly Reports; Financial Report, Treasurer's Report, Act 511 and Trash Collection Reports, Property Tax Collection, Police Report, NW EMS Report, Ordinance Officer Report, Building Inspection Report, Engineer's Report, Public Works Report, Fire Department Report and the Library Report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor was not in attendance, no report.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Engineer Strunk noted the monthly Engineers Report has been submitted to Council for review.

Mr. Strunk noted the water company has started work on Ewing Road with the replacement of the main waterline. El Grande, the Borough Contractor is scheduled to begin work sometime in early August, he will let the Borough know when a firm date has been determined.

Mr. Strunk noted, a Geotechnical Study on Ewing Road has been completed by Gateway Engineers, the cost estimate to repair the closed portion is \$353,817.50. A copy of the report has been provided to Council. As noted, this is an estimate, Council may add or remove work to the proposed project, including the installation of a guide rail, which would allow for pedestrian flow on the roadway. The project would include sub drain structures to move the storm water further down the hill.

In regard to the demolition project, the Manager noted at the last meeting, the County requires an asbestos permit prior to any demolitions. The inspection will be occurring on each of the homes later this week, (25 Sycamore and 78 Fountain Street). Gateway will include any abatement if required in the revised plans and specifications.

Mr. Strunk noted in regard to the sewer repair contracts, a brief update as follows; Point Repair contract is approximately 95% completed; CCTV contract is completed; Spot Lining is completed and Preventative Maintenance, (cleaning & root cutting) will begin in a few weeks.

The Rain Garden Park Project, the plans and specifications are near completion, Council will need to authorize to advertise the project at this time. Ms. Amendola inquired if Council could see a copy of the plan at the next meeting, Mr. Strunk stated, he will bring a copy with him. The project includes paving the pool parking lot and installation of catch basins to move the water into the rain garden area, and remove from the sewer system.

Splash Pool Maintenance, Gateway continues to gather the documentation required by the Bonding Company.

The flow isolation project is completed, this information will be including in the Source Reduction Study required at the end of the year, by the Administrative Consent Order.

Flow isolation identified future separation projects in the area.

Mr. Amendola asked the Engineer, if he or someone from Gateway could come to the August 14, 2017 Meeting to further discuss proposed Ewing Road Repairs. Mr. Kaczorowski inquired

if there was a second option Council could consider at this time. Mr. Strunk replied that any other option considered, would be much more expensive. Their report reflected the most economical solution. Mr. Strunk noted he will attend the next meeting, along with Joe the Geotechnical Engineer.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/F. Amendola*) to authorize a special meeting of Council, Monday, August 14, 2017 at 6:45 pm in Council Chambers to discuss Ewing Road.

MOTION #3 was moved and seconded by Unanimous Vote (7-0).

Mr. Levasseur inquired if Gateway could contact Carnegie Borough to inquire if the work they just completed on a hillside similar to the Crafton Project, if that was a local or County Project and what the project entailed.

Mr. Levasseur inquired if other options could be looked into and considered, advances in geotechnical work has improved, and perhaps Gateway could explore some of these types of options. He noted that approximately half of the project cost is for the installation of a retaining wall, perhaps weight limits on the roadway and new technology, that amount could be reduced.

## **BUSINESS AGENDA**

### ***PUBLIC WORKS***

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/Glaser*) to authorize advertise Plans and Specifications for the demolition of the properties located at 25 Sycamore Drive and 78 Fountain Drive in Crafton Borough as recommended by the Engineer.

MOTION #4 was moved and seconded by a Unanimous Voice Vote (7-0).

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*Perry/Levasseur*) to approve Payment Request No. 1 in the amount of \$98,228.47 for the Joint O&M Repair Project, payable to SHACOG, included in the 2017 Sewer Budget, and recommended by the Engineer.

MOTION #5 was moved and seconded by a Unanimous Voice Vote (7-0).

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/Glaser*) to authorize to advertise Plans and Specifications for the Rain Garden Project in Crafton Park, along Steuben Street, funded partly by a GROW Grant through ALCOSAN.

MOTION #6 was moved and seconded by a Unanimous Voice Vote (7-0).

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Solicitor Gladys noted his office is working with Gateway Engineers to finalize the documentation requested from the Bonding Company regarding the Splash Pad construction project.

Mr. Gladys noted, the item on the agenda regarding House Bill 172, Tax Credit for Volunteer Fire Fighters, he has reviewed the proposed ordinance and worked with the Manager, reviewed the potential liability of the Borough and recommends Council consider adopting the proposed Ordinance.

Mr. Gladys noted, an item that continually pops up at regularly at meetings is Act 90, he took another look at the Act. He noted, Act 90 doesn't really take effect until a Notice of Violation or a corrective order has been issued. The property owner must be given six (6) months to correct the violation before Act 90 regulations can come into play. It all comes down to enforcement and properly documenting violations.

Ms. Glaser noted she has concerns about the splash pad, she has been down at the pool and continues to see the deterioration of the wall. Mr. Kaczorowski, noted at this time, the Borough can't do any repairs, we are going after the Bond Company of the contractor to make the proper, acceptable repairs. Solicitor Gladys pointed out the bonding company is working with the Borough at this time, their goal is to find the most economical acceptable repairs.

***FINANCE***

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*F. Amendola/Perry*) to authorize advertise the Ordinance regarding House Bill 172, Tax Credit for Volunteer Fire Fighters, for Real Estate and Wage Taxes, as recommended by the Solicitor.

MOTION #7 was moved and seconded by a Unanimous Voice Vote (7-0).

***COMPREHENSIVE PLAN***

Ms. Scott noted, as Council requested, she was able to obtain a second proposal for the Emergency Resident Notification System. She along with Chief Sumpter are planning on watching a conference presentation with the firm, later this week. The proposals are very close in price. After the presentation she will make a recommendation to Crafton and Ingram Councils at the Special Meeting of August 21, 2017.

Mr. Levasseur asked if there is anything the Borough can do about the roadway crown at Willard and Clearview. He noted, he has seen trucks, ambulances bottom out at that intersection, and he is concerned if a fire truck is required, would they be able to get through. Mr. Strunk noted, he will review the intersection again and discuss the matter with Mr. Kaczorowski. He has concerns noting larger trucks may still have problems due to the grade of Willard. Noting the Borough could add this to the 2017 Road Program Contractor. He will provide a cost estimate for approval.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Ms. Amendola noted that Crafton Library has scheduled their Oktoberfest for Saturday, September 30, 2017 in Crafton Park.

Ms. Perry noted the Library has been thinking of such an event for a few years, and is interested in starting a new tradition, an annual Oktoberfest. All proceeds would go toward the Library, however, Crafton Celebrates may be interested in participating in the event. Ms. Perry noted that alcohol would be a part of the event. The Library is looking into potential vendors who may be offer the proper insurance necessary for the event.

Ms. Perry noted the Borough will be required to obtain a Liquor License through the State. She is working with Manager to gather all the pertinent documents required to apply for such a license.

Included in their budget will be extra police patrol for the event as well.

Ms. Amendola noted, in her opinion, the idea of such an event is fantastic. She offered to assist the Library in organizing the event as well.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*F. Amendola/Glaser*) to Approve the Permit for Crafton Park and the permit to allow the Library to hold an Oktoberfest for Saturday, September 30, 2017 in Crafton Park, and the selling of alcohol.

MOTION #8 was moved and seconded by a Unanimous Voice Vote (7-0).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Amendola made the following announcements;

- i. CONCERTS IN THE PARK – Thursdays @ 7:30 pm
- ii. *A/C SIDE YARD & BLIGHTED STRUCTURE PROGRAM*  
Applications are being accepted until August 31, 2017
- iii. *CRAFTON-INGRAM ROTARY* – Rib & Chicken Fest  
Thursday, August 3, 2017 – Crafton Park Shelter
- iv. SPECIAL MEETING – Monday, August 21, 2017 (6:30 pm)  
Meeting with DCED - FINAL – Early Intervention Program
- v. Jordan Tax Service – School Tax Collection  
August 29 – 1pm to 4 pm; August 31 – 9 am to Noon

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Ms. Amendola noted that no one signed up to speak on any other matters before Council.

Kathleen Watson, 74 Fountain Avenue, mentioned last month she requested Council consider painting lines on Chartiers at the underpass. She stated people are speeding around the bend end up in oncoming traffic lane. If not the traffic lines, then a stop sign.

Mr. Kaczorowski stated, painting of lines will be difficult around the bend area. He will need to look into the regulations and report back.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*F. Amendola/O'Brien*) to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann C. Scott, Borough Manager