

**COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of August 11, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

President Hayes called to order the Agenda Meeting of Crafton Borough Council, in Council Chambers of the Community Center. Flag Salute led by Ms. Weitzel. ROLL CALL, by Mrs. Tremblay, recorded Seven (7) members of Council present as follows: Mr. Amendola, Ms. Amendola, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Phillips, Mrs. Post, Ms. Weitzel and President Hayes. Also present were Mayor Bloom and Director Kaczorowski.

BILL LIST APPROVAL

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Phillips/O'Brien*) to approve the Bill List dated August 11, 2014.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (7-0), with exception noted by Mr. O'Brien (#400.11).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (Weitzel/Post) to approve the July 28, 2014 Meeting Minutes.

MOTION carried by a Six Yes, One abstention (*O'Brien*) Roll Call Vote (6-0-1).

CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Eric Burcham, 231 W. Steuben, Desmond Orrado, 294 Crafton Blvd. – Complained of speeding vehicles on the newly paved Crafton Blvd. They performed their own traffic study and presented their results, and asked for some remedy. Possibility of an additional speed hump installed, narrowing the road, line striping, additional police presence, etc. were discussed. Weight limit restrictions also discussed.

Susan Mucha, 269 Clearview Avenue – Noted that the Harris Street curbing doesn't seem to be complete, and there is a lot of deterioration on the left side (photographs provided). Her questions would be reviewed with the Engineer. She also asked about replacement of the compromised trees on the Clearview Trail.

E-COLLECT Presentation/Update

Mark Shuster noted that some clarification with Jordan Tax was needed for the time period for delinquent collections. They are finding that transient tenants are hardest to find and collect taxes from. He met with the Ordinance Officer and Secretary Tremblay to review all resources in the office to find the all businesses, landlords and tenants, in addition Jordan's records. He proposes Council consider turning over the current collections to E-Collect. Collection process and funds depositing was questioned.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Administration
 - Garbage Contract – RFP/Committee Review. Mr. Hayes asked for feedback on establishing a committee to review options, alley pickups, etc. Current contract would be put on the Cubby for Council review.
- Budget/Finance
 - Budget Meetings – Ms. Grass will be developing a schedule for budget meetings, department input and Councils input.

- Parks/Recreation
 - Update/Report: Gala – Great event; well attended.
 - Doggie Paddle/Swim Event – Upcoming event, Saturday, Sept. 6th; fundraiser for the pool renovation.
 - Community Garden- Proposal. Was sent to Council on their .org e-mail. Will be placed on the Cubby for Council’s review and consideration.
- Public Works
 - Salt Contract/ShaCOG Purchasing Alliance: Cargill, Inc. – ShaCOG had some difficulty getting bids this year, but Cargill was the low bidder, and considered a good price.
- Public Safety – Mr. Amendola noted that he will be meeting with the Mayor and Police Chief to look at two sites for proposed Stop Signs. It was noted to look at the intersection of Alice and Noble, and Sidney Street; the curb is getting destroyed.
- Ordinance
 - Flood Map Ordinance/Amendment (FEMA) – Language needs amended with the new flood map, for insurance purposes. Need to authorize advertisement of the ordinance for timely adoption.
- Comprehensive Planning
 - DCED funding application/Resolution/Motion on Agenda – Ms. Weitzel recently attended a meeting with several officials to get started on a PA DCED grant application for the strategic plan; timeliness is important, first round awarded in October, and she will work with the Interim Borough Manager to complete this submission. A resolution is on the Agenda for consideration, and Ingram is also acting on a similar resolution. Mr. Amendola inquired on the commitment of matching funds; \$25,000, which would be split by Crafton and Ingram. He also expressed concerns that the Interim Manager has a lot of work, and is only contracted for 20 hours a week.

MANAGER’S REPORT

President Hayes noted that the contract language was just finalized with HRG, with the attorneys, so the Interim Manager is not present at this meeting.

BUSINESS AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Post/Phillips*) to authorize payment to A. Merante Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$74,582.77, representing payment No. 2, for work completed between July 4, 2014 and August 1, 2014, for the Clearview Avenue Phase III project, as reviewed and certified by Gateway Engineers.

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

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Weitzel/Post*) to adopt Resolution No. 2014-14 authorizing the submittal of a funding application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for multi-municipal comprehensive development plan assistance and to allocate funds as the required match to State funds received.

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

MOTION ADDED

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Phillips/Post*) to authorize the advertisement of an amendment to the Borough's Floodplain Ordinance as required by the FEMA National Floodplain Insurance Program (NFIP).

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

ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mrs. Post reported that the Crafton Celebrates meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 12, at 7pm.

Andrea Marquis, Marion Street – She has been researching possible funding for a community garden, and there are deadlines for some of these fund. She has received a lot of positive comments on this endeavor. She reiterated the benefits to the community.

Phil Lavasseur, 401 Clearview Avenue – He stated that he had many issues and concerns with the Clearview project and curbing, etc, and would like to have some dialogue with the Mayor or Council on some of these issues.

Teresa Lavasseur – Expressed concerns of a natural spring in that area (Harris/Clearview), that causes icing in the winter.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Post/N.Amendola*) to adjourn the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary