

**BOROUGH OF CRAFTON  
REORGANIZATION MEETING  
Minutes of January 2, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bloom called to order the Reorganization Meeting of the Borough of Crafton, Monday, January 2, 2018 at 7:30 pm, in the Council Chambers of the Community Center of the Municipal Building. The Flag Salute was led by Mayor Bloom.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

Dennis Joyce, Senior Magisterial District Justice swore in the following newly elected officials; Mayor James Bloom, Councilpersons Fred Amendola, Brad Crouse, Phillip Levasseur and Abbie Rosario.

**ROLL CALL**

Manager Scott recorded the following Seven (7) Members of Council present: Mr. Amendola, Mr. Crouse, Ms. Damits, Ms. Glaser, Mr. Levasseur, Ms. Perry and Mr. Rosario. Also present Mayor Bloom, Solicitor Gladys and Manager Scott.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Mayor Bloom noted that no one signed in to speak before Council regarding Agenda Items.

**NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

Mayor Bloom opened the floor for Nominations for President of Council.

Ms. Perry nominated Mr. Levasseur  
Ms. Glaser nominated Mr. Amendola

The Mayor inquired if any additional nominations, and closed the floor.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Amendola (Amendola); Crouse (Levasseur); Damits (Levasseur); Glaser (Amendola); Levasseur (Levasseur); Perry (Levasseur); Rosario (Levasseur)

MOTION #1 approved; Levasseur (5) Amendola (2). Mr. Levasseur appointed as President of Council.

Mayor Bloom opened the floor for Nominations for Vice President of Council.

Ms. Perry nominated Mr. Rosario  
Ms. Glaser nominated Mr. Amendola

The Mayor inquired if any additional nominations, and closed the floor.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Amendola (Amendola); Crouse (Rosario); Damits (Rosario); Glaser (Amendola); Levasseur (Rosario); Perry (Rosario); Rosario (Rosario)

MOTION #2 approved; Rosario (5) Amendola (2). Mr. Rosario appointed as Vice President of Council.

Mayor Bloom opened the floor for Nominations for President Pro Tem.

Ms. Perry nominated Ms. Damits  
Mr. Amendola nominated Ms. Glaser (Ms. Glaser declined nomination)

The Mayor inquired if any additional nominations, and closed the floor.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Amendola (abstained); Crouse (Damits); Damits (Damits); Glaser (Abstain); Levasseur (Damits); Perry (Damits); Rosario (Damits)

MOTION #3 approved; Damits (5); Abstains (2). Ms. Damits appointed as President Pro Tem.

Mayor Bloom opened the floor for Nominations for Vacancy Board Chairman.

Ms. Glaser nominated Dave O'Brien  
Ms. Damits nominated Linda Breeden

The Mayor inquired if any additional nominations, and closed the floor.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Amendola (O'Brien); Crouse (O'Brien); Damits (Breeden); Glaser (O'Brien); Levasseur (O'Brien); Perry (O'Brien); Rosario (O'Brien)

MOTION #4 approved; O'Brien (6); Breeden (1). Mr. O'Brien appointed as Chairman of the Vacancy Board.

Mayor Bloom turned the gavel over to Mr. Levasseur, President of Council.

Mr. Levasseur asked for input regarding the Monthly Schedule, as far as dates and times.

Ms. Perry proposed we maintain the current schedule, second and fourth Mondays beginning at 7:15 pm. Ms. Damits suggested moving the meetings to second and fourth Wednesdays beginning at 7:30 pm.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*Perry/Crouse*) to designate Crafton Borough Municipal Building Council Chambers, 140 Bradford Avenue, as the location of the Monthly Borough Discussion and Regular Meetings; Discussion Meeting Second Monday of each month beginning at 7:15 pm; and Regular Council Meeting Fourth Monday of each month beginning at 7:15 pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Amendola (yes); Crouse (yes); Damits (No); Glaser (yes); Perry (yes); Rosario (yes); Levasseur (yes);

MOTION #5 approved by Roll Call Vote (6-1).

**APPOINTMENTS**

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*Perry, Amendola*) Appoint Welch, Gold, Siegel and Fiffik, as the Borough Solicitor for Borough of Crafton.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Amendola (yes); Crouse (yes); Damits (Yes); Glaser (yes); Perry (yes); Rosario (yes); Levasseur (yes);

MOTION #6 approved by Roll Call Vote (7-0).

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*Glaser, Amendola*) Appoint Gateway Engineers as the Borough Engineer for Borough of Crafton.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Amendola (yes); Crouse (yes); Damits (Yes); Glaser (yes); Perry (yes); Rosario (yes); Levasseur (yes);

MOTION #7 approved by Roll Call Vote (7-0).

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*Rosario, Amendola*) Appoint PNC as the Official Depository Bank for all Borough accounts.

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

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*Amendola, Damits*) Appointed Gazette 2.0 and Pittsburgh Post-Gazette as the official newspapers for Legal Advertising for the Borough.

MOTION #9 was moved and seconded by Unanimous Vote (7-0).

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*Perry, Rosario*) Appoint Crafton Volunteer Fire Department as the Fire Department for the Borough of Crafton.

MOTION #10 was moved and seconded by Unanimous Vote (7-0).

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*Glaser, Amendola*) Approve Appointment of Michael Crown as the Fire Chief for the Crafton Volunteer Fire Department.

MOTION #11 was moved and seconded by Unanimous Vote (7-0).

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*Damits, Rosario*) Appoint Chief Mark Sumpter as Emergency Management Coordinator for the Borough of Crafton.

MOTION #12 was moved and seconded by Unanimous Vote (7-0).

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*Amendola, Crouse*) Appoint Dave Morgan as Fire Marshal and Dave Kratt as Assistant Fire Marshal for the Borough of Crafton.

MOTION #13 was moved and seconded by Unanimous Vote (7-0).

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*Rosario, Amendola*) Appoint Annette Lherbier as the Borough Treasurer for the Borough of Crafton.

MOTION #14 was moved and seconded by Unanimous Vote (7-0).

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Amendola noted the past few weeks there are some issues and concerns happening at the Crafton Library. He anticipates a crowd to be in attendance at our Meeting of January 8 and recommends Council do a little homework on the matter and prepare themselves for discussion and to answer questions.

**ADDITIONAL**

Lee Ann O'Brien, 55 Bradford Avenue, discuss the Crafton Library. She noted she serves as President of the School Board and their meeting is the same day as the next Council Meeting so she opted to attend the Reorganization Meeting. She wanted to provide information and her opinions, regarding recent decisions of the Library Board and their effect on the Community.

Ms. O'Brien noted since the Board terminated the employment of two employees of the Library, there has been a great public outcry. She noted the Library bylaws state that meetings should be open to the public, however, in 2017 the only Board Meeting known to the public was the December 13 meeting. This was only after quite a number of phone calls and emails sent out.

She noted, the bylaws state that meetings must be held in accordance with the Sunshine Act, that the Library Board meetings were definitely not being held in accordance with this Act. At the meeting, the President of the Board only permitted those in attendance and wishing to speak 30 seconds. The Board was disrespectful to the residents.

She noted the bylaws state that the Library functions in accordance with the Public Library Code which provides that the Board should be comprised of 5 to 7 Members that serve three year terms. The Current Board has 8 members who serve four year terms.

The Code also states a municipality that contributes or aids the Library annually, an amount of money equivalent to 15% or more of the yearly income, shall appoint not more than two members. Crafton Borough does not appoint any Board Members.

As a resident of the Community, she is requesting Council to take a closer look at the how and why the Board is functioning as it currently is, and not to allow them to continue along this path.

No other resident appeared before Council.

### ***ADJOURNMENT***

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*Amendola, Perry*) to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.

MOTION #15 was moved and seconded by Unanimous Vote (7-0).

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann C. Scott, Borough Manager