

**BOROUGH OF CRAFTON
COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of January 23, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

President Amendola called to order the Regular Meeting of Crafton Borough Council of January 23, 2017, in the Council Chambers of the Community Center of the Municipal Building. The Flag Salute led by Ms. Damits.

ROLL CALL, by Manager Scott, recorded Four (4) members of Council present as follows: Ms. Damits, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Levasseur and Ms. Amendola; NOTE Ms. Glaser joined via Skype later in the meeting. Absent was Mr. Amendola, Ms. Perry and Mayor Bloom. Also present Solicitor Gladys, Engineer Strunk and Manager Scott. Public Works Director Kaczorowski was absent.

BILL LIST APPROVAL

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/O'Brien*) to approve the Bill List dated January 23, 2017 as presented.

MOTION #1 was moved and seconded by Unanimous Vote (4-0).

ACCEPTANCE/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*O'Brien/Levasseur*) to accept the Minutes of the Meeting dated January 9, 2017 as presented.

MOTION #2 was moved and seconded by a Unanimous Voice Vote (4-0).

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

Charlene Krenke 800 Clearview Avenue, inquired if the 2017 Road Program List has been completed. Director Kaczorowski stated that has not yet been finalized.

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS (December 2016)

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

In the Mayor's Absence, Ms. Scott noted, Council had discussed at length at past meetings, the Heroin and Opioid problem facing the entire Country. PA residents who may have a tip or know of someone a friend, family member or neighbor utilizing or selling illegal drugs, you can send an anonymous tip to PA Attorney General's Office to 847411 with the information. They follow-up on all tips received.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Strunk noted Gateway is beginning to work on the Plans and Specs for the 2017 Road Program, working on a preliminary listing of roadways to be considered. He will meet with the PW Director to finalize the listing, budget, etc. Gateway is requesting authorization to begin this work.

Engineer Strunk noted in reference to the 2017 Corrective Action Plan, the design of sewer repairs intended for this year have been completed and submitted to SHACOG for bidding. Projects will include CCTV, lining, excavation repairs and manhole rehabilitation.

Engineer Strunk noted the Duncan Avenue Project has been completed with the exception of restoration work, which will be completed in the Spring. Five Percent Retainage is being held for this work. The Borough received a complaint from a resident, concrete slab (patio) in the rear of his home is sinking. The contractor was called out to the property and reviewed, agreed this was a result of the work completed. The contractor agreed to replace the slab when restoration work is completed in the Spring. The retainage will be released once all work has been completed.

Ms. Damits inquired why and who had posted the No Truck Signs on Woodlawn over the past few days. Ms. Scott noted the Public Works Department posted the signs, she will verify with the Director and provide the information to Council as to why they were posted.

Mr. Levasseur inquired if Belvidere is included in the initial 2017 Road Paving. Ms. Scott stated that Belvidere is on the 2018 proposed listing. He noted that Belvidere is a brick roadway with the same limestone curbing, and wondered if the same challenges would be faced by the Borough when Walnut was paved.

Mr. Levasseur inquired that our 2017 Road Program is completed in conjunction with the Corrective Action Program. Engineer Strunk noted that CCTV data of the sewers is always reviewed prior to compiling a road program listing.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Gladys noted that his office is finalizing the Draft Ordinances on Blight regarding Disorderly Houses and Vacant Properties for the February 13, 2017 meeting.

Solicitor Gladys noted his office in receipt of a subpoena regarding documents of the Borough in reference to ongoing litigation regarding two residents.

Mr. O'Brien inquired if additional information could be provided at this time. Solicitor Gladys noted this matter has been going on since 2012, and there are two complaints; the first is one of the resident's diverted water onto the neighbor's property and the other involves a fence. Ms. Scott noted the Borough also received a subpoena and copies of the files were submitted to the attorney's office. Mr. Gladys noted the Borough is not a party to either claim, they are requesting information from our files.

BUSINESS AGENDA

PERSONNEL

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/O'Brien*) to authorize the advertisement for Summer Recreation and Public Works employment.

Ms. Damits inquired if the advertisement included Crafton residents only or if anyone could apply. Ms. Scott noted, the advertisement did not include any residency requirement. Ms. Amendola inquired what newspaper the advertisement would be in, Ms. Scott noted the Observer Reporter.

MOTION #3 was moved and seconded by a Voice Vote (3-1).

PUBLIC SAFETY

Ms. Amendola noted the Civil Service Commission has scheduled a meeting for Saturday, January 28, 2017 for the purpose of preparing their annual report to Council and any other matters brought before the Commission.

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/O'Brien*) to authorize the engineer to begin preparing Plans and Specifications for the 2017 Road Program.

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

FINANCE

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*O'Brien/Levasseur*) to authorize payment of Tax Refunds from the General Fund and Road Tax Fund in the amount of \$2,364.78.

MOTION #5 was moved and seconded by a Unanimous Vote (4-0).

ADMINISTRATION

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*O'Brien/Levasseur*) to authorize the Manager to completed the necessary paperwork and execute power supply contract for electrical supplier for the Borough with BidUREnergy.

Allow the record to show that Ms. Glaser had Faced Time the Borough earlier, but technical difficulties were experienced. She was again, joining the meeting at approximately 7:30 pm.

Ms. Damits inquired if this was a company other than Duquesne Light. Ms. Scott noted on your desk is a copy of the prices quoted for today, January 23, 2017. BidUREnergy was utilized by the Borough in the past to obtain pricing on suppliers. She noted that this was a recommendation in the Early Intervention Program to obtain pricing quotes for Energy. The price has decreased from .07783 to .07653.

MOTION #6 was moved and seconded by a Unanimous Vote (5-0).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Amendola made the following announcements;

- *CRAFTON MILITARY BANNER PROGRAM* – Applications are available to purchase your Military Banner on the website (Crafton.org) or the Administration Offices, Cost is \$85
1 Large Banner and 2 Small Banners
- *ALCOSAN CLEAN WATER ASSISTANCE* – Assistance is available to help families pay their Sewage Treatment portion of their bills. The program is administered through the Dollar Energy Fund. Residents who qualify may contact – 1-800-375-1388

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Amendola noted there were no Citizens signed up to speak before Council and no one in the audience appeared.

Mr. O'Brien asked the President for a Moment of Silence for Reverend Ed Bowen who passed away on December 19, 2016. Reverend Bowen was the pastor at the Crafton United Presbyterian Church, starting in 2000 through 2012. During that time he worked with the students of the Community, especially those that attended Crafton Elementary. From Annual Coat Drives to Parent/Teacher Basketball Games, he stayed involved with the students. Reverend Bowen attended the Carlynton School District himself, so the students were near and dear to him. He attended School Board Meetings regularly. He was the first to alert the residents about the School Board consideration to close the elementary school. This energized members of all three Communities of the District, to successfully stop this from happening. Reverend Bowen is the reason he is on Council today, he made a huge impact on his life and so many more. He also donated to the Crafton Elementary Playground fund, as well as other items at the School. We have been blessed to have Reverend Bowen a part of our Community. A Moment of Silence was held in Member of Reverend Bowen.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/O'Brien*) to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm.

MOTION #7 was carried by a Unanimous Voice Vote (5-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Ann C. Scott, Borough Manager