

COUNCIL DISCUSSION MEETING
Minutes of Monday, November 13, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

President Amendola called the Discussion/Agenda Meeting of Crafton Borough Council to order, in Council Chambers of the Community Center at 7:15 pm.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. O'Brien.

Ms. Amendola asked for a Moment of Silence for Terez Cannon, the mother of Coletta Perry, who passed away on Saturday, November 11, 2017.

ROLL CALL, by Manager Scott, recorded six (6) Members of Council present as follows: Mr. Amendola, Ms. Glaser, Ms. Damits, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Levasseur and Ms. Amendola. Absent from the meeting was Ms. Perry and Mayor Bloom. Also in attendance, Solicitor Gladys and Manager Scott.

BILL LIST APPROVAL

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/Glaser*) to approve the payment of bills on the Bill List dated November 13, 2017.

MOTION #1- carried by a Unanimous Voice Vote (6-0)

ACCEPTANCE/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*F. Amendola/O'Brien*) to accept the Meeting Minutes dated October 23, 2017 as presented.

MOTION #2 - carried by a Unanimous Voice Vote (6-0).

CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL/Agenda Items only

Ms. Amendola noted that no one had signed in to speak before Council on Agenda items.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The Solicitor noted the only item on the Agenda is regarding the Splash Pool Project. Following the last meeting, the contractor contacted the Borough and has agreed to make the itemized repairs. These repairs have been approved by the Borough Engineer. He noted, significant progress since our last meeting when potential litigation was discussed. The contractor assured his office, work will be completed prior to the Pool opening in 2018.

MAYOR'S REPORT

On behalf of the Mayor, Ms. Scott reported, an incident occurred on Saturday, November 11, Crafton Police completed an investigatory traffic stop, based upon an active warrant. The Officer was able to retrieve a backpack located on the front passenger seat, which contained large quantities of marijuana and other drug paraphernalia, and a large sum of cash. The operator of the vehicle was arrested and transported to Allegheny County jail.

BUSINESS AGENDA

ADMINISTRATION

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/Damits*) to authorize to advertise for a part time School Guard Position, for an immediate opening.

Ms. Amendola inquired if the Borough had lost a school guard, and how many hours per week the position utilizes. Ms. Scott noted, the part time guard had to quit due to health reasons, and as a part time position, it is a filler when other school guards are unable to work.

MOTION #3 - carried by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote (6-0).

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*F. Amendola/Levasseur*) to Authorize Payment Request No. 2 & Final, Year 7, Joint O&M CCTV Inspection Contract, in the amount of \$1,690.54 as recommended by the Engineer and included in the 2017 Sewer Fund Budget.

MOTION #4 - carried by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote (6-0).

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Glaser/Levasseur*) to authorize Payment Request No. 1, Crafton Park Improvements Project (Rain Garden) in the amount of \$58,587.57 as recommended by the Engineer.

Ms. Glaser inquired if the contractor would clean up the area prior to Light Up Night. Ms. Scott stated, the project was supposed to be completed by the end of November, however, weather conditions delayed work from being completed. The Contractor will clean up the area, prior to Light Up Night.

MOTION #5 - carried by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote (6-0).

FINANCE

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/F. Amendola*) to Authorize to Advertise the Proposed 2018 Budget; General Fund, Sewer Fund and Road Fund as presented and make available for Public Inspection.

Ms. Amendola thanked Council for their dedication and commitment in getting the budget ready.

MOTION #6 - carried by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote (6-0).

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*F. Amendola/Levasseur*) to Authorize to Advertise Ordinance No. 1646, 2018 Tax Ordinance (Maintain Current Rates) 5.67 – General Purpose; 1.92 Road Tax = 7.59 Mills Total.

MOTION #7 - carried by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote (6-0).

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Amendola inquired if some sort of a sign could be placed down at the Rain Garden Site. He has received numerous calls inquiring about the project the cost etc. Ms. Amendola noted a sign would be great for light up night, residents would be able to know more about the project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Amendola made the following announcements;

- i. *LEAF COLLECTION – October 15 – December 1, 2017*
- ii. *SENIOR DINNER – Saturday, November 18, 2017
Doors open at 5:00 (Volunteers Welcome!!!)*
- iii. *GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING – Saturday December 2, 2017
10 am to Noon – Community Center*
- iv. *LIGHT UP NIGHT – Saturday, December 2, 2017 - 4:30 pm
Celebrating 125 Years of Crafton Borough (Incorporation)*
- v. *LIBRARY AFTER DARK – Saturday, December 9, 2017; 7 pm to 10 pm
Tickets on Sale now at Crafton Library, (\$30 per person)*
- vi. *CRAFTON HOUSE TOUR – Sunday December 10, 2017; 1 pm to 6 pm
Tickets on sale now on line or Borough Offices or Library*
- vii. *TOYS FOR TOTS – Bring your unwrapped Toy and drop in box in Police
Lobby by November 30, 2017.*

AUDIENCE AGENDA

Kathleen Watson, 74 Fountain thanked the Borough for all of their hard work and efforts to remove the structure at 78 Fountain.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/O'Brien*) to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm.

MOTION #8 - carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (6-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Ann C. Scott, Borough Manager