

COUNCIL MEETING Minutes of August 28, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

President Weitzel called to order the Agenda Meeting of Crafton Borough Council at 7:15 PM, in Council Chambers of the Community Center. Flag Salute led by Mr. O'Brien. ROLL CALL, by Mrs. Tremblay, recorded eight (8) members of Council present as follows: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Johnston, Mr. O'Brien, Ms. O'Connell, Mr. Phillips, Mrs. Stacy, Mr. Stewart, and President Weitzel. Also present were Mayor Bloom, Engineers Gaspich and Minsterman, and Manager Callen. Solicitor not present.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*O'Connell/Phillips*) to approve the August 28, 2012 List of Bills.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (8-0), with abstention noted (*O'Connell, #456.54*).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Hayes/O'Connell*) to approve the August 14, 2012 Meeting Minutes, ~~as corrected~~. **COMMENT:** Mr. Hayes requested a correction to the Comments on pg. 5, regarding the W. Crafton Avenue vote taken on 8/7/2012, with the Mayor breaking the tie; requesting that it be recorded as a vote of 4-4 and not 3-3. It was later determined that the correct vote on 8/7/2012 was 3-3; no correction needed to the Minutes of 8/14/2012.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (8-0).

CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Eleven Residents spoke to Council (list attached), requesting that revisions be made to the proposed ordinance/proposed parking restrictions, taking into consideration their comments and concerns. Most were not in favor of the proposed parking restrictions, but could understand some of the reasoning but did not agree with the necessity at some of the locations. It was decided to refer this ordinance back to the Ordinance Committee for some revisions, taking into consideration some of the suggested changes. Mr. Johnston requested that the residents attend the Ordinance Committee meeting on Sept. 20th for additional input and comment. One resident inquired about two abandoned houses behind her house (36 Elmwood); this would be looked into; possibly one of the Crafton Blvd. addresses that is being considered for demolition.

RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS (June 2012):

Treasurer's Report, Financial Report, Act 511 and Trash Collection Reports, Property Tax Collection Report, Police Report, Ordinance Officer's Report, REMS Report (June/July) ~~CVFD Report~~, Animal Control Report and Engineer's Report. MOTION (*O'Connell/Phillips*) carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (8-0).

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Gaspich reviewed the following current and recommended future projects: Backbone Road Guiderail, Consent Order Items, Morange Road Flooding, 2012 Sewer Repair Projects, 2013 Sewer Budget w/5-Year Projections, Street Opening Permits, Crafton Park-Standing Water/Ponding, and

Strategic Planning Meeting with Gateway/Dinner: Sept. 11th, 6pm.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Weitzel reported that an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters; no action was taken.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Administration – Ms. O’Connell commented on Council’s conduct toward each member. A few incidents were discussed. She noted that the new Website is up and running, as well as the Opt-In program.
- b. Public Safety – It was announced that Patrolman Harvison and Patrolman Chedwick would be sworn-in for the rank of Sergeant on Thursday, August 30th. It was also noted that the sewer drain opening at the corner of Noble and Bradford is very large and dangerous; should be looked at for some type of screening.
- c. Parks/Recreation – It was noted that the Park Comprehensive Study Committee will be meeting on Aug. 29th at 6pm.

BUSINESS AGENDA

ADMINISTRATION

MOTION: ~~Motion to authorize Gateway Engineers to survey Parcel 3 of the Clearview Trail property to verify ownership, per the request of Allegheny County Tax Dept. and request of Borough Solicitor, at a cost not to exceed \$_____.~~ ***MOTION tabled, pending cost quote – next meeting.***

ORDINANCE

MOTION: ~~Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1610 establishing Parking Regulations on certain streets at all times and adding regulations for parking during Severe Winter Weather Periods.~~ ***MOTION withdrawn pending further review and changes; referred back to Ordinance Committee – Council action deferred to September/October.***

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Johnston/Phillips*) to adopt Ordinance No. 1611 amending Chapter 154 of the Crafton Borough Code of Ordinances-Parks and Recreation Areas, § 154-2 E. Weapons.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (8-0).

PARKS/RECREATION

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Johnston/Stacy*) to adopt Ordinance No. 1612 establishing a No Smoking Ordinance; Smoke Free/Tobacco-Free zones, at the Borough-Owned Properties.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (8-0).

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*O’Connell/Hayes*) to authorize the Borough Manager to execute the required Agreement with the SHACOG for the Joint Municipal O&M CCTV Inspection and Cleaning-Year Two Project.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (8-0).

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Stewart/Johnston*) to approve payment #1 in the amount of \$58,091. to TA Robinson, for the contract for the West Crafton Avenue reconstruction project, per the recommendation of Gateway Engineers.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (8-0).

ADMINISTRATION/ADDED MOTION:

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*O'Connell/Phillips*) to appoint HDH Group to administer the Borough of Crafton's Workers Compensation policy with the State of Pennsylvania (SWIF) for the Borough's Volunteer Firefighters only.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (8-0).

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*O'Connell/Hayes*) to suspend Public Works employee, Regis Patton, for three days, without pay, effective Tuesday, September 4th (2012); and to receive appropriate training.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (8-0).

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*O'Connell/Hayes*) that this meeting be adjourned.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary