

COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of September 11, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

President Weitzel called to order the Regular Meeting of Crafton Borough Council, in Council Chambers of the Community Center. Flag Salute led by Ms. O'Connell. ROLL CALL, by Mrs. Keeley, recorded (6) members of Council present as follows: Mr. Johnston, Mr. O'Brien, Ms. O'Connell, Mr. Phillips, Mrs. Stacy, Ms. Weitzel. Also present were Mayor Bloom, Manager Callen, Engineer Minsterman and Solicitor Daley.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Johnston/O'Connell*), to approve the September 11, 2012 List of Bills.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*O'Connell/Stacy*), to approve the August 28, 2012 Meeting Minutes.

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

CITIZENS PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Louis Hankowsky, 309 Mueller Avenue and Andrew Maletta, owner of Ramp Construction, questioned the awarding of the Roof Replacement Contract to Umbrella Roofing Systems. After discussion Solicitor Daley advised Council to table the motion until the end of the meeting at which time Council would meet in Executive Session before deciding on the motion.

Robert Jungling, 30 Duncan Avenue, spoke regarding storm sewer problems at his property at the corner of Duncan Avenue and West Steuben Street. Manager Callen was instructed to visit the property with Gateway Engineers and Crafton Public Works to see what could be done.

Michael and Suzy Kozy, 29 McMunn Avenue spoke regarding sewer problems at their end of McMunn Avenue. Manager Callen was instructed to also visit this site with Gateway Engineers and Crafton Public Works to see if the section of pipe in that area needed to be repaired. Mrs. Kozy, as a member of the Crafton Recreation Board, also requested information on the study that was done on Crafton Recreation and the pool. Ms. O'Connell explained what was done and that the Committee was open to any suggestions and would answer any questions from the public. Ms. O'Connell stated that there is a draft which should be done by the end of this month and the Committee will be preparing to present it to the public before anything official is done with it. The Committee is proposing a meeting on October 4, 2012 tentatively from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM and would like a lot of the public to attend. Mrs. Kozy asked if this was on the larger picture not just for the pool. Ms. O'Connell stated that the main focus would be our two big recreation areas, which are the main park and the pool. The parklets are also part of this study. Ms. O'Connell also stated that any meetings will be advertised and that we now have opt-in e mail service on our website at crafton.org.

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Phillips/Johnston*) to appoint Tracy Post to the vacant Third Ward Council seat, for a term to expire in accordance with the Borough Code, and thereby adopt Resolution No. 2012-15 for same.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (6-0). At this time Mayor Bloom administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Post.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Presentation given prior to start of meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No formal Report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Public Works working on pot holes, catch basins, preparing for leaf pickup and winterizing the trucks and plows. Clearview Avenue Drainage Project will begin either on the 17th or 24th of September. The date is up to the contractor. Clearview Avenue will be closed for approximately 2 months from Clearview Extension up to Willard Avenue. Residents will be notified by fliers delivered to their homes and detour signs will be erected prior to construction. Mayor Bloom advised he had received an e mail from a Mr. Lauritzen, 65 W. Steuben Street, across from CVS, requesting something be done about the man hole cover on W. Steuben Street by CVS as it rocks and makes noise when vehicles hit it. Manager Callen advised that he would have Public Works look into it.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Weizel commented on the last two meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**a. Administration**

Ms. O'Connell having given most of her report at the start of the meeting reminded that there will be a public meeting on October 4, 2012 with regard to the draft Recreation Plan. Ms. O'Connell also reminded Council that on September 19th the first Annual Edward L. Stewart Community Service Awards will be held at 7:00 PM in the Community Center Building. Ms. O'Connell advised she would be asking Council for some input regarding what policies to be adopted as a Council with regard to what goes on the web site and policies for the opt in.

b. Finance/Grants

Nothing to report.

c. Public Safety

Mr. Phillips spoke with the Chief and the police car will possibly be here within two to three weeks. Also, on Fountain Street where the water company had dug up to replace the lines they have done the driveways and will be doing the street. Mr. Phillips questioned Manager Callen on Chartiers Avenue. Manager Callen advised that the contractor will do one third on the Crafton side and since the other side is the City of Pittsburgh, their public works director, Rob Kazorowski, was notified in case he was interested in having his side paved. Mr. Phillips also advised that the sewer drain on Bradford and Noble Avenues is still open. Manager Callen advised that he had spoken to the Engineers and was advised that if netting were placed over the opening leaves could be caught up in it which could cause flooding elsewhere. Mr. Phillips also spoke regarding the parking on West Crafton Avenue along the St. Philips side of the street.

d. Ordinance/Planning

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 6:00 PM. Mr. Johnston advised that winter weather parking restrictions on certain streets will be discussed. Mr. Phillips commented that he had Fire Chief Crown take the ladder truck up Elmwood Street and he could not put his outriggers out. He said this could be a potential problem if there were to be a fire with parking on both sides of the street.

e. Parks/Recreation

Manager Callen met with Pool Management and reviewed this past year and came up with three pages of suggestions.

f. Public Works

Clearview Project begins.

g. Strategic Planning

Mr. O'Brien spoke on the need for more input from citizens and Council on improvements. He advised he would be sending an e mail to all of Council regarding this matter.

CORRESPONDENCE

Gateway Engineers will sponsor an evening of bowling on Tuesday October 2, 2012.

BUSINESS AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Johnston/O'Brien*) to award the Roof Replacement Contract for the Municipal Building and Community Center Building, to Umbrella Roofing Systems, for the low bid amount of \$135,292.00, as per the recommendation of Source Architechnology Systems. **COMMENTS:** Solicitor Daley advised that since this matter could possibly be a legal matter it should be discussed in Executive Session.

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Phillips/Johnston*) to table the motion until the end of the meeting and after Council meets in Executive Session.

MOTION to Table carried by Roll Call Vote (6-0-1) with Ms. O'Connell abstaining due to conflict of interest.

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*O'Connell/Phillips*) to reimburse Gateway Engineers the amount of \$793.00 for the Clearview Avenue NPDES permit filing fee to the Allegheny County Conservation District.

MOTION carried by Roll Call Vote (6-0-1) with Ms. Post abstaining.

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Johnston/Phillips*) to approve the Work Authorization for Gateway Engineers, in the amount of \$24,000.00, for the Construction Administration and Inspectional Services for the Clearview Avenue Drainage Improvements project, Phase I.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (6-0-1) with Ms. Post abstaining.

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded to authorize Gateway Engineers to proceed on the Modeling Phase of the Feasibility Study, as described in the Engineers letter of February 24, 2012, page 2, for a cost estimate of \$48,000.00.

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

PARKS/RECREATION

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Phillips/O'Connell*) to approve the lease Agreement with the Carlynton School District for use of the miniature golf facility/property during the month of October 2012 for fund raising purposes.

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

ADDITIONAL CITIZENS COMMENTS

Terry Diven 20 Broadhead Avenue questioned Council with regard to Borough wide sewer problems. Manager Callen advised that catch basins and laterals were being cleaned.

Council adjourned at 8:20 PM for an Executive Session regarding possible contract litigation. Ms. O'Connell abstained from attending due to conflict of interest. Council resumed the meeting at 9:00 PM.

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Phillips/Johnston*) to reject all bids submitted and opened for the Municipal Roof Project.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (6-0-1) with Ms. O'Connell abstaining due to conflict of interest.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Johnston/Phillips*) that this meeting be adjourned.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia A. Keeley
Assistant Secretary