

**COUNCIL MEETING  
Minutes of March 13, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Weitzel called to order the Agenda Meeting of Crafton Borough Council, in Council Chambers of the Community Center. Flag Salute led by Mrs. Post. 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. Post, Dr. Stewart and Ms. Weitzel. (*Absent: Stacy*) Also present were Mayor Bloom, Manager Callen, Solicitor Daley and Ms. Meredith (*Jr. Council*).

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*O'Connell/Post*), to approve the March 13, 2013 List of Bills.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Post/O'Connell*), to approve the February 27, 2013 Meeting Minutes.

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

**CITIZENS PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

None

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

None

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

None

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

Manager Callen reported anticipated costs for Road Improvements; confirming that ADA ramp construction (sidewalk ramps) are now required for newly improved roads (PennDot adopted Federal Guidelines). Cost estimates were provided (copy attached).

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

**ORDINANCE**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Johnston/Post*) to advertise Ordinance No. 1615, amending Chapter 214 of the Borough Code of Ordinances, Vehicles and Traffic, restricting vehicle parking on the westerly side of West Crafton Avenue, from West Steuben Street to Belvidere Street.

**COMMENTS:** This would be on the right side going up the hill.

MOTION carried by a Seven Yes, One No (Stewart) Roll Call Vote (7-1).

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Johnston/Phillips*) to advertise Ordinance No. 1615, amending Chapter 214 of the Borough Code of Ordinances, Vehicles and Traffic, restricting vehicle parking on the easterly side of West Crafton Avenue, from Belvidere Street to West Steuben Street. **COMMENTS:** Problems and concerns were discussed, as noted at previous Council meetings. Mayor Bloom added that he would like to look into PennDot requirements for parking on a highway; if this would be applicable.

MOTION FAILS by Four Yes (*Johnston, O'Brien, Phillips, Weitzel*), Four No Roll Call Vote, and Mayor's No Vote (4-5).

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Johnston/O'Connell*) to advertise an Ordinance to amend Chapter 90 of the Borough Code of Ordinances – Code Enforcement, Section 90-11, Modification to Standards, Section 302.4 to prohibit the growth of invasive plants; such as but not limited to bamboo, as documented by the Pennsylvania DCNR "Invasive Plants in Pennsylvania" list.

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

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*O'Connell/Post*) to authorize a Traffic Study be performed, at a cost not to exceed \$2,000, to determine if Grace Street can be designated as a One-Way Street.

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

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Post/O'Brien*) to appoint Councilman Thomas Phillips to the REMS Board pursuant to the Agreement by and between Crafton Borough and Robinson EMS.

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

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Hayes/Post*) to authorize the purchase of a Thermal Imaging Camera for the Crafton Volunteer Fire Department from 3 Rivers Fire Equipment at the low quote cost of \$11,744.

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

### **RECREATION**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Post/O'Brien*) to acknowledge and ratify the officers of the Crafton Celebrates Committee, as follows: John Billigen-Chairman, Richard Kraemer, Co-Chair, Becky Heffner-Co-Chair, and Susan O'Connell-Treasurer.

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

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*O'Connell/Post*) to advertise an Ordinance to

amend Chapter 50 of the Borough Code of Ordinances, Section 50-3, reducing the number of persons on the Crafton Recreation Board from nine to seven.

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

**FINANCE**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Stewart/O'Connell*) to modify the 2013 budget by adjusting Income Chart of Accounts #301.10-Real Estate Tax-Current from \$1,400,000 to \$1,524,000; and adjusting Chart of Accounts #399.00-Sinking Fund Carryover from \$133,193 to \$415,326.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary

**Crafton Borough Road Improvements—2013  
Noble Avenue and/or Woodlawn Avenue**

During the Public Works Committee meeting on 3/6/13, there was a discussion with Bryan Flaugh of Gateway Engineers regarding the paving of Noble Avenue and Woodlawn Avenue. Estimated costs, without ADA Ramps and other as-yet-identified improvements, for both roads is **\$217,144**. Worksheet attached, p1.

Noble (from Crafton Blvd. to Bradford)	\$ 98,657
Woodlawn (from S. Linwood to Chartiers)	<u>\$118,487</u>
	<b>\$217,144</b>

During the discussion on 3/6/13, ADA Ramps were debated with a directive to Crafton Solicitor re: requirement to install ADA Ramps per new regs. New ADA Ramp construction requirements (federal) are estimated at \$3,800/ADA Ramp.

There are 19 Ramps on Noble and 16 on Woodlawn: 35 x \$3,800= **\$133,000**  
Gateway ADA Ramp Design Tasks (w/o engineering costs) attached, p.2 :

19 ADA Ramps on Noble (19 x \$3,800)	\$ 72,200
16 ADA Ramps on Woodlawn (16 x \$3,800)	<u>\$ 60,800</u>
	<b>\$133,000</b>

After conferring w/Gateway Engineers, Solicitor and PennDoT (attached notes, p.3), it is advised that ADA Ramps (per federal requirements) should be installed where there are none, and reconstructed where there are those present. This will bring the road improvements total for both Noble & Woodlawn to:

Noble w/19 ADA Ramps	\$170,857
Woodlawn w/16 Ramps	<u>\$179,287</u>
	<b>\$350,144</b>

Crafton 2013 Road Tax Budget, for actual road construction activities, is broken down as (2013 Road Tax Budget attached, p.7):

438.45	Road-Contract Services	\$ 35,000
439.45	Road Paving Program	<u>\$ 242,500</u>
		<b>\$ 277,500</b>
	<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>(\$-72,644)</b>

**Decision points:**

1. Improve Woodlawn (\$179,287); and ADA Ramps on Noble (\$72,200) in prep for 2014 Road Improvement Program:  
**\$251,487**
2. Improve Noble (\$170,875); and ADA Ramps on Woodlawn (\$60,800) in prep for 2014 Road Improvement Program:  
**\$231,675**
3. Only improve 'portions' of each road to bring close to 2013 Budget:  
**\$277,500**
4. Other: