

**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Minutes of April 10, 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 Mr. Johnston. ROLL CALL, by Mrs. Tremblay, recorded six (6) members of Council present as follows: Mr. Johnston, Mr. O'Brien, Ms. O'Connell, Mr. Phillips, Mrs. Post, and Ms. Weitzel. (*Absent: Hayes, Stacy, Stewart*) Also present were Mayor Bloom, Manager Callen, and Solicitor Daley.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Johnston/Post*), to approve the April 10, 2013 List of Bills.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (6-0); with exception noted (*Ms. O'Connell #410.53-expense reimbursement payable to her*).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

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

**CITIZENS PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Pam Palchowski, 11 Bradford – Reported that she is the new Chairman for Crafton Celebrates; that they are restructuring the committee and event plans – This year a 3-day event (6/28-6/30); will have parade, fireworks, petting zoo – Fireworks will be on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Hope to return to a 5-day celebration next year.

Stephen Palchowski, Zoning Hearing Board Chairman – Questioned use of Council Chambers for hearings. Ms. O'Connell noted that Zoning Hearing Board is an arm of Borough Council and is permitted to continue it's use of the Council Chambers.

Megan Grabowski, 11 Emerson Street – Reported that she is a new member of Crafton Celebrates and she, and many others, desire borough Fireworks continue to be displayed on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Various comments made by Council; Crafton Celebrates Committee has its reason for the date change this year, maintain a distinction between that Committee and Borough Council on such decisions. Possible needed seed money and funds assistance for this new start; to be discussed further by Council.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

None

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Weitzel reminded everyone of the special centennial event planned for Crafton Elementary School, from 1-4pm on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administrative** – Ms. O’Connell reported on the Civil Service Commission’s status on the testing, scoring, etc., establishing a new-hire eligibility list. Oral exams are scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Recreation** – Ms. Post noted that Crafton Celebrates is looking for volunteers; Director of Borough Services will be assisting Committee with the 5K Race and in any other way she can help. Reported on upcoming Senior Citizen Dinners, Shade Tree Commission’s planned “Redd Up Crafton” on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am meeting at the Borough building.

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. Mr. Phillips inquired on plans to repair the deteriorated ADA sidewalk ramps; particularly on Lincoln Avenue. Manager Callen noted that these are being reviewed. He also reported that the Traffic Study for Grace Street should be available by the end of the week.

**BUSINESS AGENDA****ORDINANCE**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Johnston/Phillips*) to advertise the adoption of Ordinance No. 1618 amending the existing Street Opening Ordinance to reflect changing conditions, administrative and inspection costs.

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

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Johnston/O’Connell*) to adopt Resolution No. 2013-04 to amend the present Street Opening Permit Fee structure.

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

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*O’Connell/Post*) to authorize a Payment in the amount of \$17,997.80 to Roto Rooter Services Company for the 2012 Sanitary Sewer Point Repair Contract for the period December 1, 2012 through March 25, 2013; as authorized by Gateway Engineers and to be paid out of the 2012 Accounts Payable Reserve Fund.

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

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Post/O’Connell*) to concur with SHACOG’s recommendation to award the Multi-Municipal Sanitary Sewer Lining Project, Year-7, to Insight Pipe Contracting, L.P. for \$538,230. **COMMENTS:** Manager Callen reported that Crafton’s portion is estimated to be \$232,462.

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

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Johnston/O’Brien*) to authorize the proper Borough Official to exercise the Second Option Year with Cargill, Inc. for Rock Salt, commencing July 1, 2013 through May 1, 2014, in accordance with the requirements of the SHACOG joint purchasing agreement.

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

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Post/O'Connell*) to approve the 2013 Summer Employment Hiring List, dated April 10, 2013, as submitted.

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

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Post/O'Connell*) to Adopt Resolution No. 2013-03, amending the Wage/Salary Resolution No. 2012-18, adjusting certain wages under Section II, G. Swimming Pool Personnel. **COMMENTS:** Ms. Post requested that Council consider increasing the hourly wage for the life guards to be comparable to the wage paid to the Public Works laborer. Manager Callen reported that he would run the numbers to determine the additional cost for pool wages vs. budget. It was noted that Council can amend the wage resolution anytime; and prior to the commencement of summer employment. Ms. Post also inquired on the necessity and cost for crossing guards at the pool. Mayor Bloom noted that the pool sidewalk crossing at Steuben Street is a blind spot for vehicles approached from Foster. Mrs. Tremblay reported that one guard is posted for 4 hrs., Monday through Friday only– not on weekends when children have parental assistance.

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

**ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Stephen Palchowski – Agreed with pay increases as incentive for returning pool employees.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary