

**BOROUGH OF CRAFTON
COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of April 24, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President O'Brien called to order the Regular Meeting of Crafton Borough Council of April 24, 2017, in the Council Chambers of the Community Center of the Municipal Building. The Flag Salute led by Ms. Perry.

ROLL CALL, by Manager Scott, recorded Six (6) members of Council present as follows: Mr. Amendola, Ms. Damits, Ms. Glaser, Mr. O'Brien, Ms. Perry and Mr. Levasseur. Absent at the meeting was Ms. Amendola. Also present, Mayor Bloom, Solicitor Gladys, Engineer Strunk, Public Works Director Kaczorowski and Manager Scott.

The first item on the Agenda was the Public Hearing, as required by the Municipal Planning Code (MPC) regarding the Crafton/Ingram Implementable Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. O'Brien asked Mr. Pashek of Pashek & Associates to provide a brief overview of the Plan.

Mr. Pashek noted they began work on the Crafton Ingram Implementable Plan in 2015, recognizing the funding received to complete the Plan. He thanked Local Officials for their participation, the Steering Committee and residents who assisted in the preparation of this plan. He summarized the four key areas, citizens expressed a need for a change and officials may work toward to ensure the future viability of their small-town identities. 1) Deteriorating Properties or Blight; 2) Commercial Development; 3) Connectivity and Walkability; 4) Communications. Mr. Pashek briefly reviewed each of these key issues and recommendations.

Mr. Pashek noted that Allegheny County Department of Community and Economic Development have reviewed the Plan as well as the Crafton Planning Commission and provided comments. He noted, that these comments have been included in the final plan.

Mr. O'Brien asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak regarding the Comprehensive Plan.

RAY BROGLIE – 4 Grace Street, noted that Crafton participated in a Joint Planning Commission with Thornburg and Rosslyn Farms years ago, it was disbanded and each Community began their own Commission.

Mr. O'Brien thanked Pashek and Associates for keeping the Plan moving, and the Committee motivated and focused. He thanked Crafton and Ingram Officials for their commitment to the Plan and especially thanks the residents for their participation and interest.

Mr. Levasseur noted the Plan provides for a future for Crafton and Ingram to work together. The idea of the Plan is that the residents can see progress in the Communities and have a sense of pride on the progress made.

He noted there are numerous items both Councils are working together on already and there remains items that will need addressed in the near future. He noted Officials and the residents need to remain engaged in the Plan to make it a success.

Note - A court reporter was present for the Public Hearing.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Damits/Perry*) to close the Public Hearing in reference to the Comprehensive Plan.

MOTION #1 was moved and seconded by Unanimous Vote (6-0).

Vice President O'Brien called to order the Regular Meeting of Crafton Borough Council, Council Chambers of the Community Center at 7:19 pm. Flag Salute led by Ms. Perry.

Mr. O'Brien announced that an Executive Session of Council was held prior to the meeting on a personnel matter, no action was taken.

BILL LIST APPROVAL

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Perry/Levasseur*) to approve the Bill List dated April 24, 2017 as presented.

MOTION #2 was moved and seconded by Unanimous Vote (6-0).

ACCEPTANCE/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*F. Amendola/Glaser*) to accept the Minutes of the Meeting dated April 10, 2017 as presented.

MOTION #3 was moved and seconded by a Unanimous Voice Vote (6-0).

CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL/Agenda Items Only:

Mr. O'Brien noted, that no one signed up to speak before Council on Agenda Items.

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS (March 2017)

Council acknowledged receipt of the following Monthly Reports; Financial Report, Treasurer's Report, Act 511 and Trash Collection Reports, Property Tax Collection, Police Report, NW EMS Report, Ordinance Officer Report, Building Inspection Report, Engineer's Report, Public Works Report, Fire Department Report and the Library Report.

Mr. Levasseur inquired if the Borough could schedule another Annual Clean Up Day this year. Ms. Scott noted she will look into the matter.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bloom noted the Annual Arbor Day Celebration is scheduled for Friday, April 28, 2017 at Noon at the Mini Golf on Steuben Street. A Proclamation will be read regarding the Tree City USA, 28 Years.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Strunk noted bids for the 2017 Road Program were opened on April 12. He is recommended award to the apparent low bidder, El Grande Industries for the base bid and Add Alternate 2 & 3, Ewing Road, from Promenade to DeSoto and DeSoto to the ballfield. He noted Add Alternate 1 included the paving of Foster Avenue in cooperation with Ingram, he received word this morning, Ingram will not be approving this bid. Therefore, Add Alternate 1 should not be awarded.

Mr. Strunk noted, CD Year 42, Handicap Ramp replacement project on Foster Avenue. Work has been completed on the project, estimate 1 and 2 have been submitted to the CharWest COG for payment.

Mr. Strunk noted the 2017 SHACOG Operations and Maintenance contracts for CCTV Inspection and Cleaning Contract, recommends awarding to Robinson Pipe Cleaning in the amount of \$28,350.

Mr. Strunk noted the Flow Isolation Study for 2017 is in the Chartiers Avenue area, all of the data has been collected and analysis of the data will begin early next week.

Ms. Damits inquired with all of the recent reports of lead in public drinking water, she wondered if Crafton had been tested including the elementary school. Mr. Strunk noted this would be the responsibility of PA American Water, the Borough doesn't oversee. Ms. Scott stated she will contact PA American inquire if the School District has been tested.

Mr. O'Brien noted the schools have been tested, parents received notification from the District. Mr. Levasseur suggested that the School District post a link to the water company results of the testing completed in Carlynton. He noted that PA American goes through an extensive water sampling program.

Mr. Levasseur inquired if we have contacted Peoples Natural Gas regarding the Road Program. He noted, when attending the ALOM Conference, Peoples did a presentation regarding working with municipalities to eliminate duplication of services. He noted, Clearview Avenue, the Borough still has Phase 4 & 5 remaining to complete, the City of Pittsburgh is doing work along their portion of Clearview. Mr. Levasseur wanted to make sure that the Borough continues to work with the Peoples Gas Company and the other utilities and plans accordingly.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Solicitor Gladys noted that in reference to the property located at 78 Fountain, the Borough went to Court in December and was settled by way of a Consent Order. As of this date the homeowner has not complied and is in default of the Order. A certified letter was sent to the property owner on March 8 that he is in default of the Order and missed several required milestones. The Solicitor suggested the Borough move forward with engineering and demolition of the structure after June 1, 2017 in accordance with the Order.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/Damits*) to authorize the Engineer to prepare Plans and Specification for the demolition of the structure located at 78 Fountain Street, work to be started after June 1, 2017.

MOTION #4 was moved and seconded by a Unanimous Voice Vote (6-0).

BUSINESS AGENDA

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*F. Amendola/Levasseur*) to Adopt Resolution No. 2017-04, the Implementable Comprehensive Plan as presented by Pashek and Associates and recommended by the Planning Commission.

Ms. Perry inquired if the recommendations of the Planning Commission have been incorporated into the Final Comprehensive Plan, as Mr. Pashek had discussed.

Mr. Pashek noted the Planning Commission discussed the proposed in the Plan, a Joint Planning Commission of Crafton and Ingram at their meeting. It is their recommendation that the combining the two Commission be considered in a year or two, that the Communities maintain separate Commissions for now.

Ms. Perry noted this is a recommendation not a requirement. Mr. Pashek affirmed a Comprehensive Plan is a Policy Document.

Ms. Perry inquired if the motion was to adopt the plan including the recommendation of the Planning Commission being incorporated, or adopt the Plan as presented by Mr. Pashek.

Mr. Levasseur affirmed the revisions of the Commission were minimal and provided information regarding a joint planning commission in the future.

Ms. Scott noted, the FINAL Plan, once adopted by Ingram will incorporate the recommendations of the Planning Commission, and Ingram, should any be received.

MOTION #5 was moved and seconded by a Unanimous Voice Vote (6-0).

PUBLIC SAFETY

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*F. Amendola/Perry*) to adopt Resolution No. 2017-05 in support of the Municipal Police Department utilizing Radar to enforce speed limits.

Ms. Scott noted this Resolution provides support of a change in the legislation. The Resolution will be submitted to PA State Association of Boroughs who are gathering support to submit to the legislators for considering in changing the legislation.

MOTION #6 was moved and seconded by a Unanimous Voice Vote (6-0).

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/Perry*) to Award the Bid for the 2017 Road Program to El Grande Industries; Base Bid of \$395,405.50; including Add Alternate 2 for \$44,275 and Add Alternate 3 for \$33,997.50 for a total of \$473,678.00 as recommended by the Engineer and included in the 2017 Road Budget.

Mr. Levasseur inquired what was included in Add Alternate 2 and 3. Mr. Strunk noted Ewing Road from Promenade to DeSoto and DeSoto to the ballfield.

Ms. Damits inquired when the City will begin paving Chartiers Avenue, which was agreed upon last year with the Borough. Ms. Scott noted she received a call earlier today, the City plans on starting work tomorrow, weather permitting.

MOTION #7 was moved and seconded by a Unanimous Voice Vote (6-0).

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Damits/F. Amendola*) to Award the Bid for the CCTV Inspections and Cleaning, Year 7, to Robinson Pipe Cleaning for \$28,350, included in the 2017 Sewer Budget and recommended by the Engineer.

MOTION #8 was moved and seconded by a Unanimous Voice Vote (6-0).

FINANCE

Mr. O'Brien noted that the Municipal Risk Management (MRM) Worker's Compensation 2017 Dividend received by the Borough is \$48,577.18, a net cost of \$32,190 paid in 2016 for Workers Compensation.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Damits/Glaser*) to Approve the Exoneration of Borough Taxes for the Crafton Ingram Thornburg (CIT) Baseball Association for parcel 68-E-100 on Ewing Road for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 and to notify Jordan Tax Service.

MOTION #9 was moved and seconded by a Unanimous Voice Vote (6-0).

PERSONNEL

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*F. Amendola/Damits*) to appoint David Killen to the position of Public Works Foreman included in the Public Works Agreement and recommended by the Public Work Director effective May 1, 2017.

MOTION #10 was moved and seconded by a Unanimous Voice Vote (6-0).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. O'Brien made the following announcements;

- *CRAFTON MILITARY BANNER PROGRAM* – Applications are available to purchase your Military Banner on the website (Crafton.org) or the Administration Offices, Cost is \$85 - 1 Large Banner and 2 Small Banners
- *JORDAN TAX SERVICE* – Collection at Crafton Borough Building
 Tuesday, April 25, 2017 – 1 pm to 4 pm
 Friday, April 28, 2017 – 9 am to Noon
- *CRAFTON POOL NEWS* – Pool Opens Saturday, May 27, 2017 (Noon to 8 pm)
 Pool Passes available in the Administration Offices – Mon – Fri (9 am to 4 pm)
 EXTENDED Pool Pass Sales
 Wednesday, May 10, 2017; 6 pm to 8 pm
 Saturday, May 13, 2017; 10 am to Noon
- *2017 HOUSEHOLD Chemical Collections and Hard to Recycle Items*
 PA Resource Council – Various Dates & Locations (See Flyer on Table)
 May 6 – North Park Swimming Pool; October 7 - Settlers Ridge

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Tim Taylor, 295 W. Prospect Road, Ingram Borough, wanted to commend Council. He has been to numerous Council Meetings from other Communities, the Meeting is run professionally and communication is very open. The Agenda is informative.

Kathleen Watson, 74 Fountain, requested a police officer be stationed on Sycamore, the traffic has increased significantly with baseball fields starting their season.

Mr. Kaczorowski stated, he will install a speed monitoring device on Fountain next week.

Ms. Scott noted when Ewing Road is paved with the 2017 Road Program, the Borough will obtain pricing from the Contractor for the installation of road humps.

Mayor Bloom suggested obtaining a price for the “removable” road humps, spiked to the ground. They are easily visible to drivers.

Mr. Kaczorowski noted he would prefer the installation of asphalt road humps as opposed to the removable rubber humps. He believes they are more durable and easier for snow removal and plowing.

Ms. Damits inquired if Fountain could be made one way during the baseball season. Mr. Amendola noted this and Ewing Road Closure were discussed at length last year. He suggested Gateway Engineers take a look at Ewing Road again and provide an opinion on opening Ewing one way. Mr. Amendola noted the road way closed approximately ten years ago and he doesn't believe the hillside has moved since the closing.

Mr. Levasseur stated the longer the roadway goes unused, the more the road will deteriorate. He suggested the roadway be opened one way with a weight restriction.

Mr. Amendola asked the engineer if they could review the roadway and investigate the possibility of making it one way.

Engineer Strunk recalled Gateway Geotechnical Engineer came out in 2015 and did a visual inspection of the roadway. However, core samples were not taken at the time.

Mr. O'Brien noted for Council to address this problem, they need options from Gateway on repairs and estimated costs. Once received, Council can then review and discuss those options.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Perry/F. Amendola*) to authorize Gateway Engineers to prepare an estimate for the preparation of a Geotechnical Study on Ewing Road and the possibilities of opening the road.

Mr. Strunk stated once the study has been completed, the Geotechnical Engineer would come to a Council Meeting to explain and discuss his findings.

MOTION #11 was moved and seconded by a Unanimous Voice Vote (6-0).

Kathleen Watson, 74 Fountain, stated, in her opinion there are approximately 11 homes down on Ewing going into the ballfield, she isn't sure those residents would even want to have Ewing Road reopened. Also the cost of repairs for a roadway that would be used for 3 or 4 months a year during baseball season.

Maggie Patterson, 17 Division Street, she stated that her grandson was diagnosed with Lyme disease, he is 6 years old. She noted there are more and more deer in the Community. Ms. Patterson requested more education on Lyme disease be made available to the residents. She suggested including information in the monthly newsletter or perhaps a link on the Borough webpage.

Ms. Scott noted there is information on Lyme disease prevention, symptoms, etc on the Allegheny County Health Department website. She will see if she can have a link put on the Borough website to this information.

Mr. Perry suggested something (posters) can be put at the Library and perhaps a link to the Health Department information can be put on the Library page as well.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/Perry*) to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm.

MOTION #12 was carried by a Unanimous Voice Vote (6-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Ann C. Scott, Borough Manager