

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION MEETING
Minutes of Monday, May 8, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

President Amendola called the Discussion/Agenda Meeting of Crafton Borough Council to order, in Council Chambers of the Community Center. Flag Salute led by Mr. Amendola. ROLL CALL, by Manager Scott, recorded seven (7) Members of Council present as follows: Mr. Amendola, Ms. Damits, Mr. O'Brien, Ms. Perry, Mr. Levasseur and Ms. Amendola. Also present Mayor Bloom, Solicitor Gladys and Manager Scott.

BILL LIST APPROVAL

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Perry/Glaser*) to approve the payment of bills on the Bill List dated May 8, 2017.

MOTION #1- carried by a Unanimous Voice Vote (7-0)

ACCEPTANCE/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*O'Brien/Levasseur*) to accept the Meeting Minutes dated April 24, 2017 as presented.

MOTION #2 - carried by a Unanimous Voice Vote (7-0).

CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL/Agenda Items only

No citizens signed up to speak before Council on Agenda Items.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Gladys noted there are no items on his Agenda this evening. He inquired if anyone had any questions. Ms. Amendola noted, there were no questions for the solicitor.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bloom noted Crafton Police responded and assisted in the incident that occurred in Ingram over the weekend with the SHACOG SWAT Team. No Crafton Police Officer were involved in any incidents.

BUSINESS AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS

Ms. Amendola noted, under the 2017 Road Program, notice received by PA American Water regarding Ewing Road, she requested the Manager to provide an update. Ms. Scott noted PA American will be replacing the main waterline along Ewing Road. This will allow the Borough and PA American to share in the paving expense reducing the cost of the Road Program. Ms. Scott is working with PAWC on scheduling.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Damits/Levasseur*) to accept the proposal from Gateway Engineers to complete the Geotechnical study on Ewing Road for an amount not to exceed \$6,000, as presented.

Ms. Perry inquired how the geotechnical study will affect the paving on Ewing Road. Ms. Scott noted, the portion of Ewing closed is not included in the Road Program.

Ms. Amendola noted, Council discussed Ewing Road and reopening in the past, the study now is the feasibility of opening Ewing Road one-way.

MOTION #3 - carried by a Unanimous Voice Vote (7-0).

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/O'Brien*) to authorize to enter into an agreement with the City of Pittsburgh for the paving of Crafton Boulevard from Baldwick to Noble Avenue for an estimate cost of \$31,521.

Ms. Perry inquired if this on the original paving list for the Borough. Ms. Scott noted this was not include on the original list or in budget, however, the Road Paving bids came in lower than estimated, along with the shared expenses on Ewing Road with PAWC, the Borough has monies remaining in the budget.

Mr. Levasseur inquired how much lead time or notification the City provided. Ms. Scott stated work will begin tomorrow. Mr. Kaczorowski spoke with the Contractor slated to begin work on Chartiers Avenue, another joint project in Crafton completed by the City. The contractor noted he will begin work on Crafton Boulevard, Mr. Kaczorowski contacted the City about entering another joint, and the City concurred.

MOTION #4 - carried by a Unanimous Voice Vote (7-0).

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/F. Amendola*) adopt Resolution 2017-06 to agree to reimburse PENNDOT for the design and construction of the ADA Curb Ramp Project on E. Steuben Street.

Ms. Scott noted the Total Project cost is \$45,620, Crafton's portion of this is project is \$9,124, work will begin in 2018.

MOTION #5 - carried by a Unanimous Voice Vote (7-0).

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Amendola stated there are rumors floating around that he is in favor of eliminating Ingram Police Department and that he wants to see Crafton Police Department take over Ingram.

He stated these are rumors and would like dispel these rumors right now.

The Boroughs of Crafton and Ingram authorized a Comprehensive Plan in the amount of \$140,000. There are recommendations and studies regarding the Police Departments.

He is in favor of any recommendation that would improve Public Safety to the Communities. Mr. Amendola noted it is election time.

Mr. Levasseur agreed, there were discussions at the meetings held in reference to the Comprehensive Plan. Joining the Police Departments is something Councils may wish to look at in the future.

Ms. Perry noted the discussions held were recommendations that would benefit both Communities. She noted there has been an incredible amount of progress, cooperation and openness from both Communities and we don't want rumors to destroy the progress made.

Ms. Amendola noted the comprehensive plan is a guide or recommendation of policies. We are not bound by any of these recommendations.

Mr. O'Brien noted there has been some vandalism at Crafton Elementary School recently. He requested residents, anything you may see that is suspicious or out of order, to please contact the police department.

Mr. O'Brien noted Crafton lost another resident recently, Sue Abbott. She was dedicated to the Community, a humble servant to family, friends and to her Church. The Community benefited from her goodness. He asked for a Moment of Silence.

Mr. Amendola requested we include Paul Herman to the Moment of Silence. Paul was another great resident to the Community. He was instrumental in the organization of CIT Baseball Association. He was involved in the Community by serving as a Member of the School Board and Member of Council.

Moment of Silence for Sue Abbott and Paul Herman recognized.

Mr. Levasseur inquired if we received any information from Duquesne Light regarding street light conversion to LED lighting. Ms. Scott stated she has not received any information and will contact them. He recommended the lights in front of the school on Crafton Boulevard would be a good location.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Amendola made the following announcements;

- *POOL OPENS – SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2017*
Passes are sold in the Administration office between 9 am and 4 pm
Extended Hours Pool Passes
Wednesday, May 10 – 6 to 8 pm & Saturday, May 13 – 10 am to Noon
- *SPRING CLEAN UP DAY – SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017*
Crafton Park – 9 AM to NOON
COLLECTED - Building Materials, Household Clutter, Yard Waste, Small Appliances
NOT COLLECTED – Tires, Rims, Auto Parks, Refrigerators, Paint or Electronic Waste

- *MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION* – Parade starts at 11:00 am in Ingram Borough Building to Crafton Borough Building – Led by American Legion Post 145
- *MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION* – CIT Baseball Association (Following Parade)
PROCLAMATION – Monday, May 29, 2017 Captain Jason M. West Day in Crafton
- *CRAFTON CELEBRATES* – June 30 – July 4, 2017
Parade, Food, Fireworks – Fun for ALL Ages!

AUDIENCE AGENDA

No one from the audience signed up to speak before Council.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Perry/O'Brien*) to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm.

MOTION #6 - carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (7-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Ann C. Scott, Borough Manager