

**COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of November 10, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

President Hayes called to order the Agenda Meeting of Crafton Borough Council, in Council Chambers of the Community Center. Flag Salute led by Ms. Weitzel. ROLL CALL, by Mrs. Tremblay, recorded Five (5) members of Council present as follows: Mr. Amendola, Mr. Crown, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Weitzel and Mr. Hayes (*Absent: N.Amendola/O'Brien*) Also present were Mayor Bloom and Manager Trant. (*R. Kaczorowski not present*)

BILL LIST APPROVAL

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Phillips/Weitzel*) to approve the Bill List dated October 13, 2014.

MOTION carried by Four Yes, One Abstention (*Crown*) Voice Vote (4-0-1).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*F.Amendola/Phillips*) to approve the Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2014.

MOTION carried by Four Yes, One Abstention (*Crown*) Voice Vote (4-0-1).

CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL/Agenda Items only

None

DISCUSSION AND BUSINESS AGENDA

1. ADMINISTRATION

- a. Garbage Collection Bid Review – Discussion. Manager Trant reported that only one hauler, Waste Management, bid. One hauler noted that they were not bidding because they could not do collection/entire borough all in one day. The bid includes options; eliminate alleys and remove the e-waste collection at a cost savings. It was agreed to keep the alleys and keep the e-waste collection. Annual face cost would increase from \$150 to \$205. In-house paving of the alleys was discussed; in-house skill set was a concern as well as cost of paving equipment and man hours involved. Thoughts to increase paving budget, from \$350,000 to \$600,000 to do more streets now and, perhaps, in five years, the paving program could start to include alleys. Thoughts were discussed to have the general fund subsidize some of the cost rather than pass the entire cost on to the residents. It was noted that there hasn't been an increase to the residents for several years, and last year, Waste Management opted not to increase the rate for 2014 (stayed at 2013 rate). A decision will need to be made at the next Council meeting; members were asked to review all of this and be prepared to take action on the contract at the Nov. 24th Council meeting.
- b. Auditor Proposals – Proposals posted in Cubby for review. Reported on the reasons for change in auditors in 2012 to Hosack, etal, and then back to Case/Sabatini for 2013. Manager and Finance Chair shall provide recommendation for Council action.
- c. Solicitor Proposals – (10) Proposals have been posted to Cubby for Council review. Ms. Weitzel noted that there were varying fees/rates that should be compared. Mr. Crown suggested looking at firms that provide full service; i.e. labor, bond counsel, etc. Manager was requested to prepare a spreadsheet charting the type of services,

hourly rates, rating and size of firm. Suggest a committee of three Council members be appointed by President at the next meeting to review and narrow selection to 3 or 4 firms. Speak to municipal references for feedback on interaction with Council. Schedule interviews open to all of Council; consider action in January for the new year.

- d. Zoning Hearing Board/Bldg. Appeals Board – Seat Expirations 12/31/14. It was noted that there is still a vacancy on the Planning Commission. Post notice of seat vacancies on borough website and seek letters of interest; also, seek response from current members and any desire to be reappointed. Request letters of interest by Dec. 3rd and Council action at the Dec. 8th meeting.

2. PUBLIC WORKS

- a. Police Garage Structural Repair – Gregori Construction/Payment

- i. **MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Weitzel/Phillips*) to approve the First and Final Payment to Gregori Construction, in the amount of \$9,000., for the completion of the Police Garage Structural Repair Contract, as recommended by Gateway Engineers.

ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Phillips/Crown*) to adjourn the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary