

**COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of June 27, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

President of Council, Amendola called to order the Regular Meeting of Crafton Borough Council to Order, in the Council Chambers of the Community Center of the Municipal Building. The Flag Salute led by Mr. Levasseur.

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

BILL LIST APPROVAL

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*F. Amendola/Levasseur*) to approve the Bill List dated June 27, 2016 as presented.

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

ACCEPTANCE/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*O'Brien/F. Amendola*) to accept the Minutes of the Meeting dated June 13, 2016 as presented.

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

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

Ms. Amendola noted that no Citizens wished to speak on Agenda Items only.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

CONNECT

Ms. Amendola noted that Lindsey Angelo for CONNECT (Congress of Neighboring Communities) was in attendance and wished to address Council.

Ms. Angelo provided a brief overview of CONNECT, and noted that their Mission is to promote cooperation and collaboration between the City of Pittsburgh and the neighboring Communities on public policy issues and maintaining a forum for discussion, deliberation and implementation of new ways to maximize economic prosperity.

She noted that the goal of CONNECT is for the City of Pittsburgh and the Communities to work together on various projects, collaborate on the solutions, and work together on implementing the solutions.

She noted that Allegheny County and the County Executive are very enthusiastic about the benefits of working with CONNECT and the Communities and have joined forces to participate with the organization.

She noted that the three prominent policy issues for 2016 are Blighted and Vacant Properties, Infrastructure and Water and Sewers. Infrastructure Coordination is a key issue with all of the Communities. A Summit was held between representatives from the Utility Companies and the Boroughs to discuss future work and coordinating efforts, and provide a platform to communicate with key representatives. The next summit is scheduled for September, notification will be sent out in the next few weeks.

Ms. Angelo noted that the next policy that is on the top of the list is land banking and blight. Attorney Megan Ott has been working with a number of municipalities on this matter to assist them in way to strategize how to approach blight with more proactive solutions.

The last item is the Water and Sewer issues. CONNECT worked with 3RWW on the regionalization of the larger sewers and the takeover by ALCOSAN. They are beginning to work on storm water matters, consent order and the requirements.

Ms. Angelo completed her presentation, and wanted to thank Council for allowing her to come to the meeting this evening and assuring that Crafton has a voice in these and other matters involving the City of Pittsburgh and/or surrounding Communities.

CRAFTON LIBRARY

Ms. Amendola noted that Kathy Robinson from the Crafton Library was in attendance and wished to speak before Council.

Ms. Robinson thanked Council for permitting her the opportunity to speak tonight and for the continued support of the Crafton Library, an important asset to the Community. Ms. Robinson introduced the new Children's Library, Richard Brzustowicz, providing a brief history of his education and experience.

Mr. Brzustowicz thanked Council for the opportunity to speak and he was excited to be a part Crafton Library. He discussed the current children's programs and his ideas to expand the existing children's programs and some ideas for new programs and opportunities. Fridays the Library will continue to offer programs in STEM, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math for students. He noted he would like to bring in more guest speakers and authors in children's literature to speak before students. Programs to continue to expand interest in reading.

Ms. Amendola thanked both Ms. Angelo and Mr. Brzustowicz for attending and speaking before Council this evening.

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS (May 2016)

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bloom noted there is an ordinance for consideration this evening regarding allowing for a right turn on red at the traffic signal at Crennell and N. Linwood. After a complete traffic analysis completed by the Police Department and proper advertisement, he encouraged Council to consider adopting.

Mayor Bloom noted that the Borough met with the City representatives, State Representative Deasy and the Port Authority over a year ago, regarding some of the trees along Chartiers Creek on the City side. The resident lives in Crafton, and is concerned that during a storm, several of the trees may fall onto and damage his property, as this has happened in the past. Mayor Bloom noted that Representative Deasy contacted the City of Pittsburgh Council representative on the matter, who in turn directed the Public Works to complete the task at hand. No word as to when work will be completed.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Engineer Strunk noted that Gateway has updated the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Plan and has been submitted to the PA DEP, as required, and a copy has been provided to the Borough. The flow isolation work has been completed, as required as part of the Consent Order, the information is being reviewed and analyzed.

Engineer Strunk provided an update and status on the SHACOG Projects; Point Repair, Lining and O&M Preventive Maintenance Programs. He also noted that the 2016 Preventative Maintenance Program is on the Agenda to award the bid in the amount of \$25,262.95.

Engineer Strunk provided an update on the 2016 Road Program. He noted that the work is nearly done, we are waiting for the water company to complete the installation of the new water line and the laterals on Walnut Street. He has contacted the water company to obtain a schedule of when work will be completed. They hope to have Harris done by the end of this week and complete Locust, the final Street.

Engineer Strunk noted that the Pool Splash Pad Project is completed, however, he noted there is a five percent retainage being held for outstanding punch list items.

Engineer Strunk noted that Allegheny County Conservation District has submitted a Memorandum of Understanding in reference to MS-4 work, Crafton does not fall under these guidelines since we are a combined sewer community. However, there are other pieces of the Memorandum the Borough could utilize including review of Erosion and Sedimentation Plans (E&S) and funding opportunities. Gateway recommends the Borough consider entering into the Memorandum.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Solicitor Gladys noted that a Public Hearing has been scheduled for Monday, July 11, 2016 beginning at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers in reference to the Proposed Ordinance on Burning Regulations in Crafton. He suggested that if Council or any resident has any specific recommendations or modifications, they should plan on attending the Public Hearing and bringing their recommendations there.

He noted that in reference to 78 Fountain Avenue, an internal inspection of the structure has been completed and building inspector has prepared a listing of violations and submitted to the owner. He will have until July 8, 2016 to complete the repairs.

BUSINESS AGENDA***PERSONNEL***

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*O'Brien/F. Amendola*) to enter into an Employment Contract with the Public Works Director as submitted.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Glaser/F. Amendola*) to Adopt Ordinance No. 1636, Amending Chapter 214, Authorizing and allowing a right turn on steady red traffic signal at Crennell Avenue and N. Linwood Avenue, effective immediately.

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

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*F. Amendola/Levasseur*) to authorize to advertise the vacancy on the Civil Service Commission for a six year term, expiring July 1, 2022.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*F. Amendola/Glaser*) to authorize payment for the Joint O&M Point Repair Project – Year 5; Request No. 1, Payable to SHACOG in the amount of \$85,144.10, as recommended by the Engineer.

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

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/F. Amendola*) to authorize payment for the Joint Pipe Lining Project – Year 7; Administrative Agreement, Payable to SHACOG in the amount of \$908.22, as recommended by the Engineer.

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

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*F. Amendola/Levasseur*) to authorize payment for the Joint O&M Preventive Maintenance Project - Year 3, Administrative Agreement, payable to SHACOG in the amount of \$934. 37, as recommended by the Engineer.

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

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/F. Amendola*) to award the bid for Joint Municipal Preventive Maintenance Contract - Year 6 to State Pipe Service in the amount of \$25,262.95, as recommended by the Engineer.

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

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Glaser/O'Brien*) to authorize Payment Request No. 7 in the amount of \$19,798 Payable to Stoneridge, for the splash pool project, as recommended by the Engineer.

DISCUSSION – Mr. Levasseur noted that around the slide area there is a sharp edge and inquired if this items was on the punch list. Ms. Scott note there are four or five items remaining on the punch list, and the retainage on the project is approximately \$17,000, enough to cover any such repairs if required.

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

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/F. Amendola*) to enter into Memorandum of Understanding with Allegheny County Conservation District for assistance and compliance as recommended by the Engineer.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION

Ms. Glaser stated that the Pool Manager, Heather Ravenstahl, has been doing a fantastic job down at the Pool and thanked her for her commitment and dedication.

Ms. Amendola noted the Grand Opening for the Pool Splash Pad was held on Sunday, June 19, 2016. The Pool was well attended and residents appear to be very happy with the new splash pad area. Overall it was a Great Day at Crafton Pool.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

Mr. Levasseur provided an update on the Comprehensive Plan. He noted that on Saturday, June 18, 2016 another Pop Up Event was held at the Giant Eagle. He noted that Ms. Scott and he were there from approximately 11:30 am to 3:30 pm. Customers stopped by to learn more about the Plan and to provide their input on the four main talking points. He noted there appears to be a great reaction to the recent flyers that were sent out to the residents of Crafton and Ingram, many people provided positive feedback.

Mr. Levasseur thanked Giant Eagle for allowing the Steering Committee to utilize the area of the shopping center to set up their booth and speak with the customers. He noted that overall these events provided crucial information that will be incorporated into the final plan. He continued to encourage residents to provide their input and to get involved in the Plan.

Ms. Amendola inquired if there is a counter on the CITHrive website, and Mr. Levasseur confirmed that there is a counter.

He noted that the members of the Steering Committee will also be at Crafton Celebrates, handing out flyers and speaking with those in attendance.

Mr. O’Brien noted that Dave Morgan, Code Enforcement for Crafton and Ingram, attended the last Steering Committee Meeting. He discussed with the Committee the ordinance process, how ordinances are enforced, violation process, blight, communication and other aspects of code enforcement.

Mr. O’Brien thanked Jacquelyn Levasseur for presenting to the Committee information shared at the Workshop. This is a group of residents who are preparing ways that we may improve communication with our residents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Amendola made the following Announcements;

CRAFTON CELEBRATES – The Parade will be on June 30, 2016, starting at 6:30 pm
The Celebration runs through July 4, 2016
Fireworks at Dusk and MUCH MORE FAMILY FUN!!!

Mr. O’Brien commended the volunteers who were a part of preparing for Crafton Celebrates. He noted a lot of hard work and effort is put forth by these volunteers to make the Celebration a success. He asked that everyone come out to spend quality time with your Community, Family and Friends.

RECREATION BOARD - Is looking for Volunteers to serve on the Board and/or volunteer to assist with the Senior Dinners (3rd Saturday of the month).
Please contact the Borough or submit a Letter of Interest. Next Dinner – 8/20/16

CRAFTON PERFORMING ARTS – Concerts begin July 14 – August 18, 2016
Thursday Evenings – 7:30 pm at Crafton Park

ALLEGHENY COUNTY VACANT PROPERTY RECOVERY PROGRAM

Is accepting Applications to interested property owners to acquire vacant properties at a reduced cost, the property owner must share a common boundary. Applications due by 8/31/16.
Flyers regarding the program are available on the website and at the sign-in table in the back.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Amendola noted no citizen signed up to speak before Council.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*F. Amendola/O'Brien*) to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Ann C. Scott
Borough Manager