

**COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of July 11, 2016
Discussion Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER

President of Council, Amendola called to order the Discussion Meeting in the Borough of Crafton, on Monday, July 11, 2016 at 7:18 pm, in the Council Chambers of the Community Center of the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL, by Manager Scott, recorded Seven (7) Members of Council present as follows: Mr. Amendola, Ms. Glaser, Ms. Damits, Mr. O'Brien, Ms. Perry, Mr. Levasseur and Ms. Amendola. Mayor Bloom was absent. Also present Solicitor Gladys and PW Director Kaczorowski and Manager Scott.

BILL LIST APPROVAL

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Perry/O'Brien*) to approve the Bill List dated July 11, 2016 as presented.

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

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/Damits*) to approve the Minutes of June 27, 2016 as presented.

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

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

Ms. Amendola noted that no Citizens signed in to speak before Council on Agenda Items only.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Gladys noted that the property located at 78 Fountain, appears on the Trial List for Allegheny County, December 2, 2016, therefore, an end may be in sight on the problematic property.

Next Solicitor Gladys noted the resident that owns the property at 25-27 Sycamore Street, was provided a date to remove the structure on the property, as of this date he has not complied, and his office will be moving forward and filing the proper litigation.

Lastly, Solicitor Gladys noted his office has been working with the School District on the tax exempt status of the property located at 201 Ewing Road and the other property on Fountain. The School District Solicitor had requested that the Borough wait until after their meeting this same evening to take any official action on this item.

BUSINESS AGENDA***PUBLIC SAFETY***

ANNOUNCEMENT: Ms. Scott noted that Lynn Nickel, currently serving as the Alternate Member of the Commission, has requested the consideration of Council, to appoint her as a Regular Member of the Commission. Ms. Scott noted she received her letter of interest this morning and has uploaded to the Cubby. This item will appear on the Agenda for the next meeting. Ms. Scott noted, that there is still a vacancy as an Alternate on the Commission, a term expiring May 20, 2020.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Ms. Amendola noted that a Final Payment Request will be submitted for the July 25, 2016 meeting for Councils consideration. She inquired if all punch list items were completed. Ms. Scott noted that not all punch list items were complete, however, there is a two-year maintenance bond on the project, and the grant funding period was through June 30, 2016.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Kaczorowski provided an update on the 2016 Road Program. He noted that PA American Water is finally moving forward with the service reconnections on Walnut Street. He noted the bottom portion, all of the homes have been connected to the main line and paving will begin later this week. The upper portion of Walnut, the Water Company is still receiving high bacterial readings in the new main line, service connections cannot be completed until levels are lowered. They continue to flush and test the lines daily. Once the levels are lowered, the lines will be connected and paving completed. The goal is by the end of the week.

Mr. Kaczorowski noted on Harris, the Water Company has finally completed the installation of the new waterline, paving should be completed by the end of the week. Locust Street, work is also completed and paving too should be done by the end of the week. The only outstanding work to be completed remains on the upper portion of Walnut.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*F. Amendola/Glaser*) to authorize the installation of a backflow preventer at 11 Woodlawn Avenue under SHACOG Contract with RotoRooter as recommended by the Engineer.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Ms. Amendola noted there are no items under Discussion for this evenings meeting.

AUDIENCE AGENDA

John Richnavsky, 190 Noble Avenue, appeared before Council the property at his property at 190 Noble. He had previously addressed Council regarding the condition of Prince Alley by the Park. He had a local contractor fill in some of the potholes with gravel. He has received numerous complaints from his tenants on the condition of the alley.

Mr. Kaczorowski noted that the Public Works Department have been to the alley way on previous occasions completing repairs. He noted they were there once this season and completed some patch work repairs. He noted it is a rough alley way, patching potholes will only go so far, they put down approximately four (4) tons of asphalt. He continued, the alley is safe and navigable.

Mr. Richnavsky reiterated that he has completed the alley repairs on his portion of the alley way.

Mr. Kaczorowski, noted the Public Works complete small repairs and paving programs that utilizes the Borough milling machine hasn't started for the 2016 season, this work should begin in the next week or so, and Prince Alley will be included.

Mr. Richnavsky noted that the trees and vines in the park are beginning to encroach on his property through the wall, these need to be cut back.

Mr. Kaczorowski noted that he will have a crew on it in the next day or so.

Mr. Emanuel, a resident at 190 Noble Avenue, showed Ms. Amendola a copy of invoices he has for repairs to his vehicle required as a result of driving on the alley way.

Mr. Shirripa, a resident of 190 Noble Avenue, discussed the condition of the alley as well. He noted that he has had issues with his vehicle driving along the alley way.

Mr. Richnavsky, 94 Noble Avenue, appeared again before Council to discuss the condition of 96 Noble Avenue, Mr. Calabrese property. He noted the condition of the building is horrendous. He spoke with the Building Inspector, Dan Felton, who stated that the roof repairs had been completed. Mr. Richnavsky noted that the repairs were not completed and provide pictures for Council to review. He noted it is hindering his business, the condition of this building.

Mr. Gladys noted that he represented the Borough in Court regarding this property. He noted the Code Enforcement Officer stated at the hearing that the roof repair had been completed.

Mr. Richnavsky stated, the repairs were not made and that no one from the Calabrese family enters the building, the inside is in deplorable condition.

Kathleen Watson, 74 Fountain Street, inquired as to the status of 78 Fountain Street mentioned earlier by the Solicitor. Mr. Gladys noted that a Court set a notice to for hearing December 2, 2016. Which means a hearing could take place on or after that date.

Ms. Watson also inquired as to the potholes inside the Crafton Ingram Shopping Center. Mr. Kazorowski noted that is private property, and not the responsibility of the Borough.

Megan Moore, 192 Noble Avenue, stated she is concerned with the condition of the alley behind her building and there is no lighting. She is legally visually impaired, she rides the bus to work and sometimes if she is working late, it's difficult to navigate the alley in the dark.

Jerry Petronsky, 16 Taylor Street, appeared before Council regarding regulations on burning in Crafton. He inquired if Council did research on the items that appear before them to consider for a vote. Ms. Amendola noted that Council does do research, the items are discussed publically at a meeting and then Council will take a vote on the matter.

Mr. Petronsky inquired if something that is before Council, benefits one Member of Council, what is the regulation regarding voting. The Solicitor noted, under the Ethics Commission, unless there is a financial interest or charge, Council is not prohibited from voting. He believes the claim is more political than ethical.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/F. Amendola*) to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.

MOTION #4 it was moved and seconded by a Unanimous Voice Vote (7-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Ann C. Scott
Borough Manager