

COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of September 12, 2016
Discussion Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President of Council O'Brien called to order the Discussion Meeting in the Borough of Crafton, on Monday, September 12, 2016 at 7:20 pm, in the Council Chambers of the Community Center of the Municipal Building. He apologized for the late start.

Mr. O'Brien noted that an Executive Session was held prior to the Meeting regarding a Legal matter, No action was taken.

ROLL CALL, by Manager Scott, recorded Five (5) Members of Council present as follows: Mr. Amendola, Ms. Glaser, Ms. Damits, Mr. Levasseur and Mr. O'Brien; Ms. Amendola and Ms. Perry were absent. Mayor Bloom was also absent. Also present Solicitor Gladys and Manager Scott.

Mr. O'Brien asked for a moment of Silence in Remembrance of September 11, 2001, the 15th Anniversary of a tragic day in History. He asked that we keep in our thoughts and prayers those who perished that day, and the many Heroes who were there in the time of need. (Moment of Silence).

Mr. Amendola asked for a Moment of Silence for the following Crafton Residents; Lisa Bodner and Carol Kimberling, who both passed the past week. They will both be missed by so many.

Mr. Levasseur asked that we include his neighbor Charles J. McGrogan as well. He will certainly be missed by his Friends, Family and Neighbors. (Moment of Silence).

BILL LIST APPROVAL

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*F. Amendola/Levasseur*) to approve the Bill List dated September 12, 2016 as presented.

MOTION #1 carried by a Unanimous Voice Vote (5-0).

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/F. Amendola*) to approve the Ratified Bill List of August 26, 2016 as presented.

MOTION #2 carried by a Unanimous Voice Vote (5-0).

MOTION: It was moved and second (*F. Amendola/Levasseur*) to approve the Minutes of August 22, 2016 as presented.

MOTION #3 carried by a Unanimous Voice Vote (5-0).

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

Kathleen Watson, 74 Fountain Street, inquired the status of the property located at 78 Fountain Street. She noted the homeowner was at the property on Friday, he stated he would be back the next day to do work, which of course, he was not.

Solicitor Gladys noted that a court date has been scheduled for December 2016. The Code Enforcement Officer noted that the grass has been cut in the front yard. Ms. Watson acknowledged the grass had been cut, but nothing else has been completed. Mr. Gladys, noted nothing else new to report until the trial date in December.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Gladys noted that we have already discussed 78 Fountain property and reiterated that the trial date has been set for December 2016 with the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas. His office has submitted a pre-trial statement. Typically there will be one attempt made to settle the matter out of court, however, he doesn't see this as being an option and expects a trial in December.

The next property Solicitor Gladys discussed was 25-27 Sycamore, another blighted property. It has been in litigation for about a year, we recently have come to an understanding with the homeowner about settling the matter, and expect to execute documents for the demolition in the next few weeks.

BUSINESS AGENDA***PUBLIC SAFETY***

Mr. O'Brien noted that Council will consider adopting Ordinance No. 1638 establishing One-Way on Orchard Way from Noble Avenue to Vance at their meeting of September 26, 2016.

Mr. O'Brien noted that Council will consider adopting Ordinance No. 1639 for the installation of a Stop Sign on Willard Avenue at Clearview at their meeting of September 26, 2106.

Mr. Amendola noted that in April 2016, a few Members of Council attended the Allegheny County Boroughs Association Conference at Seven Springs. At that Conference there was a session, US Attorney for the Western District, David Hickton was the speaker, he provided information on the Heroin epidemic. Mr. Amendola noted the session was extremely enlightening and afterwards he spoke with the Mayor and Police Chief. Mr. Amendola is happy to report, there were two suggestions made by Mr. Hickton at the session; First, the Borough was already in participating in; A Heroin Database. Anytime an incident occurs where heroin is involved, information is stored and shared in the database. Crafton had been participating in this for quite some time. The Second suggestion was the use of Naloxone or Narcan, a medication used to block the effects of opioids by the Police Department. Crafton was not trained or utilizing Narcan at the time. Mr. Amendola is happy to report, the Chief has developed Policies and Procedures on the use of Narcan, and the entire department have received the necessary training and certification by Northwest EMS. In June of 2016, the Crafton Police Department started carrying Narcan as a piece of equipment. Within five (5) days, a call was received and the Police Department was called to use their training and administer the Narcan.

Since June 2016, the Department has utilized Narcan five (5) times to save a life. Mr. Amendola said THANK YOU to the Police Department and to Council for providing the Department with the necessary training and equipment. Mr. O'Brien thanked Mr. Amendola for bringing this information to the Meeting. Ms. Damits noted that there is One Heroin Overdose in Allegheny per day and more Nationwide.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. O'Brien noted that CDBG Application, Year 43 has been submitted to the CharWest COG for the installation of eight (8) handicap ramps on Dakota, Nevada, Cross, Noble and Stanwood Streets, for a total project cost of \$30,100; CDBG Funding of \$24,100 and Local Funding of \$6,100.

Mr. O'Brien noted that bids for the Duncan Avenue Bursting Project are due on September 27, 2016 at 10:00 am at the Borough Building.

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. O'Brien noted the Borough submitted two letters of interest to the ALCOSAN GROW (Green Revitalization of our Waterways Program), and have received notification to submit a full application for the following projects; Thomas Street (Reimbursement) for the installation of a separate storm line for a total project cost of \$90,461.80; Green Infrastructure Project on Steuben Street that includes the construction of a rain garden in front of the Park, the construction of a storm sewer to collect stormwater runoff from the Pool Parking Lot and paving of the lot, for a total project cost of \$158,550. The full application is due October 31, 2016 to ALCOSAN. The Borough Manager and Engineer are working on the application.

FINANCE

Mr. O'Brien announced the 2017 Budget Meetings will be held on October 17, November 7, 9 and November 16, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Borough Building.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. O'Brien noted there weren't any items listed under Discussion on the Agenda. He inquired with Council if anyone had any items they wished to discuss.

Ms. Glaser, wanted to take the opportunity to thank and recognize Heather Ravenstahl and her team for a successful 2016 Pool Season. The management of the pool was done professionally with any issues addressed immediately. Ms. Glaser hopes that Ms. Ravenstahl will be back again next year.

Mr. Amendola inquired how the Doggie Paddle went on Sunday? Ms. Scott noted that there were approximately 90 dogs in attendance and was a complete success.

AUDIENCE AGENDA

Mr. O'Brien noted that no audience member wished to address Council at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Damits/F. Amendola*) to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm.

MOTION #4 it was moved and seconded by a Unanimous Voice Vote (5-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Ann C. Scott
Borough Manager