

**COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of June 8, 2015**

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 Mr. Crown. ROLL CALL, by Mrs. Tremblay, recorded Seven (7) members of Council present as follows: Mr. Amendola, Ms. Amendola, Mr. Crown, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Weitzel and Mr. Hayes. Also present were Manager Scott, Mayor Bloom, and Engineer Minsterman.

BILL LIST APPROVAL

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*F.Amendola/Crown*) to approve the Bill List dated June 8, 2015.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*N.Amendola/Crown*) to approve the Minutes of May 18, 2015.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (7-0),

CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL/Agenda Items only

Mary Luxbacher, Recreation Board – Mrs. Luxbacher noted that everything looks good in the parks and at the pool; she acknowledged all of the work done by the Public Works crew. She also noted that the community garden is looking good and everything is growing.

WRITTEN REPORTS – April 2015

Council acknowledged receipt of the following written reports: Treasurer's Reports, Financial Report, Act 511 and Trash Collection Reports, Property Tax Collection Report, Police Report, Building Inspector's Report, NW EMS Report, and Engineer's Report.

PRESENTATION – Engineer Minsterman/Wayne Wade: Splash Pad/Pool Design

Engineer Minsterman reported that Gateway has prepared a design concept which has been approved by the Recreation Board for recommendation to Council, and will need Council's approval to proceed in order to meet future scheduled deadlines. Mr. Wade noted that this design is actually a Splash Pad and Pool; it will provide various spray/fountain features (crocodile), shade and wall seating. It will be separate from the main pool, in the area where the former "baby pool" was located, and it will have its own filter system, but will still require its own lifeguard. It was noted that contract will need to be awarded in August so the preliminary work (excavating, structure and concrete work) can commence in September, once the pool is closed; and final project work completed in the Spring of 2015, prior to the pool opening.

DISCUSSION AND BUSINESS AGENDA

ADMINISTRATION

a. NON-UNIFORM PENSION PLAN

1. To be adopted at the Regular Meeting of June 22, 2015 - Ordinance No. 1632 – Fourth Amendment to the Borough of Crafton Non-Uniformed Pension Plan to amend certain provisions of the Plan for the period of June 30, 2015 to January 31, 2016 – Manager

Scott noted that a copy of the proposed ordinance has been provided to Council for review; for adoption at the regular meeting.

- 2. Authorize at the Regular Meeting Labor Counsel to prepare all Agreements for eligible Non-Uniformed Employees – This also to be authorized at the regular meeting; related to action in Ordinance No. 1632.

b. MANAGEMENT

- 1. Review – Interim Management Team – Administrative Review and Recommendations.

It was noted that this was provided to Council for review, but due to problems with the Cubby server, Council may need more time to review and discuss recommendations.

FINANCE

- a. Review - 2014 Regular Audit as prepared and presented by MaherDuessel.
- b. Review - Special Audit as prepared and presented by Schneider Downs.
 Manager Scott noted that these were also provided to Council for review; some findings and recommendations were made for consideration.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- a. **MOTION** - Authorize to Accept the Police Contract for the Years January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2019, as negotiated and approved by the Police Wage and Policy Unit Committee - **MOTION WITHDRAWN**; pending further review by Solicitor.
- b. Review - Civil Service Commission to begin the process to administer the Civil Service Examination for Police Applicants and prepare an Eligibility Listing. President Hayes noted that the current eligibility list was nearing expiration and is stale, and Council should consider and act on requesting the Civil Service Commission to proceed on producing a new eligibility list.

PARKS AND RECREATION

- a. **MOTION** – Motion was made and seconded (*F.Amendola/O’Brien*) to approve the Design as presented for the Splash Pool Area, as presented and recommended by the Recreation Board. COMMENTS: Manager Scott re-iterated the reasons for this size project rather than the larger project; as noted at previous meetings. Matching grant funds not available, Council’s decision not to borrow money or use fund balance to complete the larger project at this time.

MOTION carried by a Six Yes, One No (*Weitzel*) Roll Call Vote (6-1),

- b. **MOTION** – Motion was made and seconded (*F.Amendola/Phillips*) to hire Elizabeth Quinn, Lifeguard; Katelyn Clayton, Alternate Lifeguard; Sharon DeSalvo, and James Cunningham, Summer Crossing Guards.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (7-0),

BLIGHT/ABANDONED PROPERTIES

PUBLIC NOTICE – Allegheny County will be accepting applications to Acquire Vacant Properties at a reduced cost to the applicant. (Owner must share a common boundary). Applications must be submitted to the County by June 30 2015, Flyers

available on table and on the Crafton Borough website. Manager Scott explained details for this program and referred any interested persons to review the information on the printed flyers.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

a. MOTION – Motion was made and seconded (*Phillips/Crown*) to adopt Resolution No. 2015-08 – Allegheny County Economic Development – Authorizing Crafton as the Lead Community for the Crafton-Ingram Comprehensive Plan.

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

b. MOTION – Motion was made and seconded (*Crown/Phillips*) to adopt Resolution No.2015-09 – Allegheny County Economic Development – Crafton Borough allocates \$12,500, Matching Funds towards the Crafton-Ingram Comprehensive Plan. COMMENTS: It was noted that Ingram Borough will be adopting a similar Resolution at their meeting tonight.

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

ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Kathy Watson, 74 Fountain Avenue and Stacy Dodd, Fountain, 65 Fountain – Reported traffic problems; speeding, etc. due to increased ballfield traffic and closure of Ewing Road. Requested some remedy; possibly installation of a stop sign, speed bump or one-way direction change. Mayor Bloom addressed these remedies stating that a stop sign is not permitted as a means to slow down traffic, and a speed bump would also not be permitted. A one-way direction would need a traffic study, which would need Council’s approval. The condition of Ewing Road was discussed, and possibilities of opening the road closure, consider one-way traffic, etc. It was noted that previously, core samples were taken and Gateway had provided recommendations and cost estimates for various options to repair/open Ewing Road.

Mr. O’Brien reminded everyone that Crafton Celebrates festivities start this month; parade on June 30th, at 6:30 pm, and booth setup volunteers are needed at the park on Saturday, June 13th.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*N.Amendola/F. Amendola*) to adjourn the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary