

**COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of June 9, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Amendola, President Pro-Tem, called to order the Agenda Meeting of Crafton Borough Council, in Council Chambers of the Community Center. Flag Salute led by Mr. O'Brien. ROLL CALL, by Mrs. Tremblay, recorded four (4) members of Council present as follows: Mr. Amendola, Ms. Amendola, Mr. O'Brien, and Mr. Phillips, (*Absent: Mrs. Post, Ms. Weitzel and President Hayes*) Also present were Mayor Bloom, Director Beechey and Solicitor Daley.

BILL LIST APPROVAL

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Phillips/O'Brien*) to approve the Bill List dated June 9, 2014.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (4-0), with exception noted by Mr. O'Brien (#400.11).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 19, 2014 - Not Available

CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Pamela Twiss, Season Orris, Clearview Avenue – Residents reported that cars are speeding on Sterrett Street and not stopping at stop signs. It was reported that there are approx.. 15 to 20 children living in that area. They have concerns for child and pedestrian safety, and request a traffic study be performed, possibly lower the speed limit, install speed bumps, or post for no through traffic. Mayor Bloom advised that he had assigned additional police patrol in the area, and have issued several citations. He noted that, per PennDot, all streets are 25mph, and only school and playground areas can be posted at 15mph. Ticketing a driver at a lower speed limit can be challenged in court and basically unenforceable. He noted that the use of radar is being considered by State Legislation, but for now, Crafton can only use VASCAR. Due to the short distance between stop signs on Sterrett Street they cannot get an accurate speed reading, and a vehicle must travel at least 36mph; 11mph over the limit. Ms. Beechey inquired on what benefit would a traffic study serve; it would be costly and would basically report what is already known. Use of additional signage and painted crosswalks was discussed. She advised that the No Parking signs are being reinstalled on the one side of Sterrett and Watch Children sign will also be installed, so the ground signs can be removed. Mr. Amendola requested that the City of Pittsburgh be contacted to cut the branches away from the first stop sign.

Charlene Krenke, Clearview Avenue – Reported that she has witnessed drivers rolling through stop signs on Sterrett Street. She also noted that she does not support limiting through traffic or making it a one-way street, as she, herself, uses Sterrett Street everyday coming home from work, and would not want to be inconvenienced and re-routed through Crafton via Baldwick Road.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Administration
 - Verizon – Agreement Amendment – Ms. Beechey reported that she has talked with Verizon representative and has submitted a written request to amend the current franchise agreement to match the 5% franchise fee established with Comcast.
 - Borough Building Ext. Painting-Pointing/Garage & Basement Repair – Ms. Beechey reported that the low bidder for the exterior painting project, Brinsky, is a reputable contractor, and recommends awarding a contract to them at the next

meeting. She is still seeking contractors to bid on the police garage and basement repair work.

- Budget/Finance - None
- Parks/Recreation
 - Playground Installation Update – Installation is complete. Grand opening planned for June 14th, with a ribbon cutting ceremony.
 - Duck Out recap – Successful event; raised approx.. \$2,000.
 - Fundraiser Date Change – Motion on Agenda
 - Pool BBQ Fundraiser – Motion on Agenda

- Public Works – See Manager’s Report
- Public Safety – Mr. Amendola reported that the fire department requested an inspection ordinance for businesses be considered, and possibly provide more hours to the Ordinance Enforcement Officer; only allowed 15 hours per week in the budget. It was noted that he has additional hours available as the Fire Marshal. Ms. Beechey noted that he would have to be certified to perform these inspections.

Mr. Amendola asked that someone address the School District regarding the grassy right-of-way area where the tractor trailers have created ruts and unsafe conditions along Linden Avenue; some one was injured there a few years ago.. Mrs. Tremblay noted that this was addressed with them several years ago.

Mr. Phillips asked if anything is being done with the shopping center driveway area that is full of potholes. Ms. Beechey noted that former Manager Callen commenced discussions with the property owners, and she is following up on this with them; assisting them with paving contractors.

Mayor Bloom inquired on the status of the crosswalks on Steuben Street. Ms. Beechey said Public Works is prepared to do the work, weather-permitting. She will notify Mayor Bloom when the work is scheduled.

- Ordinance
 - Yard Sales – Mr. O’Brien reported that this ordinance is being considered to insure that yard sales are occasional events, and not being conducted as a business.
 - Inter-municipal Liquor License Transfers – Mr. O’Brien reported that the amendments needed to our current ordinance are just to bring them into co
 - Roll-Off Dumpster Placement – An ordinance is being drafted for consideration but needs additional work; need to remove from Chapter 225 of Ordinance Codification and establish under another relevant chapter. This ordinance would assist the Police and Ordinance Enforcement Officer with placement location and length of time permitted. Also, awareness of building/renovations without a building permit.
- Comprehensive Planning-See Manager’s Report

CORRESPONDENCE

None

MANAGER’S REPORT

Director Beechey reviewed the written report with Council (copy attached). Most items were discussed during the Committee reports.

CRAFTON BOROUGH
BUSINESS AGENDA
ORDINANCE

June 9, 2014

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Phillips/O'Brien*) to authorize advertisement of proposed Ordinances; relating to Yard Sales and Inter-municipal Liquor License Transfers.
COMMENTS: Pros and Cons of requiring a Permit were discussed; it was consensus to remove this requirement from the proposed ordinance.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (4-0).

RECREATION

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Phillips/F. Amendola*) to approve two fundraisers- The first to be held on Sunday June 22nd, 2014 at 630pm, the Crafton Pool BBQ, The second is the rescheduling of Gala Under the Stars from July 18 to August 9th with a fee per person to be determined based on costs, to be held at the Crafton Swimming Pool; and permission to provide both food and alcoholic beverages with proceeds to benefit Crafton Pool renovation projects

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (4-0).

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*F. Amendola/O'Brien*) to hire Dale Ross as a Swim Coach for Crafton Crocodiles

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (4-0).

ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (4-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary

Manager's Report-June 9th, 2014

2014 Infrastructure Projects:

Recommendation for awarding community center painting to Tom Brinsky. Lowest Estimate and references check.

Awaiting results to determine cost for Police garage and basement repair. Structural engineer assessed and is developing a scope of work. Approximate cost is between \$5,000 and \$10,000

Clearview Phase 3 work to commence on June 9th. Completion is expected to take 2 months.

Valley Street: Paving should be complete by the end of this week

Woodlawn & Crafton Blvd.: Preconstruction Meeting scheduled for 6/12-looking at mid to late June for start of work.

Parks and Recreation Playground installation is COMPLETE. Aesthetically still need some work. Grand opening ceremony Saturday June 14th at 12pm. Music and food will be provided

Great American Duck Out was a success. Close to \$2,000 raised for the pool renovation project. Additional fundraisers on Business agenda for approval

The recreation board is taking over responsibility for the house tour which is scheduled for Sunday December 14th.

DOXA Church will be in doing community service once again the week of June 16th. They will be focusing efforts on the mini golf as well as Clearview Trail

Verizon Franchise Contract:

As per discussion with Comcast, spoke with the new representative for municipalities and sent necessary paperwork to Verizon for increase in franchise fee to correspond with Comcast at 4%. Once there is an agreement we will do via advertising and resolution.

Public Works Contract: meeting scheduled for Thursday June 12th. We are very close to terms.

Salt Contract- Met with Members of Char West Cog and Director of SHACOG with respect to issues with the 2014 salt contract. There were discussions in

regard to terms in contract, emergency provisions and pulling out of SHACOG for salt contract were

District Magistrate Lease: met with engineer to look at heat remediation in front office and cold remediation in rear. Awaiting that determination before finalizing contract terms.

Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Development Plan:

Completed and delivered application to Allegheny County for funding in the amount of 30,000. Additionally spoke with LGA in regards to questions about our application for funds in the amount of 25,000