

**COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of July 13, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Crown, 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. Amendola. ROLL CALL, by Mrs. Tremblay, recorded Five (5) members of Council present as follows: Mr. Amendola, Mr. Crown, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Phillips, and Mr. Hayes (*telephonically*). Also present were Manager Scott, Mayor Bloom, and Engineer Minsterman. (*Absent: N. Amendola, A. Weitzel*)

BILL LIST APPROVAL

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*O'Brien/F.Amendola*) to approve the Bill List dated July 13, 2015.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*F.Amendola/O'Brien*) to approve the Minutes of June 22, 2015.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (5-0),

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Crown reported that an Executive Session of Council was held prior to the meeting to discuss a personnel matter/bargaining unit contract matter; no action was taken.

CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL/Agenda Items only

Becky Heffner, Crafton Celebrates – Ms. Heffner reported that Crafton Celebrates had a successful festival, despite the rain. It was a very positive community effort. She gave a special thanks to the Public Works crew, for all of their help. She also thanked Council persons, Ms. Amendola and Mr. O'Brien, Manager Scott and the office staff. She reported Crafton Celebrates' next meeting will be in August.

DISCUSSION AND BUSINESS AGENDA

PUBLIC SAFETY

MOTION - It was regularly moved and seconded (*F.Amendola/Phillips*) to 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 carried by a Unanimous Voice Vote (5-0).

MOTION – It was regularly moved and seconded (*Phillips/F.Amendola*) to authorize Patrolman Joseph Washinki be made a permanent full time Police Officer with the Department, completing his goals and tasks set forth as a Probationary Officer. Effective August 1, 2015

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

Discussion: Manager Scott reported on the **Civil Service Commission** – Commission met on July 6, 2015, and reorganized: She advised that Civil Service Examination is being scheduled for early Fall for Police Applicants. The testing site will be at the Allegheny County Police Academy. Promotional

Sergeant Examination has been scheduled for October 5, 2015 at the Municipal Building for all eligible Officers. A new solicitor is being considered in light of the former legal counsel retiring. Ms. Susan Merrick, referred by prior counsel, and also Len Costa, a local attorney – Commissioner Witt and Hayes will interview and provide recommendation. Commission recommends legal counsel; cost is paid for by the Borough.

ADMINISTRATION

Discussion: Gateway Engineers has submitted two **ARLE Grant Applications** on behalf of the borough for Traffic Light Replacement; one at Noble & Bradford Avenue - \$165,750 (Grant) \$1,000 (Match) and the other for Noble & Steuben Street - \$153,860 (Grant) \$1,000 (Match). Awarded in late fall or early December of 2015.

MOTION – It was regularly moved and seconded (*F.Amendola/O'Brien*) to accept the Proposal from Cohen Law Group to perform the Cable Franchising Renewal Services as submitted to the Char-West Council of Governments, with the Service Fee based upon number of participating Municipalities. **COMMENTS:** Manager Scott noted the Verizon Franchise Agreement expires in November 2017, but work on this should start well in advance of the expiration.

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

Discussion: Junior Achievement – Pittsburgh's Golden Ticket Raffle Ticket. Manager Scott reported that flyers are available on the table and also on the Crafton Borough website. Ticket cost is \$10.00

PARKS AND RECREATION

MOTION – It was regularly moved and seconded (*F.Amendola/Phillips*) to authorize Advertisement of Pool Splash Pad Area Plans and Specifications – Bids due August 19, 2015.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION – It was regularly moved and seconded (*F.Amendola/O'Brien*) to concur with the SHACOG recommendation to award the Joint Municipal Preventive Maintenance-Year 5 Contract to the low bidder, Insight Pipe Contracting, at its bid price of \$196,571.50 of which 47,955.00 represents Crafton's portion of the Contract.

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

MOTION – It was regularly moved and seconded (*F.Amendola/Phillips*) to authorize Payment of the Joint Municipal SHACOG Sanitary Sewer O&M Point Repairs – Year 4 in the amount of \$72,116.24, payable to SHACOG.

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

MOTION – It was regularly moved and seconded (*F.Amendola/O'Brien*) to authorize Payment of the Joint Municipal SHACOG CCTV Inspection and Cleaning – Year 5 in the amount of \$21,665.82, payable to SHACOG.

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

MOTION – It was regularly moved and seconded (*F.Amendola/O'Brien*) to award the 2015-2016 Rock Salt Bid to Cargill, Inc. for \$69.29/per ton delivery and to enter into the Articles of Agreement. **Comment/Note** – Bid is \$10.00/ton less than base bid submitted last year, with mandated continued delivery when upper limits of annual tonnage reached.

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

PUBLIC WORKS (cont')

Mr. Crown asked that PennDot be contacted regarding the deteriorated condition of Steuben Street; low curbs, curbs missing/washed out, pot holes – resulted after new traffic signals were installed at Foster. Also, there are traffic signal timing issues at each signal along Steuben down to the Thornburg Bridge; these need to be studied by PennDot. Manager Scott noted that she would follow up on this with PennDot and Council. It was noted that the PAWC curb-to-curb paving of Noble is on hold pending handicapped ramp design, as required. Mr. Crown also asked that Public Works cut the grass along the curbs growing in the street.

BLIGHT/ABANDONED PROPERTIES

Discussion/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 August 31, 2015 (extended). Flyers available on table and on the Crafton Borough website.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Discussion/Announcement - Comprehensive Planning – Anyone member of the Community including residents, business owners, church representatives, recreation advocates, volunteer organizations or others interested in strategic planning for the Borough. Members will be expected to attend all Steering Committee Meetings and provide insights about future implementation of proposed recommendations. Anyone interested please submit a letter of interest to the Borough Managers Office by August 1, 2015.

ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Phil LaVasseur, 401 Clearview Avenue – Questions concerning the storm drains at Harris & Clearview; are any of the necessary repairs from Phase III planned to be completed during Phase IV; curbs were inadequately installed during Phase III; rain water overflow not routed to drains, overwash of curbs and compromising the hillside vegetation. Inquired if contractor Merante is required to make any restitution for these problems. Manager Scott will review this matter with the Engineer and follow-up with Mr. LaVasseur.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary