

**COUNCIL MEETING  
Minutes of July 27, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice President Amendola called to order the Regular Meeting of Crafton Borough Council, in Council Chambers of the Community Center. Flag Salute led by Mr. Amendola. ROLL CALL, by Mrs. Tremblay, recorded Four (4) members of Council present as follows: Mr. Amendola, Ms. Amendola, Mr. Crown, and Mr. Phillips. Also present were Manager Scott, Engineer Minsterman, and Solicitor Dolfi. (*Absent: Mr. Hayes, Mr. O'Brien, Ms. Weitzel, Mayor Bloom*)

**BILL LIST APPROVAL**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Phillips/Crown*) to approve the Bill List dated July 27, 2014.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (4-0).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*F.Amendola/Phillips*) to approve the Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2015.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (4-0).

**CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

None

**RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS (June 2015):**

Treasurer's Reports, Financial Report, Act 511 and Trash Collection Reports, Property Tax Collection Report, Police Report, NW EMS Report, ~~Ordinance Officer's Report~~, Building Inspection Report, Engineer's Report and Public Works Report. Council acknowledged receipt of the written reports.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** (Not Present)

- a. Fountain Avenue – Traffic Study/Results of Speed Detector (*Review at next Council Meeting*)

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Engineer Minsterman reported: Pool splash pad project has been advertised; bid opening scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup>. 2015 Road Paving program; contractor started installing the ADA handicapped sidewalk ramps along North Emily; once completed the street paving will be scheduled. The PAWC has completed their water line work and temporary street patching; waiting for notification of their paving schedule. The O&M of the sewer system is continuing. Attended a meeting with ALCOSAN; considering a proposal to takeover Crafton's larger diameter sewer lines. This would reduce costs for upkeep/maintaining these lines; still being evaluating. Clearview project is progressing well; there are no tree issues, project should be substantially completed in 2 – 3 weeks.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Nothing to Report

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

**A. ADMINISTRATION/MANAGER'S REPORT**

- i. Discussion – Phase I Consent Order and Agreement

(COA) – ACHD & EPA. Manager Scott reported that the new Consent Order is being reviewed by the Three Rivers Wet Weather legal department, as well as by a committee of participating communities; it will be reviewed and approved as a group. Manager Scott is a member of the review committee. Should be brought to Council for action in September; deadline to accept the Consent Order is September 30, 2015.

**ii. Letter to PENNDOT** – Steuben Street - Manager Scott reported on her follow-up on the Steuben Street issues. She has written to PennDot as well as Senator Fontana and State Rep. Deasey regarding the condition of West Steuben Street, timing issues with the traffic signals, and water run-off. ALCOSAN may also consider issues on Steuben Street for a green infrastructure project.

## **B. PUBLIC SAFETY**

**i. ANNOUNCEMENT** - Ms. Amendola announced that Police Applications are now being accepted and are available in the Borough Manager's office or on the website. Completed Applications due – Aug. 31, 2015 Physical Agility and Written Exam – Sept. 9, 2015, Allegheny Police Training Academy, North Park, 10:00 am

## **C. PLANNING/COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

**i. 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. Manager Scott noted that this would be a joint committee with Ingram; Crafton currently has four persons interested in serving on the committee.

## **ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Dennis and Shirl Henk, 14 Ingram Avenue, Sara Ferraro, 454 Maxwell Street - Complaining about the ongoing trash/dumpster and rat problems at the LoBos Property on W. Steuben Street. It was noted that the Borough has repeatedly cited them and taken them to court, and the court has fined them. This is the only recourse the Borough has to repeatedly cite them; need the courts to be more aggressive

Megan Lageman, 238 Ewing Road, Dan Lageman, 240 Ewing Road, Brandi Meredith, 222 Ewing Road, Courtney Barry, 250 Ewing Road, Joan & David Hockabout, 242 Ewing Road, Derek Wilson, 245 Ewing Road – Complaining about the deteriorated condition of Ewing Road; been very patient waiting for the Borough to make repairs/improvements, but nothing done. Top access to Ewing still closed to traffic and surface/pot holes getting worse. Also, complaining about ball field traffic; speeding and reckless drivers.

Lisa Heiser, 47 Thomas Street, Michelle Carso, 74 Thomas – Complaining about Family Dollar trash, rats and property maintenance issues/high grass.

Season Ciechanowski, 1753 Barr Avenue – Requested more be done about traffic, speeding vehicles on Sterrett Street. Manager indicated the speed timing device will be placed on Sterrett Street, to collect some data, as well as slowing down approaching vehicles.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (4-0).

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary