

**COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of October 26, 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. Crown. ROLL CALL, by Mrs. Tremblay, recorded Five (5) members of Council present as follows: Mr. Amendola (*via telephone*), Ms. Amendola, Mr. Crown, Mr. O'Brien, and Mr. Phillips. Also present were Mayor Bloom, Manager Scott, Director Kaczorowski, Engineer Minsterman, and Solicitor Dolfi. (*Absent: Pres. Hayes, Ms. Weitzel*)

BILL LIST APPROVAL

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Phillips/O'Brien*) to approve the Bill List dated October 26, 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 Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2015.

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

CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None

RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS (September 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

Mayor Bloom announced that Halloween/Trick or Treat is scheduled for Saturday, October 31st. He reported that there was a recent robbery at the Family Dollar, with the use of a fire arm. He noted that there were numerous arrests/calls on the September Report, and the department is currently shorthanded, but everyone is working very hard to make up for the shortage.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Consent Order – Final draft has been prepared and being reviewed by Engineers and Solicitors. Will need signed by Council at a future meeting.

CCTVwork has been completed by Roto Rooter; working on the punch list items next week. The defect repair, manhole to manhole lining is complete; spot lining work still ongoing; 6 ft. liners to be completed.

Noble paving – Scheduled by PAWC contractor the week of November 2nd; final milling and paving. Road Program is basically complete; working on some minor drainage/ponding problems on Orchard Way, expect to receive payment application and performance bond for that contract. Splash Pad Design/Work is on schedule, First payment Estimate No. 1 - \$47,593.86 on Agenda for approval; and, Change Order provided for Council approval, related to removal of a concrete structure below the surface, left from previous Swimming pool renovations; Change Order – No.1 - \$9,398.82 Demolition of 217 Lincoln – Delays by

CharWest COG, authorization to advertise. Manager Scott advised that bids and specs are due by November 2nd; just received notice.

SOLITICTOR’S REPORT

Legal Clearances – Update; 25 Sycamore and 78 Fountain – Demolitions, CDBG Applications – Year 42. Owners of 25 Sycamore want to proceed on demolition themselves; Borough agreeable subject to progress – 6 month window. 78 Fountain, Owner answered complaint/objects to characterization of the property as being a hazardous structure; may need to pursue a hearing on that property.

96 Noble – Status Update; Order from Court to amend the complaint to naming heirs, and proceed.
Ordinance – Permitting Chickens in Certain Zoning Districts – Preparing a Draft Ordinance for Council’s consideration.

BUSINESS AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION – It was regularly moved and seconded (*Crown/Phillips*) to approve Payment Application No. 2 & Final to A. Folino Construction in the amount of \$111,498.30 for the Clearview Avenue Road Reconstruction Project.

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

MOTION – It was regularly moved and seconded (*Crown/O’Brien*) to authorize and approve Change Order No. 1 as recommended by the Engineer in the amount of \$9,398.82 for the Crafton Splash Pool Project; Stoneridge, Inc.

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

MOTION – It was regularly moved and seconded (*F.Amendola/Crown*) to approve Payment Application No. 1 to Stoneridge, Inc. in the amount of \$47,593.86, including Change Order No. 1 for the Crafton Splash Pool Project.

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

ADMINISTRATION

MOTION – It was regularly moved and seconded (*Phillips/Crown*) to authorize the Borough of Crafton to enter into the One-Time Early Retirement Incentive Agreement with qualified Non- Uniform employees in accordance with Ordinance No. 1632.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT – Zoning Hearing Board seat vacancies (Three Year Term, expires 2018); one regular member and one alternate member. Anyone interested should submit letter of Interest to the Borough Manager’s office by December 1, 2015.

ACTION: Scheduling of oral interviews with applicants for the Public Works full-time position was discussed. It was agreed that interviews can be scheduled before the next Council meeting (Nov. 9th), but due to the number of applicants, schedule only the top candidates. Manager Scott, Director Kaczorowski, and Mr. Phillips would review the applications and determine the most qualified for consideration and interviews.

UPDATE: Consent Order – Manager Scott advised that this was reviewed previously by the municipalities at the 3RWW meeting, and another 3RWW Meeting is scheduled for November 12 for additional discussion. Agreement will need to be entered into by December 15, 2015.

FINANCE

NOTICE – Next Budget Meeting is Monday, November 2, 2015 - 6:30 pm

PARKS & RECREATION

ANNOUNCEMENT – Recreation Board – One vacant seat. Anyone interested should submit a letter of Interest to the Borough Manager’s office.

ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

Phil LaVasseur, 401 Clearview – Reported that a few vehicles are parked on Clearview and are not moved; causes a problem with leave pickup. He was advised to call the police regarding the vehicles; by ordinance, after not moving for a two week period, the police can order the cars be moved. Director Kaczorowski advised that he can do a temporary posting for leave pickup at the location and prohibit parking that day.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary