

**COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of August 10, 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. Phillips. ROLL CALL, by Mrs. Tremblay, recorded Six (6) members of Council present as follows: Mr. Amendola, Ms. Amendola, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Weitzel and Mr. Hayes. Also present were Manager Scott and Mayor Bloom.

BILL LIST APPROVAL

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*N. Amendola/Phillips*) to approve the Bill List dated August 10, 2015.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (6-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*N.Amendola/F.Amendola*) to approve the Minutes of July 27, 2015.

MOTION carried by a Four Yes, Two abstention (*O'Brien, Weitzel*) Voice Vote (4-0-2),

PRESENTATION – C.I.T. BASEBALL

Raymond Broglie, Exec. V.P – Accepted a plaque presented to CIT, from the Borough, in appreciation of their construction of the bathrooms in Crafton Park, and recognized the organization for their many years of providing youth baseball and softball programs to the area; 65 years. Mr. Broglie also recognized Joe Perrott for his involvement with the CIT organization for the past 40 years, Bob Meyers, for his support over the years, and a newcomer to the CIT Board, Sam Strohm. He asked that Borough Council consider some financial assistance in the budget for CIT, to help with its finances and expenses.

CITIZEN’S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL/Agenda Items only

None

DISCUSSION AND BUSINESS AGENDA

PUBLIC SAFETY

- a. **NOTICE** – Applications for Police Officer are being accepted and are available in the Borough Office or website. Completed Applications are due Monday, August 31, 2015 by 4:00 pm. Physical Agility/Written Examination – Wednesday, September 9, 2015. Allegheny County Police Training Academy, North Park.
- b. **NOTICE** – Civil Service Commission Meeting – Monday, August 17, 2015, 5:30pm. General Purposes and any other matters; meeting open to the public.

ADMINISTRATION

- a. A meeting with PENNDOT is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, 2015, 8:00 am. To discuss various concerns along Steuben Street; State Rep. Dan Deasy, a representative from Senator Fontana’s office and PennDot representatives are expected to attend.

- b. PUBLIC NOTICE: Paving along Clearview Avenue – Begin Week of August 10
- c. PUBLIC NOTICE – Noble Ave – Handicap Ramp Installation – Week of August 10
- d. Consent Order – ACHD – 3 Rivers Wet Weather (3RWW) negotiating – Due September 30, 2015. A committee of borough managers are reviewing the proposed consent order; their comments will be brought to 3RWW, and the 3RWW will be representing and negotiating on behalf of the 83 ALCOSAN communities with regard to the Consent Order; and the will also be looking to extend the due date to perhaps November.

PARKS AND RECREATION

- a. NOTICE – Bids due - August 19, 2015 – 10:00 am regarding the Construction project at Crafton pool. Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting – August 12, 10:00 am at Pool. The majority of the project will commence in the fall and completed in the spring.

BLIGHT/ABANDONED PROPERTIES

- a. 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 are available on table and on the Crafton Borough website.

PUBLIC WORKS

- a. MOTION – It was regularly moved and seconded (*Phillips/Weitzel*) to authorize Payment of \$696.82 – for Engineering Shared Services, Payable to SHACOG – for Joint Municipal O&M CCTV Inspection & Cleaning - Year 3.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (6-0).

b. PUBLIC NOTICE – 2015 Road Program

Work to begin week of August 10, 2015. Roads to be paved are N. Emily, Hewitt, Norma, Glenn, Maxwell, Baldwick, Orchard, Creighton, Vance Way.

- c. MOTION – It was regularly moved and seconded (*N.Amendola/Phillips*) to accept the Retirement of Bernie Morgan, effective – September 1, 2015; after 43 Years of Service.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (6-0).

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- a. ANNOUNCEMENT - Comprehensive Planning – The Steering Committee has been selected; the Boroughs of Crafton and Ingram are working with Pashek Associates, consultant, to organize the first meeting. Crafton representatives are as follows; Dave O’Brien, Dave Morgan, Phil Levasseur, Dennis Piper, Lydia Karlheim, Richard Herring, Ann Scott.

ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Juliet Grabowski, 11 Emerson – Reported on the activities at the Crafton Community Farm; reading from an article from the Trib Total Media. Approximately 50 types of produce were being grown, and as of this date, 1,225 pounds of produce has been harvested, with most of the bounty being

donated to the Crafton Ingram Food Pantry. It was noted that Crafton resident, Andrea Marquis spear-headed this project, and with the support of Crafton council, and a grant through Grow Pittsburgh, the former volleyball court site in Crafton Park became the site of a luscious vegetable garden. She and about 6 core garden members spend multiple days a week maintaining the garden

Paul Kohberger, 38 Belvidere St – He added that for a first year project, it was extremely successful. He read from a letter from Grow Pittsburgh, also referencing Allegheny Grows, recognizing this

effort in Crafton with the support of Council, the Shade Tree Commission and the many volunteers. The initial planning was done over the winter months, organizing volunteers and planning the garden; then later, working with Public Works and the dedicated volunteers, planting, moving/spreading mulch, watering, etc.

Ray Broglie, 4 Grace Street – He asked about the status of Ewing Road; Council’s plans for repairs and/or making the road a one-way street, considering the CIT ball field location on Ewing.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. O’Brien reported that a Crafton Celebrates fund raiser, Painting with a Twist; Painting with a Purpose, is being held Sept. 14, 2015, \$45.00 per person; Pre-register - see Crafton Celebrates website for additional information. 75% of the net proceeds will be given to Crafton Celebrates.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (6-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary