

**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Minutes of September 28, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Hayes 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, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Hayes. Also present were Mayor Bloom, Manager Scott, Director Kaczorowski, Engineer Strunk, and Solicitor Dolfi. (*Absent: Ms. Amendola, Mr. Crown, Ms. Weitzel*)

**BILL LIST APPROVAL**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*F.Amendola/O'Brien*) to approve the Bill List dated September 28, 2015

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*F.Amendola/O'Brien*) to approve the Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2015.

MOTION carried by a Three Yes, One abstention (*Phillips*) Voice Vote (3-0-1).

**CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President Hayes announced that an Executive Session of Council was held prior to the Council Meeting to discuss personnel matters; no action taken.

**RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS (August 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, and Public Works Report. Council acknowledged receipt of the written reports. Director Kaczorowski noted that the crew is preparing the equipment for leaf collection.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Bloom reported that data was provided for the speed timing device on Sterrett Street; approx.. 400-600 cars per day, some exceeded the speed limit, but none were excessive. This is similar to the report provided previously for Fountain Street. These streets, and others, will continue to be monitored.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- a. Swimming Pool Renovations – Commenced the week of Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> and are schedule to finish on time.
- b. 2015 Road Program – Completed; a few punch list items remain. Mr. Hayes asked the status of the paving of Noble Avenue by the water company. Contractor said early October; finishing up some PennDot contracts. November 1<sup>st</sup> is usually the deadline, but that can change depending on the weather; and the asphalt plants will be open as long as there is a demand.

- c. Clearview Avenue – Phase IV – Also, completed; a few punch list items remain.
- d. 217 Lincoln Demolition – Ready to bid through the CharWest COG; running into cold weather now; may run into problems similar to last year running into winter.
- e. O&M Plan – Defect Repairs & Preventive Maintenance – Excavation and repairs have been completed; will recommend final payment. A Two year maintenance bond is in place. Lining Contract is half way done, and CCTV & preventive maintenance contracts are complete.
- f. ALCOSAN – Request takeover of additional 3,700 lf of combined sewer and 29 structures with POC C-22. Engineers recommending the one line that runs from Harrison to Broadhead across Crafton Blvd. to the creek; line size is 24” to 60”. Haven’t heard yet from ALCOSAN on that line; still compiling input from communities. Mr. O’Brien asked what is the benefit to ALCOSAN taking over these lines? Engineer noted that this would give them more control of some of the larger lines and they are being pressured to bear more responsibility and control of these lines.

Mayor Bloom asked the status of restoration work near 21 Johnston; Johnston and N. Emily. This sewer work was completed last year or so, and the restoration work was done by the Borough, but was not done correctly. It was formerly an empty gravel lot/parking area, but was restored with grass seeding, and is now mud. Engineer advised that he would look into it and get back to the Manager. He noted that this is a problem line; it is deteriorated, runs under structures/garages, and line actually needs to be relocated – very expensive project.

## **SOLITICOR’S REPORT**

Legal Clearances – 25 Sycamore and 78 Fountain – Hazardous structures are being considered for demolition, and CDBG applications for funds have been filed. Solicitor has filed Complaints in Equity which have been served on the property owners. 78 Fountain; if no reply after 28 days, they will seek a default judgment. He has heard from nephew of the owners of 25 Sycamore; they prefer to do demolition themselves – Could be considered via a Consent Judgment with conditions; if defaulted, then the Borough could proceed. Although, this would delay the demolition.

## **11. BUSINESS AGENDA**

### **A. RECREATION**

**ANNOUNCEMENT** – Recreation Board – 1 Vacancy. Anyone interested should submit a letter of Interest to the Borough Manager’s office.

### **B. PLANNING/COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

**ANNOUNCEMENT – Crafton/Ingram Public Meeting.** First kick-off meeting was held by the Committee and various comments were shared. Public meeting dates were set, as follows: Crafton - Monday – October 26, 2015 – 6:00 pm (Community Center), Ingram – Monday, November 9, 2015 – 6:00 pm. Want to hear from the residents; encouraged to attend.

### **C. PUBLIC SAFETY**

**ANNOUNCEMENT** – Crafton Fire Department. Hosting a low-cost Vaccine Clinic for Dogs & Cats, provided by the Western PA Humane Society - Sunday, October 4 – 10 am to 3 pm.

**D. PUBLIC WORKS**

**NOTICE** – Employment applications for full-time Public Works are being accepted through Thursday, October 22, 2015.

**E. FINANCE (Motion Added)**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Phillips/F. Amendola*) to authorize to deposit \$98,719.00 into the Police Pension Plan and \$96,431.00 into the Non-Uniform Pension Plan in accordance with the approved 2015 MMO; including \$101,941.70 received in State Aid.

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

**ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS**

John Richnavsky, Moods Image (Noble Avenue) – 96 Noble Avenue; Calabrese Printing building – unsafe condition; why has the Borough allowed this property to stand in its unsafe condition, and not pursued demolition. It was explained that all legal attempts have been either continued or challenged, and is now complicated with Estate issues since the death of Mr. Calabrese. Another hearing is scheduled for next week, at the District Court, and more information will be available at that time. Mayor Bloom responded to Mr. Richnavsky’s comments to him, stating that this situation is in the hands of the Ordinance Officer, Building Inspector, Solicitor, Borough Council and the local Magistrate; and, that as Mayor, he is only responsible for Police Matters.

Susan Shane, 35 Bradford Avenue, Patrick & Diane Walsh, 52 Creighton Avenue, Ralph Mills, 67 Woodlawn Street, and Dan Cindric, 45 Creighton Avenue – All spoke in favor of the Borough allowing the keeping of chickens, but regulated by ordinance. They have no complaints about the chickens being kept at 35 Bradford Avenue; they are quiet and clean, and the coop is not unsightly.

Phillip & Jenn Tompkins (Rent The Chicken) – Asked that the existing violation notice be rescinded, as the noted ordinance sections did not pertain to this situation; no noise or odors, nuisance, etc. The actual section, if any, related to this situation would be under the definition of domestic animal, which does not allow farm-type fowl. It was noted that Council will look into amending the ordinance, and give consideration to the desire and input from all residents.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary