

**COUNCIL MEETING  
Minutes of February 8, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice President O'Brien called the Regular Meeting of Crafton Borough Council to order, in Council Chambers of the Community Center. Flag Salute led by Mr. Levasseur. ROLL CALL, by Manager Scott, recorded Five (4) members of Council present and One (1) via Skype as follows: Mr. Amendola, Ms. Damits, Ms. Glaser (via Skype) Mr. Levasseur and Mr. O'Brien. Ms. Amendola and Ms. Perry was absent. Also present Mayor Bloom, and Solicitor Gladys.

**BILL LIST APPROVAL**

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*F. Amendola/Levasseur*) to ratify the payment of bills on the Bill List dated February 8, 2016.

MOTION carried by a Unanimous Voice Vote (7-0)

**ACCEPTANCE/APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*Damits/F. Amendola*) to accept the Meeting Minutes dated January 25, 2016.

MOTION carried by a Unanimous Voice Vote (7-0).

**CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL/Agenda Items only**

Robert Engle, 10 Walnut Street addressed Council in reference to the 2016 Road Program. Mr. Engle requested Council to consider to resetting the existing sand curbs in lieu of placing asphalt curbs on Walnut when the road is reconstructed. He stated that the existing curbs met with the historic nature of the Community. Mr. Levasseur agreed with Mr. Engle on the matter. Ms. Glaser stated she also had concerns with safety and asphalt curbs.

The Mayor noted that the upper portion of Walnut Street from McMunn, the condition of the roadway is worse than the lower portion. He would like the consideration given to paving all of Walnut and perhaps eliminating another roadway from the Program. The Manager stated she will speak with the Public Works Director and the Engineer on these matters and will report back to Council at the next meeting. She noted we are working on finalizing a list of streets.

**SOLITICTOR'S REPORT**

- a. 96 Noble – Solicitor Gladys provided a status update on demo action of the hazardous structure. He reported that the Summary Judgement Hearing took place downtown and the Judge ordered an inspection of the Property by the Building Inspector. He noted the Building Inspector has been attempting to contact Mr. Calabrese, however, he has not returned any phone calls. He will continue to contact and attempt to get an inspection of the interior scheduled. Solicitor Gladys noted that he sent written notification to Mr. Calabrese's attorney, Michael Fives on the matter. If the Building Inspector is unable to schedule an inspection prior to the hearing date, February 12, he will send notification to the Judge on the matter. Solicitor Gladys will continue to update Council on the matter.
- b. Chicken Ordinance – Solicitor Gladys provided a Status update on the proposed ordinance. He has prepared a DRAFT ordinance and supplied a copy to each member of Council for their review. Should Council be ready to consider the Ordinance for adoption, a Public Hearing will need to be scheduled on the matter, and the Ordinance will need to properly advertise.

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/Damits*) to authorize the advertisement of a Public Hearing for Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:15 pm for the consideration of an ordinance to allow for the regulation and keeping of chickens within the Borough.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (7-0).

***PUBLIC SAFETY***

Mr. O'Brien noted the Agreement with Northwest EMS will expire on April 1, 2016, however, said Agreement will automatically extend for a term of one (1) year unless an Event of Default arises or a Notice of Termination of Agreement is submitted. Mr. Amendola noted that Northwest EMS has provided excellent service to the Borough and its residents.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded by (*F. Amendola/Levasseur*) to extend the Agreement with Northwest Ambulance Service for another one (1) year term.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (7-0).

The Mayor noted that information regarding Northwest Ambulance Service can be found on their website, [northwestems.net](http://northwestems.net), and he asked that their website be linked on the Borough website. Manager Scott noted she will contact Director Dudash and work with him on the matter.

**PERSONNEL**

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*F. Amendola/Levasseur*) to ratify the hiring of Robert Stayduahar as a Park Time School Guard effective immediately as recommended by the Chief of Police.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (7-0).

**NOTICE:** Mr. O'Brien noted interviews have been scheduled for the position of Part Time Office Clerk for Tuesday, February 9, 2016. A recommendation to hire the recommended candidate selected by the Committee will be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

***PLANNING AND ZONING***

**NOTICE:** Mr. O'Brien noted that a Zoning Hearing Board Appeal Hearing was held on February 4, 2016, two (2) appeals were heard. The Board granted one appeal, while denying the second appeal. A copy of the decisions will be available in the Manager's offices.

**NOTICE:** Mr. O'Brien noted that a Planning Commission Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, February 15, 2015 at 7:00 to consider the Preliminary and Final Subdivision application for the property located at 126 E. Steuben Street.

***PUBLIC WORKS***

**NOTICE:** Mr. O'Brien noted that the Public Works Director and Manager are working with the Engineer to finalize the recommended list of streets for the 2016 Road Program to be considered and approved by Council. The Director has recommended eliminating Fountain to Chartiers at a cost of \$19,700 and adding Manor from Kingston to Hawthorne for an estimated cost of \$16,720, higher traffic volume.

**PUBLIC WORKS (cont.)**

**NOTICE:** A meeting was held with ALCOSAN regarding a proposed Green Infrastructure project at Crafton Park. (Possible bio-swale or rain garden along with pervious pavement in parking lot). ALCOSAN is gathering flow data on the area. Grant monies may be available to fund the project.

**NOTICE:** A Pension Committee Meeting has been scheduled for Friday, March 4, 2016 at 11:00 am with PNC Bank regarding the Police and Non-Uniform Pension Plans.

Mr. Levasseur noted that he received an email from a resident, Reese Smith, inquiring the Roles of Council and in particular the role of President Pro-Tem. Mr. Levasseur provided a complete explanation, and noted, he will be responding to the email and provide him with a Certificate, as well as documentation on the matter.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*F. Amendola/Levasseur*) to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (7-0).

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann C. Scott, Borough Manager