

Borough of Crafton
Monday, January 28, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Rosario called to order the Regular Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Monday, January 28, 2019 at 7:15 PM.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Ms. Perry.

ROLL CALL

Manager Susko recorded six (6) members of Council present as follows: Mr. Amendola, Mr. Crouse, Ms. Perry, Ms. Glaser (via Skype), Ms. Damits and Mr. Rosario. Also present were Mayor Bloom and Solicitor Korbel. Absent was Mr. Levasseur.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Perry/Crouse*) to approve the Bill List dated January 28, 2019 as presented.

MOTION #1 carries by a Unanimous Vote (6-0).

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Perry/Crouse*) to approve the Minutes dated January 14, 2019 as presented.

MOTION #2 carries by a Unanimous Vote (6-0).

CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL/Agenda Items Only:

Michael Gagel, 265 Noble Avenue, spoke regarding the requirements for multifamily residences in respect to the proposed Ordinance No. 1654. Mr. Gagel asked if the Borough would consider a way to submit the required forms and fees online and also noted that the Garbage fee seems high for multifamily dwellings.

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS

Mr. Rosario acknowledged the receipt of the following written reports for November and December 2018; Treasurer's Report, Financial Report, Act 511, Trash Collection and Property Tax Report, Police Report, E.M.S. Report, Ordinance Officer's Report, Building Inspection Report, Public Works Report, and the Fire Department Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bloom updated Council on the Click It or Ticket program noting that Crafton Police Department will be reimbursed for \$1,450.00.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Korbel noted he had nothing to report.

MANAGERS REPORT

Manager Susko gave a brief update on a few agenda items.

Manager Susko noted that on the agenda for approval this evening is the advertisement to begin the seasonal employment hiring process.

Manager Susko updated Council regarding the on-street parking issues on Johnston Street and W. Crafton Avenue discussed at the previous meeting stating that, according to Pennsylvania Code, if the street is less than 19 feet from the center line parking can be restricted and/or limited to one side only. Manager Susko also asked Council to consider restricting the handicap parking space installed on Bradford Avenue to business hours only to relieve the burden imposed on some neighboring residences.

Manager Susko announced that the Administrative Offices are now recycling paper via a new Shred-It service. Manager Susko also added that due to a change in the state shredding requirements the Police Department will begin using this service as well.

Manager Susko noted that the invoice for the Act 167 Mini Grant, to reimburse the Borough up to \$2000 in solicitation and advertising fee's, has been submitted and expects the Borough will receive the full grant funds.

Manager Susko updated Council on the new Elgin Whirlwind Street Sweeper adding that PNC Bank had the best competitive rates and a resolution is on the agenda this evening to approve the lease financing.

Manager Susko asked Council to keep in mind the previous discussions regarding the property at 129 Dinsmore Avenue. Ms. Perry noted that there are parties interested in the investment of this property. Mr. Crouse reminded Council that this property has been tax delinquent for several years.

Council continued discussion regarding blight properties in Crafton and possible demolitions for the upcoming year.

Manager Susko updated Council on the Code Enforcement efforts noting that Season, the Code Enforcement Officer, will be attending the International Property Maintenance Code Training Seminar on January 29, 2019. Manager Susko also reminds property owners that sidewalks must be clear of snow and debris within 24 hours of a storm.

Manager Susko announced that the Intern, Chris Bell, has been working to update the G.I.S. mapping and tracking options within G.I.S. using different sets of data variables. Mr. Rosario asked if the Intern could work on online form submission for the rental registries.

Manager Susko spoke to Council regarding the vacant seats on Crafton's various Boards and Commissions noting that the Zoning Hearing Board has a pending hearing that needs to be addressed in February. Manager Susko stated that the office received two letters of interest, one

from Katherine DeAngelis who is seeking reappointment and the second from Eric Valcheff. Solicitor Korbel noted that there is no rush to appoint as the appointed official continues to serve until a new candidate is appointed in their place.

Manager Susko also noted that the office received a letter of resignation from the Crafton Recreation Board from Sharon Gaitens. Ms. Damits noted that the office had received two letters of interest for the Crafton Recreation Board previously.

BUSINESS AGENDA

ADMINISTRATION

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Amendola/Crouse*) to advertise seasonal employment positions for summer recreation activities (Crafton Pool) and the Public Works department.

MOTION #3 carries by a Unanimous Vote (6-0).

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Amendola/Crouse*) to approve the employment agreement with Robert Kaczorowski, effective January 1, 2019.

Solicitor Korbel noted that the new employment agreement is consistent with the formatting of the Managers contract.

MOTION #4 carries by a Unanimous Vote (6-0).

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Perry/Crouse*) to approve Resolution No. 2019-01 authorizing the execution and delivery of a Master Lease-Purchase Agreement with PNC Finance Equipment, LLC for the purchase of an Elgin Whirlwind Street Sweeper.

MOTION #5 carries by a Unanimous Vote (6-0).

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Perry/Crouse*) to approve the settlement agreement with Everbridge, Inc. for \$6000.00.

MOTION #6 carries by a Unanimous Vote (6-0).

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Perry/Crouse*) to approve Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$54,568.55 to SHACOG for the SHACOG Joint O&M Point Repair Project – Year 7. This payment is for work completed as part of the joint bid project that has been reviewed by SHACOG's engineer.

MOTION #7 carries by a Unanimous Vote (6-0).

PLANNING AND ZONING

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Perry/Crouse*) to adopt Ordinance No. 1654 amending Chapter 90 of the Crafton Borough Code of Ordinances, Code Enforcement, to require business and multifamily residence premises registration and inspection.

Manager Susko noted that the Residential Code Inspector, Mike McDermott, stated he would be happy to attend a meeting and update Council on the inspection process. Manager Susko added that the current ordinance does not require property owners to register rental properties to the extent that the new amendments will require.

MOTION #8 carries by a Unanimous Vote (6-0).

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Perry/Crouse*) to appoint Katherine DeAngelis to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three-year term ending on December 31, 2021.

Mr. Rosario opened the floor for public comment. No citizens commented on the motion.

MOTION #9 carries by a Unanimous Vote (6-0).

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Crouse/Amendola*) to appoint Eric Valcheff as an Alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three-year term ending on December 31, 2021.

Mr. Rosario opened the floor for public comment. No citizens commented on the motion.

MOTION #10 carries by a Unanimous Vote (6-0).

Solicitor Korbel made a recommendation for Council to consider reorganizing the expiration dates of each of the Boards and Commission so the terms expire within the same time period.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Crouse/Perry*) to accept the resignation of Sharon Gaitens from the Crafton Recreation Board for her term ending September 30, 2019.

MOTION #11 carries by a Unanimous Vote (6-0).

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Crouse/Amendola*) to appoint Roy Nieman to the Crafton Recreation Board for the term expiring September 30, 2019.

Ms. Perry reminded Council that the deadline for letters of interest is February 6, 2019 and noted that there are questions regarding the requirements of local organization representation. Ms. Perry also added that there is an additional letter that predates the letter submitted by Mr. Niemann.

Discussion continued regarding the appointment of members to the Crafton Recreation Board.

Mr. Rosario opened the floor for public comment.

Roy Niemann, 102 Haldane Street, spoke regarding the representation of local organizations pertaining to the motion on the floor noting that he supports Council in their decision.

Wayne Nock, 80 N. Emily Street, noted that the Crafton Recreation Board is in place to guide and help local organizations but not to oversee or manage.

ROLL CALL VOTE: *Mr. Amendola (YES), Mr. Crouse (YES), Ms. Perry (YES), Ms. Glaser (YES), Ms. Damits (YES), Mr. Rosario (YES).*

MOTION #12 carries by a Roll Call Vote (6-0).

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Crouse/Perry*) to appoint Linda Breeden to the Crafton Recreation Board for a four-year term ending on September 30, 2022.

Mr. Rosario opened the floor for public comment. No citizens commented on the motion.

MOTION #13 carries by a Unanimous Vote (6-0).

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Amendola updated Council on the hiring of a new police officer noting that the Chief of Police has completed the background checks and intends to submit the results to the Crafton Civil Service Commission. Mr. Amendola added that once the Commission makes the recommendation a conditional offer can be made to the prospective candidate and preemployment screenings can be completed.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Crafton Code Enforcement reminds residents that sidewalks are to be cleared of snow and ice debris in a timely fashion. Properties on main walking routes may receive maintenance reminder flyers if their sidewalks are hazardous to pedestrians. Please be considerate of community members that use our walkways to get around town or wait for the school bus! If you have questions about winter maintenance requirements or have limited ability to maintain your sidewalks, you can contact Code Enforcement for more information at 412-921-0752 ext. 26.

Solicitor Korbel added that the Borough Ordinance states it is unlawful for any person to deposit snow or ice, or other debris on any street, road or sidewalk.

ADDITIONAL CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mr. Rosario noted there are no additional citizens signed up to comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary