

Borough of Crafton  
Monday, February 25, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-President Rosario called to order the Regular Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Monday, February 25, 2019 at 7:15 PM.

**FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Mr. Amendola.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST**

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*Amendola/Crouse*) to approve the Bill List dated February 25, 2019 as presented.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*Amendola/Crouse*) to approve the Minutes dated February 11, 2019 as presented.

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

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

Mr. Rosario noted that citizens signed up to comment will wait until the end of the meeting.

**ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS**

Mr. Rosario acknowledged the receipt of the following written reports for January 2019: 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, Fire Department Report and Library Report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Bloom thanked the Police Department, the Fire Department and the Public Works on the storm response on Sunday.

Mayor Bloom reported that there are still residents without power in the areas of Promenade as well as Willard and Barr. Mayor Bloom added that Duquesne Light is making repairs based on order of priority noting there is no timeline for restoration at this point.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Engineer Minsterman spoke regarding the work authorizations on the agenda for approval this evening. Engineer Minsterman noted that the Crafton Boulevard project, chosen by ALCOSAN for funding with a possible reimbursement of up to 85%, is intended to separate the storm and sanitary sewers along Crafton Boulevard adding that this project will require cooperation from PennDOT, the City of Pittsburgh as well as the utility companies. Engineer Minsterman stated that the fees will cover the due diligence and ensuring the project can be completed noting that a secondary work authorization will be approved for the design phase of the GROW application.

Engineer Minsterman stated that the work authorization for the South Grandview Avenue separation project is for completion of the full design to be submitted to ALCOSAN for review.

Engineer Minsterman added that ALCOSAN ranks and rates each project based off the projected flow removal to determine the amount of GROW Grant funding that is awarded.

Engineer Minsterman noted that the remaining four authorizations for consideration are for the Green Light-Go Grants.

Engineer Minsterman announced the proposed list of roads to be included in the 2019 Road Program as follows; S. Linwood from Woodlawn to Ewing, Crafton Boulevard from Blacks Bridge to N. Emily, Ingram Avenue from Duncan to the Thornburg Bridge and Highland Avenue from N. Emily to the dead end.

Public Works Director Kaczorowski stated that Crafton Borough will propose a joint agreement with the City of Pittsburgh in regards to the paving of Ingram Avenue. Public Works Director Kaczorowski added that if the City of Pittsburgh declines the proposed agreement Crafton will pave its portion of Ingram Avenue only.

Engineer Minsterman noted that S. Linwood is the final road on the 5-Year plan adding that Gateway will submit the road condition of the streets into the road paving and maintenance softer to generate a new 5-Year plan to begin in 2020.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Solicitor Korbel noted he had nothing to report.

**MANAGERS REPORT**

Manager Susko announced that there are two motions regarding the Recreation Board; first the resignation of a member no longer living in Crafton, and second, to appoint a new member to the vacant seat.

Manager Susko commented on the motions to approve the work authorizations for the Green Light-Go Grants adding that this is the next step to move forward with the execution of the agreements by PennDOT.

Manager Susko noted that the final ordinance to establish Microbrewery and Tap Room is on the agenda for approval.

Manager Susko announced that Crafton Borough will take delivery of the new Street Sweeper on Thursday.

Manager Susko stated that Crafton Borough was featured in an article in the Pittsburgh Current that highlighted several of the local businesses in Crafton.

Manager Susko noted that the application for the L.G.A. Intern is due Thursday this week adding that the prospected Intern will work on the walking condition of the Boroughs stairs and sidewalks.

## **BUSINESS AGENDA**

### ***ADMINISTRATION***

Mr. Rosario announced that an executive session was held following the previous meeting, no action was taken.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*Amendola/Crouse*) to accept the resignation of Brandy Gant from the Recreation Board term expiring on September 30, 2020.

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

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*Amendola/Crouse*) to appoint Elizabeth Palmer to the Recreation Board for the term expiring on September 30, 2020.

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

### ***PUBLIC WORKS***

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*Crouse/Amendola*) to approve the work authorization for Gateway Engineers to begin the Crafton Boulevard GROW Grant Initial Due Diligence Phase project at an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

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

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*Crouse/Amendola*) to approve the work authorization for Gateway Engineers to begin the South Grandview Avenue GROW Grant 60% Submission project at an amount not to exceed \$35,000.

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

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*Crouse/Amendola*) to approve the work authorization for Gateway Engineers to begin the Green Light-Go Crennell Avenue & Linwood Avenue Signal Upgrades Engineering project following the execution of the grant agreement with PennDOT at an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

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

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*Crouse/Amendola*) to approve the work authorization for Gateway Engineers to begin the Green Light-Go Noble Avenue & Bradford Avenue Signal Upgrades Engineering project following the execution of the grant agreement with PennDOT at an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

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

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*Amendola/Crouse*) to approve the work authorization for Gateway Engineers to begin the Green Light-Go Noble Avenue, Crafton Avenue, Dinsmore Avenue Signal Upgrades Engineering project following the execution of the grant agreement with PennDOT at an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

Mr. Rosario inquired if the Pedestrian Signals are included in the Traffic Signal project. Public Works Director Kaczorowski stated that the Pedestrian Signals will be replaced and added that the old signals will be retained by the Borough as they hold historic value.

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

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*Crouse/Amendola*) to approve the work authorization for Gateway Engineers to begin the Green Light-Go Steuben Street & Noble Avenue Signal Upgrades Engineering project following the execution of the grant agreement with PennDOT at an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

Mr. Amendola thanked everyone involved with the acquisition of the grants including Gateway and Manager Susko adding that it will be a great public safety improvement for Crafton.

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

### ***PLANNING AND ZONING***

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (*Amendola/Crouse*) to adopt Ordinance No. 1655 amending Chapter 225 of the Crafton Borough Code of Ordinances, Zoning, to establish “Microbrewery” and “Tap Room” as permitted used in the C-1 Shopping Center District and the C-2 Commercial Core District, established “Microbrewery” and “Macrobrewery” as permitted uses in the I-Industrial District, and establish parking requirements and definitions.

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

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Public Works Director Kaczorowski announced that Public Works will have the chipper service out in operation throughout the week to help residents with the storm debris removal adding that residents are encouraged to call into the office to get on the service list.

Mr. Amendola noted that the Civil Service Commission is making progress in regards to the recommendation of a candidate and should have this to Council at the next meeting.

Ms. Glaser asked about the status of the property located on the corner of W. Steuben and Crennell adding that she received photos from a resident showing accumulation of rubbish. Mr.

Crouse noted that a young couple purchased the house and plans on taking all the rubbish to the curb for trash pickup tomorrow. Mr. Levasseur added that Ms. Damits and himself stopped by to greet the new residents over the weekend.

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Fire Safety Info Session
  - March 27 at 7 PM, Community Center
  - Hosted by Crafton Code Enforcement, Building Inspection Underwriters and the Crafton Volunteer Fire Department.

### **ADDITIONAL CITIZENS COMMENTS**

**Roy Niemann, 102 Haldane Street**, spoke regarding 79 Bradford Avenue in order to bring the property to the attention of Council in regards to blight properties.

Mr. Niemann also noted that he had reached out to some of the local youth organizations regarding interest in the Recreation Board. Mr. Niemann asked Council to hold off appointing additional members to the Recreation Board once the ordinance amending the size of the Recreation Board is approved.

Mr. Levasseur noted that the increase in size of board members was not solely intended to involve the local organizations but also to make room to include new residents and new families as well.

**Marlene Chioda, 311 Clearview Avenue**, spoke to Council regarding the request of two additional stop signs at the Clearview Avenue and Harris Street intersection adding that limited visibility has caused a public safety concern.

Mr. Levasseur affirmed that there is one stop sign coming down Harris Avenue and there are no crosswalks painted at the intersection in addition to an increase of school aged children navigating the sidewalks along Clearview Avenue.

Public Works Director Kaczorowski stated that there are three sets of criteria that the State requires in order to result in the installation of a stop sign. Public Works Director Kaczorowski noted that the limited sight visibility, such as the concern at Clearview Avenue and Harris Street, would be considered as criteria to add a stop sign.

Manager Susko noted that the Mayor will work with the Chief of Police and make a recommendation regarding the installation of additional stop signs.

### ***ADJOURNMENT***

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary