

Borough of Crafton
Council Meeting
Thursday, April 13, 2023

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1. CALL TO ORDER

President Oliverio called to order the Regular Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 7:17 PM.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Manager Price recorded five (5) Members of Council present as follows: Ms. Bollenbacher, Mr. Chandler, Ms. Compitello, Mr. Oliverio and Mr. Ridilla. Also present were Mayor Perry, Solicitor Korbel and Engineer Jarquin. Absent were Mr. Marks and Ms. Pulkownik.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #1: It was moved and seconded (*Chandler/Compitello*) to approve the April 13, 2023, Consent Agenda (including the Meeting Minutes dated March 23, 2023, the Ratified Bill List Dated March 23, 2023, and the Bill List dated April 13, 2023).

MOTION #1 carries by a Unanimous Vote (5-0).

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments made on agenda items.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Oliverio announced that the ALOM Educational Conference will be held this weekend at Seven Springs and noted that Manager Price, Ms. Bollenbacher, and himself will be attending.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Perry had nothing to report.

8. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Jarquin had nothing additional to report.

9. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Korbel announced that Council held an executive session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters and stated that they will hold an additional executive session following the meeting to discuss the same.

10. MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Price reported on the following items.

- *Sled riding hill fence request* – A resident request came into the office for installation of a fence across from the sled riding hill on Crafton Boulevard due to a dangerous cliff and falling concerns. Manager Price spoke with Solicitor Korbel, who recommended placement of signage rather than a fence as there is already a guide rail in place.

MOTION #2: It was moved and seconded (*Ridilla/Chandler*) to authorize the Borough Manager to have falling hazard signs installed on the Borough owned property across Crafton Blvd from the sled riding hill in Crafton Park.

MOTION #2 carries by a Unanimous Vote (5-0).

- *Airbnb issues/ R1 & R2 Districts* – Complaints were received regarding full house Airbnb rentals in the R1 and R2 districts. Manager Price announced that there was a PA Supreme Court determination that ruled the following: a type of use which is not specifically stated in the code, would be considered as not permitted. Manager Price noted that Crafton will follow this Supreme Court ruling and added that this can be considered in the new Zoning Re-Write.

Council continued discussion regarding the number of Airbnb rentals in Crafton, the Pennsylvania Airbnb code, and the types of complaints received.

Mayor Perry asked for clarification on the percentage area of a home that is permitted for a no impact business in these districts.

- *Stop Sign Ordinance Update* – PA One Calls have come in for the recently approved stop signs and should be installed in the next coming weeks.
- *Disposition Resolution* – Resolution 2023-08 confirms that the Borough is following the State Retention Policy for disposal of old documents.

MOTION #3: It was moved and seconded (*Chandler/Bollenbacher*) to approve Resolution 2023-08 for the disposition of dated Borough documents.

MOTION #3 carries by a Unanimous Vote (5-0).

- *SHACOG O&M CCTV Cleaning & Inspections* – Bids were received on March 28, 2023, and noted that the project will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, Robinson Pipe Cleaning Company, of which Crafton's share will be \$64,885.

MOTION #4: It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Bollenbacher*) to authorize the Borough Manager to send a concurrence letter to SHACOG for them to enter into a contract with Robinson Pipe Cleaning Company in the amount of \$281,395.00 for the CCTV Inspection and Cleaning, Year 13.

Engineer Jarquin noted that this is part of the O&M plan to review and assess recommended sewer repairs.

MOTION #4 carries by a Unanimous Vote (5-0).

- *SHACOG Rock Salt Contract* – The Joint contract will follow with the same terms at a 1.5% increase.

MOTION #5: It was moved and seconded (*Chandler/Compitello*) to exercise the First Option Year of the Rock Salt Contract between Crafton Borough and Cargill, Inc.

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

11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Perry stated that the next finance meeting will be next week and noted that she had nothing to report.

Mr. Oliverio announced that Tax Day is this upcoming Tuesday.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Ms. Compitello gave an update on the following projects:

- *Broadhead Separation Project* – Gateway will do a presentation with detailed information at the Council Meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2023.

Engineer Jarquin noted that Peoples Natural Gas announced plans to replace the gas lines on N. Linwood, Coulter, Parke, and N. Emily which will coincide with the Broadhead Separation project. He added that this could potentially lower the cost for some of the planned road and sidewalk restoration significantly.

- *Crafton ARPA H2O Grant Resolution* – DCED has requested an updated resolution to amend the resolution passed by council in December 2022.

Manager Price stated that the calculations have changed from the initial application which brought the opportunity for Crafton to apply for additional funds.

MOTION #6: It was moved and seconded (*Chandler/Bollenbacher*) to approve Resolution 2023-09 requesting a grant of \$4,895,269 from Commonwealth Financing

Authority for the Broadhead Sewer Separation Project and replacing Resolution 2022-31 passed on December 8, 2022.

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

- *2023 Road Paving Program* – Gateway has provided an update, bids will be received on April 27, 2023.
- *Union Avenue Reconstruction* – Union Avenue is scheduled to be reconstructed from Steuben Street, north to Cross Street. Work will begin on Monday, April 24, 2023, and will take six weeks to complete. Notices were delivered to the residents of Union Avenue and the surrounding streets on April 4, 2023, and an open house was held yesterday.

Mr. Chandler stated that the open house went well and relayed that the main concern among residents was speeding following the completion of the work.

Manager Price noted Public Works will be installing speed detection signs on Union Avenue following completion of the work to help mitigate any speeding concerns.

- *Crafton Blvd Streetscape Phase II* – Street Light installation should be complete by the end of the month.
- *Multi Municipal Zoning Project* – A Public Engagement event will be held on April 19, 2023, at Crafton Park beginning 5:30 PM. Council Members, Planning Commission Members, and Steering Committee Members will be in attendance. In the case of inclement weather, the event will be moved to the Community Center. This event is open to residents, business owners and stakeholders of both Crafton and Ingram Borough's.
- *Trail Feasibility Study/DCNR Grant* – The study will include the Baker's Acres property, the Crafton Creekside Trail and Crafton Creekside Property.

COMMUNICATION, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ms. Bollenbacher gave an update on the following items.

- *Community Events* – Senior Dinner – Saturday, May 6, 2023, in the Community Room, doors open at 4:30 pm, dinner served at 5:00 pm. \$8.00 per person, cash only. RSVP online or call the Borough Office, by April 22.
- *4 In 1 Cleaning Event* – Saturday, April 29, 2023, at Crafton Park. Paper Shredding, Medicine Takeback, Dumpster Day, Flower Fundraiser and more.
- *Vendor Registration* – Car Cruise and Vendor Fair on June 10th, as well as the 4th of July event, more information is available on SavvyCitizen.
- *Newsletter* – Newsletters were mailed on April 5th and should have arrived in mailboxes.

COMMISSION VACANCIES

MOTION #7: It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Bollenbacher*) to appoint Andrea Marquis to the Crafton Public Library Board as the second representative for Crafton Borough for the remainder of the 3-Year Term to expire on January 31, 2024.

MOTION #7 carries by a Unanimous Vote (5-0).

MOTION #8: It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Bollenbacher*) to appoint Emily Babyak to the Civil Service Commission for Crafton Borough for the remainder of the 6-Year Term to expire on July 1, 2028.

Mr. Chandler noted that due to Ms. Nickels resignation, Ms. Babyak is being appointed to a full-term seat, rather than the alternate.

MOTION #8 carries by a Unanimous Vote (5-0).

Mr. Chandler noted that there are still open vacancies and stated that the application is available on the borough's website, www.craftonborough.com/commissions.

1. Civil Service (2 Alternate)
2. Recreation Board (1 Opening)
3. Zoning Hearing Board (1 Opening, 1 Alternate)
4. Planning (1 Opening)
5. 2023 Upcoming
 - a. Recreation Board (12/31/23)
 - b. Recreation Board (12/31/23)
 - c. Recreation Board (12/31/23)

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

Ms. Bollenbacher announced that the next COG meeting is April 20, 2023, in Greentree Borough.

12. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Upcoming Council Meeting** – Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 7:15 PM.
- **Zoning Update Public Engagement** – Wednesday, April 19th at 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Crafton Park Stage.
- **Crafton Heritage Spring Flower Fundraiser** – Pickup at the Stage in Crafton Park on April 29th. Go to craftonheritage.org to order by April 19th. Preorders only!
- **Crafton Spring Forward Clean Up Day** – 4 events in 1! – Starting in the morning on April 29th at 8:00 am - 11 am in Crafton Park there will be a Shredding Event hosted by

Dan Deasy and Wayne Fontana. A dumpster will be in Crafton Park to help you with your spring cleaning. At noon, the Crafton Heritage Flower Sale pick up will begin and continue until 3:00 pm. In addition, you can come to the Borough Building starting at 9:00 am to join other community members who will be walking the Borough and picking up litter through Noon.

- **Senior Dinner** – May 6th at 4:30 pm until 7:00 pm at the Community Room of the Borough Building. RSVP by April 22. \$8 per person – Kentucky Derby theme (wear your fancy hat!)
- **Hiring Public Works Laborer** – Go to www.craftonborough.com/employment for more information.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg Wozniak, 1773 Barr Avenue, inquired about planned road work and if there will be any changes to the brick roads.

Ms. Compitello noted that there are some brick roadways that will be reconstructed along with the the Broadhead Separation restoration plans.

Elizabeth Kappel, 1615 Barr Avenue, spoke regarding the poison hemlock issues.

Manager Price noted that they are working with the Contractor and Gateway engineers on a solution to remove the poison hemlock throughout the areas that were under construction. He expects to have a clear course of action by next week.

Engineer Jarquin noted that it is not guaranteed that the hemlock was brought in by the Contractor, however he added that the Contractor is willing to work with Crafton on a resolution.

Manager Price noted that it has been found in different areas of Crafton and is not an isolated issue. He stated that this is an issue around the Country.

Ms. Compitello also reminded the Borough to be aware of the Lantern Flies as the seasons change.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary