

Borough of Crafton  
Thursday, January 25, 2024

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Oliverio called to order the Regular Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

### **2. FLAG SALUTE**

Pledge of Allegiance.

### **3. ROLL CALL**

Secretary Kerns recorded seven (7) Members of Council present as follows: Ms. Bollenbacher, Mr. Chandler, Ms. Compitello, Mr. Hough, Mr. Oliverio, Ms. Pulkownik and Mr. Ridilla. Also present were Mayor Perry and Solicitor Korbel. Absent were Manager Price and Engineer Keenan.

### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of the consent agenda for January 25, 2024, including:

1. Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2024,
2. Bill List – January 25, 2024, with exception of the Gateway invoices.
3. November & December Reports – Treasurer’s Report (November), Jordan Tax Collection Reports, Crafton Police Department Reports, NorthWest EMS Reports, Building Inspection Reports, and the Library Reports.

**MOTION #1:** It was moved and seconded (*Ridilla/Bollenbacher*) to approve the January 25, 2024, Consent Agenda.

**MOTION #1** carries by a Unanimous Vote (7-0).

### **5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no citizens requesting to speak on agenda items.

### **6. PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Mr. Oliverio had nothing to report.

### **7. MAYOR’S REPORT**

- ***Jamies Dream Team*** – The Officers of the Crafton Police Department received a commendation awarded by the Jamies Dream Team, an organization that grants dreams and assistance to children and their families suffering from illnesses.
- ***Police Chief Search*** – Chief Mark Sumpter will be retiring later this year. An Ad Hoc Committee will assist in the search for a new Chief of Police. Retired Carnegie Mellon University Police Chief, Tom Ogden will attend the Monday, January 29, 2024, meeting, as a guest speaker. This meeting will begin at 5:45 PM.

## **8. SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

- ***Zoning Variance Update*** – The Zoning Hearing Board held a special meeting on January 18, 2024, at 6:00 PM, where they voted to reject the variance request by Mr. Greiner. Mr. Griener will have 30 days to request an appeal.
- ***Executive Session*** – Council will hold an executive session after the meeting to discuss personnel matters and to seek advice from the Solicitor on a property matter.

## **9. MANAGERS REPORT**

Ms. Compitello attended the CONNECT meeting in the absence of Manager Price. She gave an update on the items discussed.

- ***CONNECT*** – Several resource sharing ideas and programs were discussed. These topics included the following.
  - Composting Program
  - Solid Waste and Recycling
  - Solar Panel Program
  - Free Consulting on EV Programs
  - Fair Housing Act Compliance
    - There will be a presentation by CONNECT at the February 8, 2024, meeting.

## **10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### ***FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, & SUSTAINABILITY***

Ms. Perry gave an update on the following items.

- ***2023 Budget vs. Actual*** – Committee will meet on Monday, January 29, 2024, at 7:00 PM, where they will review the 2023 annual report.
- ***Waste Management Contract*** – Crafton is in its final contract year with Waste Management. The Finance Committee will work with the Manager and the Council Committees going into the next solid waste and recycle collection contract. Public Meetings and opportunities for public input will be forthcoming.

### ***INFRASTRUCTURE & LAND USE***

Ms. Compitello gave an update on the following projects.

- ***Multi-Municipal Zoning Project*** – A Public Engagement will be held in the Community Center, February 3, 2024, at 11:00AM. The consultants and steering committee will be in attendance and will share the draft update as well as take community input.
- ***Trail Planning Grant*** – Applications for anyone interested in serving on the Trail Planning Grant steering committee will be available soon.

### ***PLANNING COMMISSION***

Mr. Ridilla stated that the Planning Commission meeting was postponed and will be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 6:30PM.

### ***COMMUNICATION & RECREATION***

Ms. Bollenbacher gave an update on the following items.

- ***Upcoming Events – Save the Date***
  - Senior Dinner Dates
    - March 2, 2024
    - May 4, 2024
    - August 3, 2024
    - November 2, 2024
  - Clean-Up/Shred Event & Arbor Day Celebration
    - April 27, 2024
  - Music Festival
    - June 1, 2024
  - Independence Day Celebration
    - July 4, 2024
  - Fall Fest
    - September 28, 2024
  - Trunk or Treat
    - October 19, 2024
  - Haunted Crafton
    - October 19, through October 31, 2024
  - Celebration of Lights
    - December 7, 2024
  - Holiday House Tour
    - December 15, 2024
  - More detailed information is to come on these events.
- ***Crafton Logo*** – Agreement has been signed with the Vendor.
- ***Newsletter*** – Next newsletter planned for early April; articles will be due March 1, 2024.

- **2024 Seasonal Hiring** – Crafton will begin the hiring process for seasonal pool and seasonal public works positions.

**MOTION: #2:** It was moved and seconded (*Chandler/Compitello*) to direct the Borough Manager to advertise and hire the Pool Manager, Pool Staff, and Public Works Summer Help.

**MOTION #2** carries by a Unanimous Vote (7-0).

### **VACANCY COMMITTEE**

Ms. Pulkownik noted that the next meeting will be held January 31, 2024. She gave an update on the following open and upcoming vacancies.

- **Current Open Vacancies**
  1. Civil Service (1 alternate)
  2. Zoning Hearing Board (1 alternate)
  3. Upcoming in 2024 – Listed in the order they are expiring:
    - a. Library Board expiring 1/31/2024
    - b. Library Board expiring 2/28/2024
    - c. Shade Tree Commission expiring 3/31/2024
    - d. Planning Commission expiring 4/13/2024
    - e. Civil Service expiring 7/1/2024
    - f. Recreation Board expiring 9/30/2024
    - g. Recreation Board expiring 9/30/2024
    - h. Zoning Hearing Board expiring 12/31/2024
    - i. Zoning Hearing Board expiring 12/31/2024
    - j. Zoning Hearing Board (alternate) expiring 12/31/2024

*\* Interested candidates should apply on the Borough's website at [www.craftonborough.com/commissions](http://www.craftonborough.com/commissions).*

### **COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)**

Ms. Bollenbacher stated that a presentation was held by Edge AI (Artificial Intelligence) regarding a new battery powered pipeline inspection program. She noted that the company is based out of Homestead and added that if anyone is interested in learning more about the program, she would provide that information to them.

Ms. Bollenbacher also announced that the next COG meeting will be held Thursday, February 15 2024, at 6:30 PM, in Bridgeville.

### **11. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Upcoming Council Meeting** – Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

- **Zoning Update Public Engagement** – Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 11:00 am at Community Center. The Zoning Steering Committee and the Zoning Consultants will share progress and will ask for public input.
- **Garbage Schedule** - The Borough's garbage contract was renewed with Waste Management for its final year, and the items collected, and the schedule will remain the same for 2024. Please visit the Borough's website at <https://www.craftonborough.com/trash-recycling> for more information. As a reminder, recycling is required by all residents, and garbage and recycling containers can be placed at curbside after 4:00 p.m. on the day prior to collection and no later than 6:00 a.m. on the day of collection.

Ms. Compitello announced that the County Administration is holding several upcoming listening sessions and noted that the first session will be held in Carnegie this weekend. She added that there is a public survey available for residents to participate in and share their preferences on where they feel the county needs to put focus on. Ms. Compitello stated that information will be sent out via Savvy Citizen.

## **12. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Greg Wozniak, 1773 Barr Avenue*, inquired about the status of the Linden Street property and questioned the Savvy Citizen notice that was sent out stating the Mini-Golf was cancelled.

Ms. Kerns noted that the Savvy Citizen notice was a clerical error, and the Mini-Golf dates are in the Calendar and correct.

Mr. Oliverio stated that the Carlynton School Board is reviewing the RFP (request for proposal) that was approved and sent by the Crafton Borough Council.

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary