

Borough of Crafton  
Council Meeting  
Thursday, July 13, 2023

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Oliverio called to order the Regular Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 7:16 PM.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Sample recorded six (6) Members of Council present as follows: Mr. Chandler (Via Zoom) Ms. Compitello\*, Mr. Marks, Mr. Oliverio, Ms. Pulkownik and Mr. Ridilla. Also present were Solicitor Korbel and Engineer Minsterman. Absent were Ms. Bollenbacher and Manager Price. *Ms. Compitello joined the meeting following Roll Call attendance.*

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION #1:** It was moved and seconded (*Marks/Pulkownik*) to approve the July 13, 2023, Consent Agenda (including the Meeting Minutes dated June 22, 2023, and the Bill List dated July 13, 2023).

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

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

*Greg Wozniak, 1773 Barr Avenue*, spoke on behalf of his neighbors and himself. He urged Council Members to consider keeping the brick streets in the Borough and added that brick streets are more durable and will hold up better over time.

**6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Oliverio announced that the Shade Tree Commission is looking for residents who would like to have a tree planted in their front yard, rather than the curb lines. He noted that this is a budget expense.

Mr. Oliverio thanked the Recreation Board and all the volunteers who came together for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event.

**7. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Perry also thanked the Recreation Board members for their efforts with the 5K and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event.

## **8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Solicitor Korbel announced that four members of Council held a joint meeting with the Carlynton School Board on Tuesday to discuss real estate matters, no deliberations occurred at this meeting.

## **9. ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Engineer Minsterman had nothing to add to the written report submitted prior to the meeting for Council review.

## **10. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Sample attended the meeting in Manager Price's absence. He reported on the following items.

- *Allegheny County Southwest Taxing District* – Bi-annual meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2023, at 3:00 PM. Crafton Borough must update the Boroughs members who are appointed as delegates.

Mr. Oliverio noted that this Board, which consists of 63 separate entities, selects Jordan Tax Service, Inc. to collect the Earned Income Tax.

**MOTION #2:** It was moved and seconded (*Marks/Ridilla*) to approve [Resolution 2023-017](#) appointing Manager Jim Price as the delegate and John Oliverio as the alternate to the Allegheny County Southwest Taxing district.

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

*\*Ms. Compitello entered the meeting at 7:25 PM.*

- *Community Conservation Partnership Grant* – Crafton needs to amend Resolution No. 2023-003 closing out the CCP grant to include all items required by the DCNR for the Master Site Plan.

Mr. Sample sample noted that the only change was to the formatting of the resolution.

**MOTION #3:** It was moved and seconded (*Marks/Ridilla*) to approve [Resolution 2023-003](#) updating the resolution that closed out Community Conservation Partnership Grant Project BRC-TAG-26-226 with the requested information.

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

## **11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Ms. Perry had nothing to report for this meeting.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

Mr. Sample gave an update on the following projects:

- *Broadhead Separation Project* – Of the three options presented at the June 8, 2023, meeting, Gateway has recommended the 2<sup>nd</sup> value engineered option.

Mr. Oliverio noted that Crafton did not receive the full amount of the anticipated grant funding and added that some bond funds will be used for this project.

**MOTION #4:** It was moved and seconded (*Pulkownik/Compitello*) to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> value engineered option for the Broadhead Sewer Separation and street reconstruction and direct our Engineers to move forward with the next steps of the project.

Mr. Marks stated that option two included a full reconstruction of Belvidere Street to asphalt.

Engineer Minsterman stated that cost for a full asphalt reconstruction, including the curbs and sidewalks was estimated at \$385,000, whereas the full brick restoration including curbs and sidewalks was estimated at \$717,000. He added that there are sections that will remain brick on Crennell Avenue and N. Emily Street.

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

- *Johnston Street Sewer Project* – Bids were received and reviewed by the engineers. Gateway has recommended the bid be awarded to Oriris in the amount of \$148,975.

**MOTION #5:** It was moved and seconded (*Marks/Compitello*) To accept the base bid of \$148,975 the Borough received from Oriris for the sewer line reconstruction on Johnston Street.

Mr. Oliverio noted that this is for the last leg of the Johnston Street Sewer Project connecting the backyard lines to Crafton Boulevard.

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

- *2023 Road Paving Program* – All streets have been milled and prepped for paving which is scheduled in the upcoming days. Work will be conducted between 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Residents have been notified of any parking restrictions.
- *Crafton Blvd Streetscape Phase II* – Lights have not come in yet; modifications and testing will begin once the final lights are installed.
- *Multi Municipal Zoning Project* – Draft engagement website is under review and will be shared with the public soon.
- *Pool Bath House* – Bid documents have been prepared and will be distributed soon.

Mr. Oliverio stated that construction will begin as soon as the pool closes for the season.

Mr. Marks inquired about signage notifying patrons of the planned renovation.

### **COMMUNICATION, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Ms. Bollenbacher stated that the Committee did not host a meeting this month. She gave an update on the following items.

- *Upcoming Community Events*
  - Saturday August 12, 2023 – CASINO ROYALE – Senior Dinner.
  - September – FALL FESTIVAL

Ms. Bollenbacher noted that details of these events will be forthcoming.

- *Newsletter*

Mayor Perry stated that the newsletter is expected to be a bit larger than the Spring newsletter and noted that it is expected to be on time with the original mailing date.

- *Digital Sign Update*

Mr. Sample added that the expected installation is projected to begin after Labor Day.

### **COMMISSION VACANCIES**

Mr. Chandler made the following motions.

- *Appointments*

**MOTION #6:** It was moved and seconded (*Chandler/Marks*) to amend the agenda to appoint Cody Sheets to the Civil Service Commission as an alternate seat set to expire February 1, 2029.

Solicitor Korbel stated the reasoning for the addition is due to the time constraints and requirements for advertising the agenda on the website.

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

**MOTION #7:** It was moved and seconded (*Chandler/Pulkownik*) to appoint Cody Sheets as an alternate to the Civil Service Commission for a term to expire on February 1, 2029.

Mr. Oliverio asked if there were any public comments on the motion.

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

- *Vacancies*

1. Civil Service (1 Alternate)
2. Recreation Board (1 Opening)
3. Zoning Hearing Board (1 Alternate)
4. Upcoming - Recreation Board (3) (12/31/23)

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

Mr. Oliverio stated that the COG is on a summer hiatus.

### **12. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. **Upcoming Council Meeting** – Thursday, July 27, 2023, at 7:15 PM.
- b. **Crafton Pool Season Pass** - The Pool is open daily from noon to 7:00 pm. Please visit [craftonborough.com/crafton-pool](http://craftonborough.com/crafton-pool) if you would still like to buy a season pass and sign up for Savvy Citizen notifications for updates on weather related closures.
- c. **Mini Golf Opening** – The Mini Golf Course on Steuben is open on Friday and Saturday nights from 7 pm to 9 pm. \$2 per person.

Mr. Oliverio also announced the Concerts in the Park on Thursday's.

### **13. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Greg Wozniak, 1773 Barr Avenue*, asked Council if the 4<sup>th</sup> Economy Study of the Linden Street property will be made available to the public.

Solicitor Korbel stated that it is the decision of the Borough Council to make the document public if they so wish.

Ms. Compitello added that, at a previous meeting, Council did say the study would be made public.

### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary