

Borough of Crafton
Thursday, March 23, 2023

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1. CALL TO ORDER

President Oliverio called to order the Regular Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 7:15 PM.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Manager Price recorded six (6) Members of Council present as follows: Ms. Bollenbacher, Mr. Chandler, Ms. Compitello, Mr. Oliverio, Ms. Pulkownik and Mr. Ridilla. Also present were Mayor Perry and Solicitor Korbel. Absent was Mr. Marks.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #1: It was moved and seconded (*Chandler/Compitello*) to approve the March 23, 2023, Consent Agenda (including the Meeting Minutes dated March 9, 2023, and the Public Hearing Minutes dated March 9, 2023).

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No citizens were signed up to speak on agenda items.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Oliverio had nothing to report.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Perry announced that she has issued a Mayoral Proclamation in honor of Dr. Sakai.

- ***Mayoral Proclamation*** * – Mayor Perry read the Mayoral Proclamation congratulating Dr. Sakai for his lifelong accomplishments and his continued support and involvement in the community and the Carlynton School District. Mayor Perry declared March 23rd as Dr. Charles Sakai Day in Crafton Borough. **Proclamation Attached*

Dr. Sakai expressed his gratitude and thanked Mayor Perry.

Mayor Perry congratulated Eric Englert on obtaining his Eagle Scout Award. She added that for Mr. Englert's Eagle Scout project, he constructed and installed the Bat Boxes along Chartiers Creek.

8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Korbel announced that Council will hold an executive session following the meeting to discuss personnel matters, no action will be taken.

Solicitor Korbel had nothing additional to report.

9. MANAGERS REPORT

Manager Price gave a quick update on the following items:

- ***Grant Opportunities*** – Manager Price attended the Chartiers Valley Flood Control District Meeting with Ms. Compitello and noted that Crafton received a letter of support for the Trail Feasibility Study Grant.
- ***Borough Building Code Updates*** – Manager Price completed the walk through of the Borough Building with Council Member, Mr. Chandler and Steering Committee Member, Mr. Wozniak and reviewed the safety and code updates that are needed in the main Borough Building.
- ***Streetlights on Crafton Boulevard*** – Manager Price announced that Crafton was awarded a \$120,000 grant for the Crafton Boulevard Streetscape Project by Senator Wayne Fontana's office. He noted that the poles have been installed and added that the Contractor is waiting on fuses, which are on backorder. Manager Price stated that the exposed wires on the poles do not have power supplied to them at this time.

10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Perry stated that the office is working with BBC in order to revert back to the DCED Chart of Accounts.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Ms. Compitello gave an update on the following projects:

- ***Broadhead Separation Project*** – Ms. Compitello noted that the ALCOSAN Grant Award was less than expected and stated that an additional grant was awarded through Representative Conor Lamb's office. She added that bids for this project will go out in the fall.
- ***2023 Road Paving*** – Ms. Compitello stated that the RFP has been sent out and that the bid opening will be held on April 27, 2023. She noted that Council will review and award

the contract in May 2023. Ms. Compitello added that Crafton will continue to explore joint contracts with Ingram for small maintenance projects, using reclamite, to extend the life of the roadways.

- ***Union Avenue Reconstruction*** – Ms. Compitello stated that this project will be a complete road reconstruction and Council may consider phasing the project to ease the displacement of parked cars and to reduce the hardship on the residents. She announced that a Public Open House will be held on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 6:30 PM, in the Community Center, to review the proposed plan and hear resident concerns. Ms. Compitello noted that three bids were received and reviewed by Gateway Engineers and added that they recommended T.A. Robinson Asphalt Paving, Inc.

MOTION #2: It was moved and seconded (*Chandler/Bollenbacher*) to award the Union Avenue Reconstruction to the low bidder T.A. Robinson Asphalt with a base bid of \$290,478.00.

Mr. Ridilla inquired about the process of selection for the Union Avenue reconstruction.

Mr. Chandler noted that this is a joint project with Peoples Gas to replace the main gas line with a full reconstruction for restoration.

Ms. Perry noted that Peoples Gas will be paying for half of the restoration cost.

Manager Price stated that each resident will be notified prior to the meeting.

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

- ***Crafton Boulevard Streetscape Phase II*** – Ms. Compitello noted that a change order was approved in 2022 and added that a Local State Account grant was awarded to Crafton Borough for \$120,000.
- ***Multi-Municipal Zoning Project*** – Ms. Compitello announced that a Public Engagement meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 5:30 PM at the Crafton Park Stage and noted that the meeting will be moved to the Community Room in case of inclement weather. She added that the meeting will be open to all residents, businesses, and stakeholders of both Crafton and Ingram Boroughs.
- ***Trail Feasibly DCNR Grant*** – Ms. Compitello stated that the cost of the Feasibility Study for Baker's Acres, Creekside, and Creekside Property Trails is estimated to be \$100,000 and added that the grant requires a 50% match of funds.

MOTION #3: It was moved and seconded (*Chandler/Ridilla*) to adopt Resolution 2023-007 requesting a grant of \$50,000.00 from DCNR for a Trail Feasibility Study for the Baker's Acres, Creekside, and Creekside Property Trails.

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

- ***Stop Sign Ordinance Update*** – Ms. Compitello stated that additional stop signs will be added at the following locations: Willard Avenue at Barr Avenue (East), E. Crafton Avenue at Stotz Avenue (North), Coulter Street at N. Emily Street (Southeast), Highland Avenue at N. Linwood Avenue (Southeast), Hardy Street at N. Linwood Avenue (Southeast)

MOTION #4: It was moved and seconded (*Chandler/Ridilla*) to approve Ordinance #1678 An ordinance of the Borough of Crafton Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, amending Chapter 214 of the Crafton Borough Code of Ordinances, Vehicles and Traffic, to establish stop intersections within the Borough.

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

COMMUNICATION, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ms. Bollenbacher gave a quick update on the following:

- ***Upcoming Community Events*** –
 - Senior Dinner, Saturday, May 6, 2023, 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM. RSVP by Saturday, April 22, 2023, online at www.craftonborough.com/senior-dinner or call the Borough Office.
 - Community Clean Up – Saturday, April 29, 2023, information to follow.
 - Car Cruise and Vendor Fair – Saturday, June 10, 2023, 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Applications are being accepted for Food Vendors and Craft Vendors, information is available on the Borough’s Website.

Ms. Bollenbacher noted that anyone who would like to volunteer for any of the Recreation Board Events to contact the Board Members at recreation@craftonborough.com.

- ***Newsletter*** – Ms. Bollenbacher stated that the newsletter is on track for delivery within two weeks.

COMMISSION VACANCY

Mr. Chandler noted that he has a few appointments for this evening.

- ***Vacancy Appointments*** –

MOTION #5: It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Pulkownik*) to appoint Tiffany Hickman to the Crafton Public Library Board for the remainder of a 3-year term to expire on February 28, 2024.

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

MOTION #6: It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Ridilla*) to appoint Nathan Henry to the Crafton Shade Tree Commission for the remainder of a 5-year term to expire on March 31, 2023.

Council Discussed the Shade Tree Commission meeting schedule.

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

MOTION #7: It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Bollenbacher*) to appoint Nathan Henry to the Crafton Shade Tree Commission to a new 5-year term to start on April 1, 2023, and expire on March 31, 2028.

Mr. Oliverio noted that Mr. Henry was a candidate for appointment to the vacant Council seat and did present to Council in January.

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

- ***Current Open Vacancies*** –
 1. Civil Service (1 Alternate)
 2. Library Board (1 Regular)
 3. Zoning Hearing Board (1 Regular, 1 Alternate)
 4. 2023 Upcoming
 - a. Planning (4/13/23)
 - b. Recreation Board (12/31/23)
 - c. Recreation Board (12/31/23)
 - d. Recreation Board (12/31/23)

Mr. Chandler stated that anyone can apply for an open or upcoming vacant position at any time.

Mr. Oliverio added that there is also one currently open vacancy on the Recreation Board due to one member moving out of the Borough.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

Ms. Bollenbacher announced that the next COG meeting will be held Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 6:30 PM in Greentree Borough.

11. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. **Upcoming Council Meeting** – Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 7:15 PM
- b. **CIT field clean up** - April 1st at 8:00 am to noon.
- c. **Crafton Heritage Spring Flower Fundraiser** for April 29th. Go to Craftonheritage.org to get an order form.
- d. **Crafton Spring Forward Clean Up Day – 4 events in 1!** – Starting in the morning on April 29th at 8:00 am in Crafton Park there will be a Shredding Event hosted by State Representative Dan Deasy and Senator Wayne Fontana and a dumpster event 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.

Ms. Bollenbacher added that the flower fundraiser must be pre-ordered, you will not be able to show up the day of and pickup flowers.

e. **Senior Dinner** – May 6th at 4:30 pm until 7:00 pm – Kentucky Derby theme

Mr. Chandler noted that he and Ms. Pulkownik have an interview scheduled for a potential candidate for the Library Board.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no additional citizen comments.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary

*Borough of Crafton
Office of the Mayor*

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Sakai graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1982 and began his dental practice hereafter in Crafton in 1989 in a modest office space with his wife Gale managing the office

WHEREAS, he is a member of the Academy of General Dentistry

WHEREAS, he has been a member Crafton Ingram Rotary club for 13 years serving as President and Grant Chair

WHEREAS, Dr. Sakai has provided outstanding care to patients to great success in Crafton for thirty-three years building a reputation of excellence and building his office team from two employees to seven

WHEREAS, Dr. Sakai has been highly involved in community activities with sponsorships, organizing events and fundraisers, and partnering with Carlynton to provide dental exams to students

WHEREAS, Dr. Sakai will be retiring March 23rd and will be focusing more time with his wife, three children, and seven grandchildren along with well-deserved time for personal pursuits such as golf

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, **COLETTA PERRY, MAYOR** of the Borough of Crafton, *by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the great state of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim March 23rd as Dr. Charles Sakai Day in Crafton Borough and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.*

PROCLAIMED this 23rd day of March, 2023.



*In witness whereof I set my hand and
Cause the seal of this City to be affixed.*

Coletta Perry

Coletta Perry, Mayor