

Borough of Crafton
Council Meeting
Thursday, March 9, 2023

(Council Meetings are broadcast live via Zoom Communications Webinar and can be viewed on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_iL1uJ842r9UF1M0zNoEoQ)

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Oliverio called to order the Regular Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Thursday, March 9, 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 (via Zoom Webinar), Mr. Chandler, Ms. Compitello, Mr. Marks, Mr. Oliverio and Mr. Ridilla. Also present were Mayor Perry, Solicitor Korbel and Engineer Minsterman. Absent was Ms. Pulkownik.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Charlene Krenke, 800 Clearview Avenue, spoke regarding the crosswalks and stop lines at the top of Clearview Extension and Clearview Avenue.

Engineer Minsterman stated that these requests are on the list to be completed once the weather permits.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Oliverio had nothing to report.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Perry had nothing to report.

8. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Minsterman stated that the written report was submitted for Council to review. He had nothing additional to report.

9. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Korbel had nothing to report.

10. MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Price spoke regarding the lots purchased by the Borough, 68-H-315 and 68-L-150, located adjacent to the busway that runs from Crafton Boulevard down to the Idlewood Station. He noted that it was requested by the family that the property be dedicated as the "Bakers Acres" and to have a plaque placed to honor Mr. Baker.

MOTION #2: It was moved and seconded (*Ridilla/Compitello*) to approve the name "Bakers Acres", in Honor of Clyde H. Baker: for the newly acquired properties.

Manager Price stated that these parcels are not an improved walking trail and suggested that the public avoids using this space until a proper feasibility study can be performed.

Solicitor Korbel noted that the trail property is partly owned by Pittway Corporation, which is an old trolley Right-of-Way.

Mr. Oliverio directed the Assistant Manager and the Borough Manager to investigate options for the placement of a plaque.

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

MOTION #3: It was moved and seconded (*Chandler/Marks*) to approve Resolution 2023-006 for the intermunicipal transfer of Pennsylvania Club Liquor License No. C-503 from the Hungarian Social Club of McKees Port, at 3004-6 Walnut Street, McKeesport, PA 15132 to the Crafton Volunteer Fire Department at 65 Station Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205.

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

Manager Price announced a few requests for the Planning Commission.

- *Trail Right-of-Way* – The Planning Commission formally requests that Borough Council seek a trail right-of-way access from CIT Meyer Middleton Fields, in order to build a switchback trail from the parking lot through to the Creekside Trail to Ewing Road. He added that Gateway would be directed to ensure the property is Borough owned and the route is viable.

Engineer Minsterman stated that the Borough has a feasibility study grant application pending submission on April 5, 2023, for the trail locations near the Public Works Facility and the Clearview Trail. He added that to receive grant funds for a feasibility study, the proposed property must be owned by the Borough.

Ms. Compitello asked for clarity regarding property ownership.

Manager Price stated that the right-of-way request would be for access from their parking lot to the Borough owned property where the potential trail would be considered.

Ms. Compitello noted that this plan was a recommendation in the Master Parks Site Plan. She also inquired about the liability and safety of citizens utilizing an unofficial Borough developed trail.

Council discussed several other options of entry way points to connect Ewing Road to the Creekside Trail.

Manager Price announced that CIT Baseball is hosting their annual Clean Up day on Saturday, April 1st, 2023.

- *Planning Commission* – The Planning Commission voted to return to in person meetings in March, in the Council Chambers of the Community Center. The meetings will be hybrid with Zoom login information available.

11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Perry had nothing to report.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Ms. Compitello gave an update on the following projects:

- *Multi-Municipal Zoning Project* – The Planning Commission, at the February meeting, reviewed maps and descriptions suggested by the consultants and those in attendance were able to comment on those items. A public engagement workshop will be held in the Community Center in April. Planning Commission meetings are available to the public on the Borough's YouTube channel.
- *New Stop Sign Location Ordinance* – Council has proposed establishing new stop signs at the following locations: Willard Avenue at Barr Avenue, Stotz Avenue at E. Crafton Avenue, Coulter Street at N. Emily Street, Highland Avenue at N. Linwood Avenue, and Hardy Street at N. Linwood Avenue. The amended ordinance has been advertised accordingly and will be up for Council consideration at the March 23, 2023, meeting.
- *Act 152 Demolition Grant* – The Borough will be applying for a demolition grant for 11 Fountain Street, 64 S. Grandview Avenue, 82 Belvidere Street, and 164 Fountain Street. Projects funding is a maximum of \$250,000.

COMMUNICATION, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ms. Bollenbacher gave an update on the following items.

- *Newsletter* – Articles are being assembled. The newsletter is on schedule for a late March distribution.
- *Digital Sign* – Location approved at the previous Council Meeting. The Contractor has been given the green light to begin determining construction dates. The Engineers have yet to determine how close the sign will be to the current exit sign.
- *Community Events* –
 - Senior Dinner, Saturday, May 6, 2023, at the Community Center. Doors open at 4:00 PM, Dinner Served at 5:30 PM. Menu to be determined.
 - Community Day Clean Up – April 29, 2023 - Shred Event & Medicine Take Back, Dumpsters will be available for large item disposal.

Manager Price announced that Crafton Heritage will be selling flowers and the Recreation Board will be hosting a cleanup event.

- Car Cruise and Vendor Fair – June 10, 2023 – Cars and Food/Craft Vendor spaces available. Contact the Borough Office or go to the Borough’s Website for more information.

COMMISSION VACANCIES

MOTION #4: It was moved and seconded (*Chandler/Marks*) to amend the agenda to add a motion to appoint Susan O’Connell to Crafton Borough’s Vacancy Board

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

MOTION #5: It was moved and seconded (*Chandler/Marks*) to appoint Susan O’Connell to the Vacancy Board for the remainder of a one-year term to expire on December 31, 2023.

Mr. Chandler noted that Ms. O’Connell has served on Council, as Mayor, and as an Attorney.

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

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 (1 Alternate)
2. Library Board (2 Openings) interview pending.
3. Zoning Hearing Board (1 Opening, 1 Alternate)
4. 2023 Upcoming
 - a. Planning (4/13/23)
 - b. Shade Tree (3/31/23) interview pending.
 - c. Recreation Board (12/31/23)
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e. Recreation Board (12/31/23)

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

Ms. Bollenbacher announced that the next COG meeting is Thursday, March 16, 2023, in McKees Rocks.

12. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. **Upcoming Council Meeting** – Thursday, March 23rd, 2023, at 7:15 PM

b. **2023 Summer Employment** - The Borough of Crafton is accepting applications for the following seasonal positions: Pool Manager, Assistant Pool Manager, Concession Manager, Head Lifeguard, Lifeguards, Cashiers, Attendants, Concession Stand Workers, and Seasonal Public Works. Paper applications may be obtained in the Administrative Office, 100 Stotz Avenue, 2nd Floor, during normal business (9 – 4 PM, Mon – Fri) or at www.craftonborough.com/employment. All paper and online applications must be submitted to the Administrative Office by 4:00 pm, Wednesday, March 15, 2023.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

Charlene Krenke, 800 Clearview Avenue, inquired about the missing no truck signs. She noted that the truck traffic and school buses have been utilizing that road again.

Mr. Marks noted that Trash Bills were mailed out and reminded everyone to contact Jordan Tax Service if they have not received their bill.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary