

Borough of Crafton
Council Meeting
Thursday, May 11, 2023

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1. CALL TO ORDER

President Oliverio called to order the Regular Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Thursday, May 11, 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 (Via Zoom), Ms. Compitello, Mr. Oliverio (Via Zoom), Ms. Pulkownik, and Mr. Ridilla. Also present were Solicitor Korbel and Engineer Minsterman. Absent were Mr. Marks and Mayor Perry.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #1: It was moved and seconded (*Ridilla/Bollenbacher*) to approve the May 11, 2023, Consent Agenda (including the Meeting Minutes dated April 27, 2023, and the Bill List dated May 11, 2023).

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments on agenda items.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Oliverio had nothing to report.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Perry was not in attendance.

8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Korbel announced that the Borough Council held an executive session before the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

9. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Minsterman noted that a written report was submitted to Council for review, he had nothing additional to report.

10. MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Price reported on the following items.

- *2022 Volunteer Service Tax Credits* – Service Tax Credits are available to Fire Department Members who are residents and pay taxes to the Borough.

MOTION #2: It was moved and seconded (*Ridilla/Bollenbacher*) to approve the 2022 Volunteer Service Tax credits in the amount of \$1,846.64 as presented, and certified by Jordan Tax Service, Inc.

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

- *CONNECT Resolution* – Congress of Neighboring Communities is an organization that works with the City of Pittsburgh and the 40+ surrounding municipalities.

MOTION #3: It was moved and seconded (*Bollenbacher/Compitello*) to approve Resolution 2023-09 appointing Mayor Coletta Perry, Pamela Pulkownik and Manager Jim Price to be three of the delegates to CONNECT for 2023/4.

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

- *Real Estate Tax Refunds* – Refunds are issued to taxpayers for various reasons and submitted and requested by Jordan Tax Service, Inc.

MOTION #4: It was moved and seconded (*Pulkownik/Compitello*) to approve payment of the 2021/2022/2023 Real Estate and Road Tax Refunds in the amount of \$6,192.74 as presented and submitted by Jordan Tax Service, Inc.

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

- *Seasonal Employment* – Reviewed and recommended by the Pool Manager and Public Works Foreman.

MOTION #5: It was moved and seconded (*Bollenbacher/Ridilla*) to approve the 2023 Seasonal Employment Hire List, as recommended by the Pool Manager and the Public Works Foreman.

Manager Price noted that the Pool Employment is filled for the season and added that there are spots still open for seasonal public works.

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

- *Crafton Pool Update* – Public Works continues to investigate the leak location, which is minimal and can be managed throughout the pool season.

11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Ms. Perry was not in attendance.

Manager Price noted that the Finance and Administration Committee will meet next week.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Ms. Compitello gave an update on the following projects:

- *Broadhead Separation Project* – The Borough has received three cost estimate scenarios including full reconstruction, a value option and full brick reconstruction. The Engineers are working on estimates for a hybrid solution for portions and will be available to the Council and the Public in June.

Manager Price noted that there are project maps available for review for this project.

- *Transfer of Trunk Lines* – Agreement transferring the assets/liabilities from the individual municipalities to ALCOSAN.

Engineer Minsterman noted that in accordance with the settlement, the E.P.A, D.E.P., and A.C.H.D. are all in agreement that ALCOSAN should be responsible for maintaining the truck lines rather than the multiple separate municipalities. He spoke regarding the ALCOSAN required work and stated that all but one of the repairs have been made.

Ms. Compitello spoke to clarify that ALCOSAN is only taking over the maintenance of the lines and added that Crafton will still have access.

MOTION #6: It was moved and seconded (*Ridilla/Pulkownik*) to approve Resolution 2023-10 authorizing the execution of the transfer agreement related to the C-19 trunk line.

Manager Price added that these lines carry discharge from various Municipalities, not just Crafton.

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

MOTION #7: It was moved and seconded (*Pulkownik/Ridilla*) to approve Resolution 2023-11 authorizing the execution of the transfer agreement related to the C-20 trunk line.

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

- *2023 Road Paving Program* – Five bids were received and opened on April 27, 2023, with the lowest bidder being El Grande Industries with a bid price of \$289,356.25 and an Add Alternate bid for Fountain Street at \$114,760. The Borough budgeted 320,000 for the 2023 Road Paving Program.

Manager Price noted that Gateway is not recommending approval of the add alternate bid, as it was much higher than the estimated amount.

MOTION #8: It was moved and seconded (*Ridilla/Pulkownik*) to award the 2023 Paving Program base bid to El Grande Industries in the amount of \$289,356.25 per the recommendation of Gateway Engineers.

MOTION #8 carries by a Unanimous Vote (6-0).

- *Union Avenue Reconstruction* – Construction is underway, and the first section will be completed at the end of this week with the second portion beginning immediately.

Manager Price stated that there will be letters and email notifications letting residents know of the parking changes.

- *Crafton Blvd Streetscape Phase II* – The Street Lamps will be completed once the parts are received. Residents have been complimenting the new streetscape.
- *Multi Municipal Zoning Project* – Community Event was held and was well attended. The Consultant will be creating a website with more information and providing a way for residents to give feedback and suggestions.
- *Pool House Update* – Final project plans will be presented to Council in June. The final project costs came in higher than the original cost estimate. The roof replacement will be removed to bring the project's cost within the original estimate. The timeline is still on schedule with work beginning in the fall and it will be completed by the next pool season.

COMMUNICATION, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ms. Bollenbacher gave an update on the following items.

- *Upcoming Community Events* – Spring Cleaning Event and the Senior Derby Dinner went well. Vendor and Food Truck registrations are still being accepted for the Car Cruise and Vendor Fair. The next newsletter is being planned for an August 1st mailing date; articles should be submitted by July 1st.
- *Digital Sign* – Materials are being ordered now and placement is expected to be completed in June.

COMMISSION VACANCIES

Ms. Pulkownik noted that there are still open vacancies.

1. Civil Service (2 Alternate)
2. Recreation Board (1 Opening)
3. Zoning Hearing Board (1 Opening, 1 Alternate)
4. Planning (1 Opening)

5. Recreation Board – 3 Upcoming Vacancies (12/31/23)

Mr. Chandler stated that an application was received for the Planning Commission Vacancy.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

Ms. Bollenbacher noted that the next meeting will be Thursday, May 18, 2023, and will be hosted by Coraopolis at Carmody's Restaurant.

12. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. **Upcoming Council Meeting** – Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 7:15 PM.
- b. **Crafton Pool Season Pass** - Sales started on Monday, May 1st and the pool opens on Saturday, May 27, 2023. Please visit craftonborough.com/crafton-pool.

Manager Price noted that there is no ending date for Pool Pass sales.

- c. **Election Day (Primary)** – Tuesday, May 16 from 7 AM – 8 PM. Please make sure to confirm your polling location. For Crafton specifically, voters will be voting for three open Council seats.
- d. **Car Cruise and Vendor Fair** – Saturday, June 10th from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm at Crafton Park.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted.
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary