

Borough of Crafton
Council Meeting
Thursday, November 10, 2022.

(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 Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Thursday, November 10, 2022, at 6:34 PM.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Interim Manager Sample recorded six (6) Members of Council present as follows: Ms. Bollenbacher (via Zoom), Mr. Chandler (via Zoom), Ms. Compitello, Mr. Marks, Mr. Oliverio, and Mr. Ridilla. Also present were Mayor Perry, Solicitor Korbel and Engineer Minsterman (via Zoom). Absent was Mr. Levasseur.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #1: It was moved and seconded (*Marks/Compitello*) to approve the November 10, 2022, Consent Agenda (including the Meeting Minutes dated October 27, 2022, and the Bill List dated November 10, 2022).

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Norma McGinnis, 7/9 Bradford Avenue, first thanked Council for their work on the streetscape project. She then spoke regarding the discussion of changing the stop sign at Bradford Avenue and Crafton Boulevard. Ms. McGinnis added that for safety reasons having a three-way stop would be the best option.

Michael Hough, 38 Bradford Avenue, spoke in agreement with Ms. McGinnis regarding the Bradford Avenue stop sign and suggested that the three-way option would be best for safety purposes.

Jim Schriver, 39 Bradford Avenue, also thanked the Council for their work on the streetscape project and for partnering with the School District on possible developments on the Linden Avenue property.

Alicia Buckoske, 1506 Barr Avenue, voiced her concern for the children of the Carlynton Little Cougars who practice on the Athletic Field located on the Linden Avenue property. She added that the organization does pay a fee to use the field.

Cody Sheets, Promenade Street, spoke regarding the Linden Avenue property and inquired why Crafton Borough is paying for a study on a property that they only own one-third of.

6. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Minsterman gave an update on the following projects:

- **Bradford Avenue Stop Sign:** Crafton Borough has three options; 1). Leave the stop signs as is on Crafton Boulevard and remove the vegetation required for sight distance, 2). Have one stop sign only on Bradford Avenue which will also require vegetation removal/trimming, or 3). Add a stop sign on Bradford Avenue and create a three-way stop intersection.

Ms. Compitello noted that initially it was said that a three-way stop was not an option and asked for clarification.

Interim Manager Sample noted that with the addition of the bump outs and vegetation, the intersection would fall under the guidelines for a three-way stop.

Mr. Oliverio noted that if the Council decides to change the stop sign placement at the intersection, then Council Members will need to pass an ordinance.

Council continued discussion regarding the stop sign placement, whom all voiced their agreement with pursuing a three-way stop.

Mr. Oliverio noted that this will be added to the agenda for the December 8, 2022, meeting.

- **Phase II Sewer Consent Agenda – BBD Report:** Engineer Minsterman gave a presentation regarding the Consent Order Agreement and the status of the combined sewer storm water capture percentages. **The presentation slide is attached for review.*

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

MARKET STUDY

Solicitor Korbel spoke regarding the Linden Avenue property and stated that this has been an ongoing discussion since 2018. He noted that the Borough owns a portion of the land (approximately twenty-four percent of the entire area) which is the frontage where the Mini-Golf is located. Solicitor Korbel added that the School District had approached the Borough regarding the sale at which time the Borough declined due to the apprehension of the residents. He added that, with the current Council primarily being all new members, it is up to them to decide what the best potential use could be for this property.

Ms. Compitello clarified that Crafton Borough does not own the ball fields. She added that over the years the Planning Commission has held meetings to discuss the possibilities of this property and have held workshops open to the community.

Mr. Oliverio stated that the Borough does not have the right to sell the ball fields. He added that they are working with the School District to discuss what is the best use of the parcels for Crafton Borough. Mr. Oliverio noted that a feasibility study is the best option going forward.

Solicitor Korbel stated that there is a clause in the deed that states if the property owned by the Borough is no longer being used for municipal purposes it will revert back to the School District.

Mr. Oliverio stated that the Crafton Borough completed an RFP for the assessment and noted that several bids were received.

MOTION #2: It was moved and seconded (*Ridilla/Compitello*) to engage Fourth Economy to conduct an assessment for the Linden Avenue parcel.

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

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Perry had nothing to report.

9. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

PA FIREWORKS ORDINANCE UPDATE

Solicitor Korbel stated that his office is working on the ordinance to codify the State PA Fireworks Law and to update the Borough's current ordinance. He noted that he should have it to Council by the next meeting. Solicitor Korbel added that the new law regulates consumer grade fireworks and states that consumer grade fireworks cannot be set off within 150 feet of any structure or vehicle.

Ms. Compitello noted that there are very few areas within the Borough that would fall outside of the 150 feet rule where these fireworks would be allowed.

10. MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim Manager Sample stated that there was one correction to his written report and noted that there were 26 one call notifications. He added that there was one addition in the budget to include the purchase of a replacement truck for Public Works Truck #111. Lastly, he stated that the leaf collection program is ongoing.

11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

2023 BUDGET REVIEW

Mayor Perry announced that all change requests have been made from the previous budget workshop.

The council members discussed the various items pertaining to the budget. It was stated that there would be an increase in the Trash Fee and the Sewage Rates but no change in the Tax Millage Rate.

Marilyn Landis, Basic Business Concepts, presented to Council, the budget numbers, grant funding status and fund balance projections.

BUDGET ADVERTISEMENT

MOTION #3: It was moved and seconded (*Marks/Compitello*) to advertise and make available for Public Inspection, the 2023 Proposed General, Road, Sewer, and Capital Fund Budgets for adoption at the December 8th, 2022, Council Meeting.

Interim Manager Sample stated that the proposed budget will be available online, in the Borough Office and at the Crafton Public Library.

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

AUDITOR APPOINTMENT

Mayor Perry noted that every year the Borough is required annually to appoint the Auditor for the financial audit.

MOTION #4: It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Ridilla*) to adopt Resolution 2022-027 appointing Maher Duessel as Crafton Borough's independent auditor to conduct the 2022 Annual Financial Audit at a cost not to exceed \$13,275.00.

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Ms. Compitello stated that the Borough continues to monitor and pursue upcoming grants, including the H2O and the Small Water & Sewer Grants which will go toward the Broadhead GROW project if awarded.

MULTI MUNICIPAL ZONING PROJECT

Ms. Compitello noted that the diagnostic report was made available on the homepage of the Borough's website. She added that there will be opportunities for community input coming in the new year.

CRAFTON BOULEVARD PROGRESS UPDATE

Ms. Compitello stated that there are no major updates on this project. She added that the Streetscape project will be extended down to Noble Avenue.

Mr. Oliverio noted that the landscaping has been completed.

COMMUNICATION, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mr. Marks stated that he has no updates at this time.

COMMISSION VACANCIES

Mr. Chandler noted that there are still a few open vacancies of which interviews have been scheduled and he expects to have a few appointments by the end of the year.

1. Civil Service (Alternate)
2. Recreation Board
3. Library Board
4. Upcoming - Zoning Hearing Board (12/31/22)

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

Mr. Ridilla announced that the next meeting is November 17, 2022, in Bridgeville and that Crafton will be hosting the December 15, 2022, meeting. He asked those who wish to attend any of the COG meetings to notify him.

12. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. **Upcoming Budget Workshop and Council Meeting** – Budget will be up for adoption at the December 8th council meeting.
- b. **Next Council Meeting** – Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the next council meeting will be Monday, November 21st at 6:30 PM.

Mr. Oliverio stated that the following meeting will be December 8th, 2022, and at that time Council will discuss the need for a second meeting.

Mr. Oliverio announced that Mr. Levasseur has resigned from the Borough's Council. Mr. Oliverio read Mr. Levasseur's resignation correspondence.

Mr. Oliverio stated that they will follow the same procedure as in the last vacancy as follows: 1). Advertise vacancy and accept applications until December 1st, 2022, 2). Accept Mr. Levasseur's

resignation on December 8th, 2022, and hold candidate interviews, 3). Appoint and swear in the new member at the December 8th, 2022, meeting if Council so wishes.

Council Members continued to discuss the timeline and process for appointment and how candidates can apply.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lisa Smith, 50 Walnut Street, commended the Board Members for their cooperation and transparency. She also expressed her concern regarding the placement of the new streetlights on Crafton Boulevard and the washout that consistently occurs in the Alley behind Walnut.

Ms. Compitello stated that the lights are restricted from shining on private property.

Interim Manager Sample stated that because the alley is a paper street it is owned by the adjoining property owners, therefore the Borough is unable to make any improvements.

Robert Wolbert, Jr., E. Steuben Street, spoke regarding the Athletic Field and suggested that residential housing be considered for the use of that property.

Cody Sheets, Promenade Street, spoke again regarding the Borough's intention to pay for the assessment of the property when the majority of the parcel is owned by the School District.

Council discussed the deed clause pertaining to the Linden Avenue property, the purpose of the assessment, and the reasons for taking on the financial burden of the assessment.

Alicia Buckoske, 1506 Barr Avenue, again spoke out on behalf of the Carlynton Little Cougars and the concern that the field will be taken away from the organization's children.

Mayor Perry stated that the Borough Council and the School District will make sure to keep the Little Cougars organization in mind at any future discussions.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary

Phase II COA EXHIBIT A

BASELINE DUE DILIGENCE PROPOSED EXHIBIT A

Combined Sewer PUC	CSD Type*	Municipality: Crafton				Municipality: Crafton				Updated Percent Capture (Existing Conditions 2020)***	Updated Percent Capture (Existing Conditions 2020) w/ Municipal Projects	1037 Percent Capture Recommendation	Updated Percent Capture (Existing Conditions 2020) w/ Municipal Projects	Corrective Actions (per proposed Exhibit A)
		Combined Sewer Area (sq-ft)**	Separate Sanitary Sewer Area (sq-ft)**	Percent Capture (Existing Conditions)***	Updated Percent Capture (Existing Conditions)***	Combined Sewer Area (sq-ft)	Separate Sanitary Sewer Area (sq-ft)	Updated Percent Capture (Existing Conditions 2020)	1037 Percent Capture Recommendation					
C-19	ALCYSAN	Crafton	2%	17%	71%	77.6%	6%	13%	77.6%	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
		Ingram	42%	14%			42%	34%						
C-20	ALCYSAN	COOP PWASA	3%	3%	72%	71.8%	3%	3%	71.8%	TBD	Accept	TBD	71.8%	TBD
		Crafton	97%	0%			97%	0%						
C-22	ALCYSAN	COOP PWASA	3%	0%	47%	48.3%	3%	0%	48.3%	60.7%	Update	60.7%	60.7%	Paragraph 1. - List of Projects designed to achieve the 1037 Percent Capture by 10/31/20
		Crafton	100%	0%			100%	0%						
C-23	ALCYSAN	Crafton	100%	0%	68%	70.0%	100%	0%	70.0%	98.8%	Update	98.8%	98.8%	Paragraph 1. - Continue to implement the requirements of the CSD Control Policy.
		Crafton	100%	0%			100%	0%						
C-24 ⁷	ALCYSAN	Crafton	0%	0%	TBD ¹⁶	65.3%	0%	0%	65.3%	95.1%	Dispute & Update	95.1%	95.1%	Paragraph 1. - Continue to implement the requirements of the CSD Control Policy.
		COOP PWASA	4%	1%			4%	1%						
C-25 ⁷	ALCYSAN	Crafton	0%	13%	82%	65.3%	0%	13%	65.3%	62.7%	Dispute & Reverse	62.7%	62.7%	Paragraph 1. - Continue to implement the requirements of the CSD Control Policy.
		COOP PWASA	54%	7%			54%	7%						
CSO-039E001	Municipal	Crafton	18%	0%	90%	96.6%	18%	0%	96.6%	Not Reviewed	Accept	Not Reviewed	96.6%	Paragraph 1. - Continue to implement the requirements of the CSD Control Policy.
		COOP PWASA	82%	0%			82%	0%						
CSO-039J001	Municipal	Crafton	61%	0%	82%	80.6%	61%	0%	81.2%	Not Reviewed	Accept	Not Reviewed	80.6%	Paragraph 1. - List of Projects designed to achieve an 85% capture
		COOP PWASA	30%	0%			30%	0%						

Percent Capture = (S + (S * R)) / (S + R) * 100%
 Percent Capture = 70 = (40 + (40 * 75)) / (40 + 75) * 100%
 Data Source: Information provided in ALCYSAN Response to Paragraphs 11 & 14 of USEPA Information Requirement dated June 1, 2015 as modified October 13, 2015 for the ALCYSAN CSOs, and "Estimated Percent Capture for Municipal CSO Outfalls" Memorandum dated July 21, 2017 for Municipal CSOs.
 Data Source: Information provided in ALCYSAN Response to Paragraph 16 of USEPA Information Requirement dated June 3, 2015 as modified October 15, 2015. Sewer area breakdowns for municipal CSO outfalls not provided.
 Percent Capture Data Source: ALCYSAN CSO Table C-2, Annual Year Estimated Conditions Model Results as Reported in ALCYSAN Wet Weather Plan (250 MGD STP Capacity).
 Municipal CSO Table - Annual Year Percent Capture Estimates for Municipal CSO Outfalls (250 MGD STP Capacity)
 ** CSD & CSD - Overflows for the CSD are discharged via the CSD outfall
 *** Percent capture is not representative of this PUC due to interproject influences.

Notes:
 CSD: Combined Sewer Disposal; S: Separate sewer area delineated from base flows; R: Total capacity provided with ALCYSAN Sewerbank from WWTP.