

Borough of Crafton
Council Meeting
Thursday, October 13, 2022.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

President Oliverio called to order the Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 7:15 PM.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Pledge of Allegiance

3. ROLL CALL

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

** Ms. Compitello joined the Council Meeting following the Consent Agenda motion at 7:18 PM.*

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #1: It was moved and seconded (*Ridilla/Bollenbacher*) to approve the October 13, 2022, Consent Agenda (including the Meeting Minutes dated September 22, 2022, and the Bill List dated October 13, 2022).

Mr. Oliverio noted that there was one change request on the minutes.

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Charlene Krenke, 800 Clearview Avenue, expressed her disagreement with the proposed changes to the stop signs at Crafton Boulevard at Bradford Avenue.

6. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Minsterman gave an update on the following projects:

- **Crafton Boulevard Separation/Streetscape:** Curbs, sidewalks and pavement have been completed down to the Elementary School. Landscaping, line painting and the punchlist walkthrough will be completed in October. Ribbon cutting will be held on October 28, 2022, at 10AM.
- **Woodlawn/Fountain Separation:** Project is complete and the punchlist walkthrough was conducted last week.

- **Broadhead GROW Grant:** ALCOSAN has awarded Crafton Borough a grant in the amount of 3.7 million (81% grant match). The total project cost is 4.6 million. A resolution will need to be passed at a future meeting to accept this grant opportunity.

Engineer Minsterman gave a brief update on the sewer separation projects ongoing throughout the Borough and the Consent Order agreement requirements.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Oliverio announced that Council will hold an executive session following the meeting to discuss Real Estate and Personnel matters.

Mr. Oliverio noted that the Council Meeting scheduled for November 24th will need to be moved due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Council discussed their availability for potential meeting dates and times.

Mr. Oliverio stated that Council will vote at the next meeting to move the Thanksgiving meeting to November 21st, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Perry spoke regarding the new Pennsylvania Fireworks Law requirements.

Solicitor Korbel stated that Crafton Borough's ordinance currently bans fireworks without a permit. He noted that the new law gives municipalities three options; to ban fireworks, allow fireworks with a permit, or ban with exception of certain days each year. Solicitor Korbel added that for Crafton to adopt the option to ban fireworks, a municipality must prove that there is no "safe area" within the Borough where fireworks can safely be set off (which is defined as 150 feet from any structure or vehicle).

Mayor Perry noted that she spoke with the Chief of Police regarding this issue and concluded that there are no areas within the borough that would fall under the defined "safe area" with exception of Borough owned properties.

Council discussed the Firework Law options and the resources needed to enforce any changes.

Ms. Compitello requested that a buffer study be conducted to determine if there are any areas within the Borough that could potentially fall within the 150 feet qualification.

Council agreed that further investigation should be completed prior to passing a motion to amend the Fireworks Ordinance.

9. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Korbel announced he will provide a copy of the new Act 57 to the Interim Manager for the Council to review.

Solicitor Korbel stated that the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette strike has caused issues with the Municipal advertising requirements. He suggested that the Borough consider advertising in the Gazette 2.0 or another local publisher that is sold in Crafton Borough.

10. MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim Manager Sample stated that his written report was available for review on the OneDrive. He noted that he had nothing additional to report.

11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

2023 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET

Mayor Perry opened the discussion for the capital expense projects that Council will need to consider for the 2023 Budget year and provided a worksheet to Council for review.

Interim Manager Sample noted that those numbers could potentially be lower depending on how quickly the Contractor processes the paperwork for payments.

Council discussed in detail the various projects being considered for the 2023 Budget as well as the grant sources and funding expected for 2023.

Mayor Perry stated that the finalized capital expense project listing will be ready for review at the next meeting.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

O&M SEWER REPAIRS

Ms. Compitello spoke regarding the O&M Sewer Repairs bid recommendations. She added that these projects have been budgeted in the Sewer Fund.

MOTION #2: It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Bollenbacher*) to award the 2022 O&M Sewer Repairs Contract A to Jet Jack, Inc. in the amount of \$135,010.00 and Contract B to Robinson Pipe Cleaning Company in the amount of \$68,590.00.

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

CDBG YEAR 49 – DUNCAN AVENUE SIDEWALKS

Ms. Compitello stated the Borough needs to pass this Concurring Resolution for the grant funds requested for the Duncan Avenue Sidewalk Replacement project.

MOTION #3: It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Levasseur*) to adopt Resolution No. 2022-024 formally requesting grant funds from Year 49 CDBG funding for Duncan Avenue Sidewalk Replacement Project.

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

STREETLIGHTS – CRAFTON BOULEVARD STREETScape

Ms. Compitello stated that this change order was recommended by Gateway Engineers and noted that the Borough will save significant funds by completing this now.

MOTION #4: It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Chandler*) to approve the change order to Independent Enterprises for the installation of eight streetlights along Crafton Boulevard in the amount of \$52,000.00.

Mr. Ridilla inquired about the funding for this change order.

Ms. Compitello noted that grant funding could be applied to these additions.

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

BROADHEAD SEPARATION PROJECT

Ms. Compitello announced that ALCOSAN has approved the Broadhead Sewer Separation and awarded the Borough \$3,738,400.00 in grant funds (81% match), the total project cost is estimated at \$4,633,478.72. She noted that Crafton has 45 days to accept the grant awarded.

Mr. Oliverio inquired as to why the full amount was not awarded.

Mr. Levasseur noted that ALCOSAN has amended its model on how grant funds are awarded.

Ms. Compitello noted that this project will most likely not begin until 2024 and added that the Borough will continue to look for additional grant funding.

UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Ms. Compitello gave an update on the upcoming grant opportunities, such as, DCNR Trail Feasibility Grant for the Trail Improvements, Multimodel Grant for Crafton Boulevard Streetscape Project Phases II and III, and the H2O Grant and Small Water and Sewer Grant for the Broadhead Grow Grant.

Mayor Perry also spoke about the importance of street reconstruction following the storm water separation projects to ensure proper drainage.

MULTIMUNICIPAL ZONING PROJECT

Ms. Compitello noted that the Consultant has submitted their report for review by the Steering Committee which was discussed by Crafton and Ingram. She added that there will be a report submitted in November for distribution to the public.

STOP SIGN ON BRADFORD AVENUE

Interim Manager Sample noted that Gateway is reviewing the intersection and is awaiting their recommendations.

COMMUNICATION, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Interim Manager Sample stated that there are no updates for these items.

NEWSLETTER

Mayor Perry stated that the newsletter was sent to the printers and is expected to hit mailboxes by next weekend.

COMMISSION VACANCIES

Mr. Chandler stated that a few applications were received since the previous meeting and noted that he and Ms. Bollenbacher are working on setting up interviews.

Mr. Chandler gave a quick update on the open and upcoming vacant positions.

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

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

Mr. Ridilla announced that the next COG meeting will be held Thursday, October 20, 2022, in Ingram Borough at 6:30 PM.

12. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. **Upcoming Budget Workshop and Council Meeting** – Thursday, October 27th, 2022, with the Budget Workshop starting at 6:30 PM with the Council meeting to follow at 7:15 PM.
- b. **3rd Annual Haunted Crafton Audio Tour** will run October 22nd to the 31st. On October 22nd from 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm, donations of non-perishable food will be accepted to be donated to the Crafton-Ingram Food Pantry. The tour will begin at Crafton Elementary. If you would like further information regarding the event, please go to the borough website <https://www.craftonborough.com/haunted-craftontour>.
- c. **Spooktacular Haunted Mini-Golf** will be open, weather permitting, Fridays & Saturdays in October. Stop down and have some spooky family fun through October 29th from 7PM to 9PM. \$2 per person to play.
- d. The annual tradition of **Trick or Treating** will be observed in Crafton Borough on October 31, 2022, between 6PM and 8PM. The Crafton Borough Police Department and the Crafton Volunteer Fire Department will be on patrol to ensure the safety of those participating.
- e. **Election Day is Tuesday**, November 8th from 7 AM – 8 PM. Please make sure to confirm your polling locations as they have changed this year.

Mr. Oliverio also announced the Ribbon Cutting for the Crafton Boulevard Separation Project at the new Parking Lot across from the Elementary School on October 28, 2022, at 10 AM.

Interim Manager Sample noted that the Clearview Avenue/Crafton Boulevard/Josephine Street intersection construction is on track to be completed by Halloween.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no citizen comments on non-agenda items.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary