

Borough of Crafton
Thursday, September 22, 2022

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Oliverio called to order the Council Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Thursday, September 22, 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 (ZOOM), Ms. Compitello (ZOOM), Mr. Levasseur, Mr. Oliverio, and Mr. Ridilla. Also present was Solicitor Korbel. Absent were Mr. Marks and Mayor Perry.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #1: It was moved and seconded (*Oliverio/Ridilla*) to approve the September 22, 2022, Consent Agenda (including the Meeting Minutes dated September 8, 2022, and the Bill List dated September 22, 2022).

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Charlene Krenke, 800 Clearview Avenue, expressed her concerns regarding the various ongoing projects around Crafton Boulevard including the bump outs near the school and the intersections at Clearview Extension. Additionally, she requested a stop sign on Bradford Avenue at Crafton Boulevard due to increased traffic. Ms. Krenke inquired about the new stop signs at the bottom of Harris. Lastly, she noted that some Council Members seem to be much more involved in the Borough's operations and decision making.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS

Mr. Oliverio acknowledged the receipt of the following written reports for August 2022, including the Treasurer's Report, Financial Statement, Act 511, Trash and Property Tax Collection, Police, Building Inspection, Code Enforcement and Library.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Oliverio spoke in response to Ms. Krenke's concerns and stated that all Council Members have the same responsibility to review the items posted to OneDrive prior to every meeting and engage in discussions.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Perry was not in attendance.

9. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Korbel had nothing to report.

10. MANAGERS REPORT

Interim Manager Sample noted that he had a few updates in addition to his written report that was shared on OneDrive. He gave an update on the following: Magistrate/Library Roof Replacement – Preconstruction meeting was held, and work is expected to begin the first week of October. Duncan Ave/W. Steuben Street Signs – the Borough is aware that both street signs were missing and stated that Public Works has already replaced one. Interim Manager Sample added that if a resident notices a missing street sign, they should call the Borough Office.

Interim Manager Sample stated that the resolution up for vote will waive the fee for the new Fire Inspection requirements for the first year.

MOTION: #2 It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/Bollenbacher*) to adopt Resolution No. 2022-021 amending Resolution 2021-023 which sets the fee schedule for the year 2022 to waiving the fire inspection fee for the first year of the program.

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

11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Perry was not in attendance.

2023 MMO's

Interim Manager Sample gave a brief background of the Pension MMO's and noted that this is the minimum amount that the Borough must budget to pay into the Police and Non-Uniform Pension Plans.

MOTION: #3 It was moved and seconded (*Ridilla/Bollenbacher*) to adopt Resolution No. 2022-022 certifying the 2023 MMO's for the Police and Non-Uniform Pension Plans.

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

2023 BUDGET

Interim Manager Sample stated that they are still on schedule to have the draft budget to the Finance Committee by October 6th.

Mr. Levasseur inquired about the budget meeting schedule.

Mr. Oliverio stated that the budget meeting will be held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled meetings.

*COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE**STOP SIGN ON BRADFORD*

Ms. Compitello noted that this concern was referred to the Engineer to review traffic and safety at this intersection and to make any recommendations.

ROAD PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

Ms. Compitello stated that bids were received and opened by Ingram Borough on September 7, 2022, for the 2022 pavement rejuvenator program. She added that reacclimate will help reduce wear and extend the life of asphalt roadways that are less than 5 years old.

MOTION: #4 It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Levasseur*) to authorize the Interim Manager to send a concurrence letter to Ingram Borough for them to enter a contract with Pavement Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$90,850.00 for the Asphalt Road Preventative Maintenance.

Interim Manager Sample noted that each of the Members of Council received a list of the roads selected for the program.

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

GEDTF STREETScape GRANT

Ms. Compitello stated that the Borough is applying for a \$500,000 grant for Phase II and III of the Crafton Boulevard Streetscape Project. She noted that this project will include improved safety and beautification of the surrounding area. Ms. Compitello added that the School District is on board with this project and has given a letter of support.

MOTION: #5 It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Chandler*) to adopt Resolution 2022-023 requesting grant funding in the amount of \$500,000.00 for Phase II and III of the Crafton Boulevard Streetscape Project.

Mr. Oliverio noted that the Borough has applied for multiple grants for this project.

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

PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE

Mr. Levasseur stated that the roof is in place and the storm water requirements have been completed.

CRAFTON BOULEVARD PROJECT

Mr. Levasseur spoke in response to Ms. Krenke's comments and stated that Gateway has submitted some preliminary information regarding the stop sign request at Bradford. He also stated that the design of the changes to Clearview Extension were specifically designed to slow traffic down in those areas. Mr. Levasseur added that the State Police should be patrolling that section of the state route. He added that they are working with the Mayor and the Chief of Police to help enforce the speed limit in that area as well.

Mr. Levasseur also spoke regarding the area along the Crafton Boulevard and Clearview Extension corridor and whether the driveways are owned by the Borough or the abutting property owners.

MULTI-MUNICIPAL ZONING PROJECT

Ms. Compitello stated that the Consultant has submitted the first draft of existing conditions/diagnostic report to the Steering Committee. She noted that she has shared the report with all of Council on the OneDrive and added that Council should submit comments or questions directly to the Consultant or herself.

*COMMUNICATION, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**NEWSLETTER*

Ms. Bollenbacher noted that it is underway and expected to go to the printers next week.

*COMMISSION VACANCY**RECREATION BOARD*

MOTION: #6 It was moved and seconded (*Chandler/Bollenbacher*) to appoint Michael Gawlas to the Recreation Board for a 4-year term to expire February 28, 2026.

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

Mr. Chandler noted that interested residents can apply for an appointed position on the Borough's website at www.craftonborough.com. He gave a quick update on the open and upcoming vacant positions.

1. Civil Service (Alternate)
2. Zoning Hearing Board (Alternate)
3. Library Board
4. Upcoming

- a. Recreation Board (9/30/22)
- b. Zoning Hearing Board (12/31/22)

Ms. Bollenbacher stated that the library has offered to share this listing to help get the word out to the community.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

Ms. Bollenbacher stated that there was no new information discussed and noted that the next meeting will be held on October 20, 2022.

12. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Upcoming Council Meeting** – Thursday, October 13th, 2022, at 7:15 PM.
- Crafton Borough will be holding its **Fall Festival in Crafton Park** on September 24, 2022, from noon to 8 PM. There will be a BBQ Cookoff, Cornhole Tournament, and Crafton's Got Talent.
- The **Shade Tree Commission** will be doing **fall plantings** in early November. Are you a homeowner that is interested in getting a new tree to shade your front porch, yard, and/or sidewalks? The Public Works staff and the Shade Tree Commission will do the planting and you and your family will water the tree as needed throughout the fall and into the next summer. If you are interested, please contact the Borough Office no later than September 30th, at 412.921.0752 ext. 10 or craftonclerk@craftonborough.com. If your home is chosen someone from the Shade Tree Commission will reach out to you to discuss the shade tree interest and your front yard placement.

Mr. Oliverio noted that they have received interest from twelve properties in Crafton.

- Add some beauty to your yard with two trees from **Tree Pittsburgh!** Trees can be picked up on September 24, 2022, anytime between 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM, at the Crafton Park Amphitheater, Crafton, PA, during Fall Fest. YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT at <https://secure.givelively.org/event/friends-of-the-pittsburgh-urban-forest/tree-adoption-crafton-fall-2022>.
- The 3rd Annual **Haunted Crafton Audio Tour** will run from October 22nd to the 31st. If you are interested in featuring your home on the tour or would like further information regarding the event, please go to the borough website <https://www.craftonborough.com/haunted-crafton-tour>.
- **Spooktacular Haunted Mini-Golf** will be open weather permitting, Fridays & Saturdays in October. Stop down and have some spooky family fun, October 7th through October 29th from 7PM to 9PM. \$2 per person to play.
- 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.

Ms. Bollenbacher added that the \$2 fee to play at the Mini-Golf will be donated to the Crafton Public Library.

Ms. Compitello reminded everyone that all Borough business should be conducted through Borough Staff at the Borough Building during regular business hours.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

Charlene Krenke, 800 Clearview Avenue, inquired about the inconsistency of the bump out design along Crafton Boulevard. She also mentioned that there are several crosswalks that have not been completed yet. Ms. Krenke added that the city school buses are still coming up to Sterrett Street. She also inquired about an update on the Fire Parking Study.

Mr. Levasseur stated that the Engineer's designed the bump outs to incorporate on street parking in some areas. He also noted that the Fire Parking Study will be discussed with the Engineer, Mayor, and Chief of Police.

Jane Boyer, 28 Duncan Avenue, inquired about continuing a conversation with Officer Laepple about chemical disposal.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary