

Borough of Crafton
Council Meeting
Thursday, September 8, 2022.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

President Oliverio called to order the Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 7:16 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 Solicitor Korbel and Engineer Minsterman. Absent were Ms. Bollenbacher and Mayor Perry.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #1: It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/Bollenbacher*) to approve the September 8, 2022, Consent Agenda (including the Meeting Minutes dated August 25, 2022, and the Bill List dated September 8, 2022).

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments on agenda items.

6. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Minsterman stated that the contractor is in the final stages of completing the Crafton Boulevard and Clearview Extension projects and added that once the curbing is complete the landscaping and paving will start. He noted that both projects should be done by the end of October, weather permitting.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Oliverio had nothing to report.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Perry was not in attendance.

9. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Korbel announced that Council will hold an executive session following the meeting to discuss Real Estate matters, no action will be taken.

Solicitor Korbel also stated that the Pennsylvania Fireworks Law was amended with respect to the use of commercial fireworks and recommended that the Council discuss the pending changes at a future meeting.

10. MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim Manager Sample spoke regarding the Fire Inspection Program and stated that a draft letter and corresponding documents were provided to the Council on the OneDrive. He noted that it is his recommendation that the Council waive the fee for the first year for the Fire Inspections.

Mr. Oliverio noted that there will be costs associated with the time used by staff to implement the program.

Ms. Compitello stated that the property owners will likely have additional costs to bring buildings up to code, therefore she agreed with waiving the fee for the first year.

Mr. Levasseur also agreed that the Council should waive the fee for the first year.

Interim Manager Sample stated that it will be stated in the letter that the fee will be waived for the first year only.

Interim Manager Sample announced that Crafton Borough was awarded \$65,000.00 from DEP for the purchase of a new leaf picker.

11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION***2023 BUDGET*

Interim Manager Sample noted that they are on schedule and added that the draft budget will be ready for the Finance & Administration Committee and will be presented to Council by the first of October.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE*FIRE PARKING STUDY*

Ms. Compitello gave a brief background of the Fire Parking Study discussion and stated that Officer Laepple was in attendance to speak regarding the study and to take any questions.

Officer Laepple stated that in addition to his position as a Crafton Police Officer, he is also a member of the Crafton Volunteer Fire Department. He noted that he was asked to complete this

study by the Chief of Police to identify problem intersections to ensure the safety of emergency response vehicles and access of the borough roadways.

Mr. Levasseur inquired if this study should be expanded to include all intersections of the Borough.

Officer Laepple stated that it would be up to the Council to make that decision and added that the study included areas he felt were a higher priority based on the current parking conditions. He noted that, by Pennsylvania standard, the standard is fifteen feet no parking from any intersection.

Ms. Compitello added that this study, if implemented, is not taking away parking that is legal. She noted that it is enforcing parking standards that are already in place.

Mr. Oliverio stated that implementation of these parking restrictions will displace the residents that do not have access to a driveway or garage.

Ms. Compitello added that the next step would be to advertise the ordinance.

Mr. Levasseur inquired if an ordinance is required to be enacted on these areas that fall under Pennsylvania Parking Standards and are within the 15 feet standard.

Solicitor Korbel noted that there are some areas that would require an ordinance to describe the specific placement of the no parking restrictions.

Mr. Levasseur suggested that Officer Laepple and Chief Sumpter be invited to a sit down with the Engineering Committee or a site visit to review these intersections individually.

Ms. Compitello noted that Council can either motion to advertise the ordinance to move forward or can push to further discussion.

MOTION #2: It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/Chandler*) to direct the Engineering Committee, Police Department and Fire Department to meet and to review the proposed Fire Study recommendations.

Ms. Compitello noted that the Fire Parking Study only includes the recommendation to paint curbs, which can be done prior to the finalizing of future construction projects.

Mr. Levasseur stated that curbs can be painted under the motor vehicle code but suggested holding off on expending the cost of advertising until future hardscaping projects are finalized.

Ms. Compitello also stated that the ordinance can be amended later to include future changes.

Council continued to discuss the areas where the curbs are already marked and just require repainting.

MOTION #2 carries by a Voice Vote (4-2). Bollenbacher (NO), Ridilla (NO)

Mr. Levasseur stated that the Borough is within their rights to mark those curbs that fall under the Pennsylvania Parking Standards.

Ms. Compitello stated that Public Works can begin marking those areas that have been identified as problematic and that fall under the motor vehicle code if the Borough Council does not object.

Interim Manager Sample noted that there were no objections.

SHACOG O&M PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

Ms. Compitello stated that the Borough received a recommendation to concur with the O&M Preventative Maintenance – Year 12 agreement with SHACOG and Robinson Pipe Cleaning, Crafton’s share of the project would be \$14,590, the overall project cost is \$138,670.00.

MOTION #3: It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Levasseur*) to authorize the Interim Manager to send a concurrence letter to SHACOG for them to enter a contract with Robinson Pipe Cleaning Company in the amount of \$138,670.00 for the O&M Preventative Maintenance Year 12.

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

DCNR GRANT AWARD – LINWOOD & NOBLE PARKS

Ms. Compitello announced that the Borough was awarded \$250,000 by the Community Conservation Partnership Program through DCNR for the Linwood & Noble Parks Project. She noted that Crafton has also applied for an additional grant through GTRP to cover the match, the project's estimated cost is \$500,000.

BRADFORD INTERSECTION – STOP SIGN

Mr. Levasseur opened discussion regarding the addition of a stop sign at Bradford Avenue and Crafton Boulevard and recommended it be discussed by the Engineer Committee and the Engineers. He noted that a three-way stop is not legal at this intersection and suggested that the stop sign be placed on Bradford Avenue at Crafton Boulevard and remove the stop signs on Crafton Boulevard.

Engineer Minsterman suggested that the traffic engineer do the study and bring the recommendations to Council.

Council continued discussion regarding the stop signs at Crafton Boulevard and Bradford in comparison to the other intersections and how the recent changes have affected the intersection.

COMMUNICATION, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

COMMISSION VACANCIES

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

Mr. Chandler invited anyone to apply by going to www.craftonborough.com/comissions. He also noted if the Commission may pull from prior applicants for appointment. Mr. Chandler asked the Solicitor when those applicants be appointed.

Solicitor Korbel stated that you can appoint those seats prior to the end of the previous term but the motion must state the correct term dates.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

Mr. Ridilla announced that the next COG meeting will be held Thursday, September 15, 2022, in Collier Township and inquired if someone would be able to attend in his place.

Mr. Chandler and Ms. Bollenbacher noted they may be able to attend in Mr. Ridilla's place.

13. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Upcoming Council Meeting** – Thursday, September 22nd, 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 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>.

Mr. Levasseur stated that the PRC will be hosting a Household Chemical Collection event this Saturday, September 10, 2022, 9AM to 1PM. South Park Wage Pool Parking Lot, 1 Wave Pool Complex, Pittsburgh PA. He noted that he will share the link with the Borough Manager to share via the SavvyCitizenApp. More information can be found on the PRC website. Mr. Levasseur reminded residents that they do have this Hard-To-Recycle collection through Waste Management and encouraged them to follow that route first.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jane Boyer, 28 Duncan Avenue, thanked Mr. Levasseur for his assistance in helping her with her household chemical disposal needs. She noted that she is unable to obtain transportation to South Park for the collection event.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary