

Borough of Crafton  
Thursday, April 27, 2023

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Oliverio called to order the Regular Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Thursday, April 27, 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, Mr. Marks, Mr. Oliverio, Ms. Pulkownik and Mr. Ridilla. Also present were Mayor Perry and Solicitor Korbel. Absent was Ms. Compitello.

### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of the consent agenda for April 27, 2023, including:

1. Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2023,
2. Bill List for Approval – April 27, 2023,
3. Written Reports for:
  - January – Treasurer’s Report and Financial Dashboard.
  - February – Treasurer’s Report, Financial Dashboard, Act 511, Trash and Property Tax Collection Reports, Crafton Police Department Report, Code Enforcement Report, Building Inspection Report.
  - March – Treasurer’s Report, Financial Dashboard, Act 511, Trash and Property Tax Collection Reports, Crafton Police Department Report, Code Enforcement Report, Building Inspection Report, Northwest EMS Report 1st Quarter, Manager’s Report.

**MOTION #1:** It was moved and seconded (*Marks/Chandler*) to approve the April 27, 2023, Consent Agenda.

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

### **5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

*Elaine Devlin, 88 S. Grandview Avenue*, spoke regarding the vacant property located at 64 S. Grandview Avenue and asked that the Council Members vote to approve the motion to demolish the structure.

## **6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Oliverio announced that Crafton Borough was presented with the Banner Community Award at the ALOM (Allegheny League of Municipalities) Spring Educational Conference.

## **7. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Perry had nothing to report.

## **8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Solicitor Korbel announced that Council Members will hold an executive session following the meeting this evening to discuss personnel matters and noted that Council will hold an additional executive session prior to the May 11, 2023, meeting at 5:30 PM to discuss real estate matters.

## **9. MANAGERS REPORT**

Manager Price gave an update on the following items:

- ***Act 152 Blight Removal Program*** – Crafton Borough will offer a 20% match of grant funds for the application to demolish the structure at 64 S. Grandview Avenue. The 20% match is estimated to be around \$18,000.

Mr. Ridilla noted that the Planning Commission discussed the future of this property at their last meeting.

Manager Price added that it was decided that demolition would be the best option rather than taking the property to sheriff sale as the property could sit for several more years.

**MOTION #2:** It was moved and seconded (*Ridilla/Chandler*) to authorize the Borough Manager to apply for Act 152 funding to demolish the condemned structure at 64 S. Grandview Ave, that is more than 7 years tax delinquent.

Mayor Perry stated that there will be a lien on the property if demolished.

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

- ***2022 Statement of Financial Interest*** – Statement of Financial Interest forms are due to the Borough Administrative Office by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.
- ***Swimming Pool Update*** – The leak in the swimming pool filter system has been located and will be repaired in time for the opening day on Memorial Day Weekend.

## **10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### ***FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION***

- ***March 2023 Financial Report*** – First quarter financial have been reviewed by the Finance Committee. The Budget to Actual report will be made available on the OneDrive.
- ***Celebrates Account Closure*** – The Crafton Celebrates account should be closed and rolled into the General Fund Account.

**MOTION #3:** It was moved and seconded (*Marks/Bollenbacher*) to authorize the Borough Administration to close the bank account previously set up for Crafton Celebrates and move funds in the amount of \$17, 528.52 to the General Fund.

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

### ***COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE***

Ms. Compitello was not in attendance. Manager Price gave a quick update on the following projects.

- ***Broadhead Separation Project*** – Gateway will attend the May 11, 2023, meeting for a presentation on this project.
- ***2023 Road Paving*** – Bids received today and came in lower than expected. A motion to award the contractor will be on the next meeting's agenda.
- ***Union Avenue Reconstruction*** – Curb demolition began on Monday and work is progressing as scheduled.
- ***Crafton Boulevard Streetscape Phase II*** – Light installation will be completed in the next two weeks.
- ***Multi-Municipal Zoning Project*** – Public Engagement event was held on April 19, 2023. The Planning Commission would like to improve participation for future events and create a new website to help get the information out.
- ***Poison Hemlock*** – Independent Enterprises has removed the hemlock and replanted new grass. Information is available on the Borough's website.
- ***Brick Street Paving*** – Letter received from a concerned resident regarding removal of brick streets that will coincide with the reconstruction phase of the Broadhead Project.

Mayor Perry noted that this has been discussed previously and added that it is difficult to get grant funds for the rebuilding of brick streets.

Manager Price added that they requested optional estimates for preservation of the brick streets included in the Broadhead Separation project.

Council continued discussion regarding preservation of brick streets and grant funding available.

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

Ms. Bollenbacher gave a quick update on the following:

- ***Upcoming Community Events*** –
  - Senior Dinner, Saturday, May 6, 2023, 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM. RSVP by Saturday, April 22, 2023, online at [www.craftonborough.com/senior-dinner](http://www.craftonborough.com/senior-dinner) or call the Borough Office.
  - Community Clean Up – Saturday, April 29, 2023, information to follow.
  - Car Cruise and Vendor Fair – Saturday, June 10, 2023, 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Applications are being accepted for Food Vendors and Craft Vendors, information is available on the Borough’s Website. Mini-Golf will be open during these events.
- ***Newsletter*** – Ms. Bollenbacher stated that the next newsletter is planned for August 1<sup>st</sup>, articles should be submitted by July 1<sup>st</sup> and the final newsletter is planned for December 1<sup>st</sup>, with articles submitted by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

***COMMISSION VACANCY***

Mr. Chandler gave an update on the current vacancies.

- ***Current Open Vacancies***
  1. Civil Service (2 Alternate)
  2. Library Board (1 Regular)
  3. Zoning Hearing Board (1 Regular, 1 Alternate)
  4. Planning Commission (1 Regular)
  5. 2023 Upcoming
    - a. Recreation Board (12/31/23) (3 Regular)

Mr. Chandler noted that interested candidates should apply on the Borough’s website at [www.craftonborough.com/commissions](http://www.craftonborough.com/commissions).

***COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)***

Ms. Bollenbacher noted that she was unable to attend.

Manager Price stated that the COG discussed the Reclamite program which extends the life of paved roadways.

**11. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ***Upcoming Council Meeting*** – Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 7:15 PM
- ***Crafton Spring Forward Clean Up Day*** – 4 events in 1! – Starting in the morning on April 29th at 8:00 am - 11 am in Crafton Park there will be a Shredding Event hosted by Dan Deasy and Wayne Fontana. A dumpster will be in Crafton Park to help you with

your spring cleaning. At noon, the Crafton Heritage Flower Sale pick up will begin and continue until 3:00 pm. In addition, you can come to the Borough Building starting at 9:00 am to join other community members who will be walking the Borough and picking up litter through Noon.

- **Arbor Day Celebration** – Saturday, April 29th at 11:00 am in Crafton Park
- **Crafton Pool Season Pass** - Sales start on Monday, May 1st and the pool opens on Saturday, May 27, 2023. Please visit [craftonborough.com/crafton-pool](http://craftonborough.com/crafton-pool)
- **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 3 open Council seats.
- **Hiring Public Works Laborer.** Go to [www.craftonborough.com/employment](http://www.craftonborough.com/employment) for more information.

## **12. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no additional citizen comments.

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary