

Borough of Crafton
Council Meeting
Thursday, December 9, 2021.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

President Levasseur called to order the Discussion Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Thursday, December 9, 2021, at 7:17 PM.

2. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mr. Levasseur.

3. ROLL CALL

Interim Manager Sample recorded seven (7) members of the Borough Council, present as follows: Mr. Amendola, Mr. Chandler, Mr. Crouse, Mr. Crown, Mr. Levasseur, Mr. Oliverio and Ms. Perry. Also present were Mayor Bloom, Solicitor Korbelt, and Engineer Minsterman.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #1: It was moved and seconded (*Crouse/Perry*) to approve the December 9, 2021, Consent Agenda (including the Meeting Minutes dated November 23, 2021, and the Bill List dated December 9, 2021).

MOTION #1 carries by a Unanimous Vote (7-0).

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no citizens signed up to speak.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Levasseur thanked the community, members of the Borough Council and Mayor Bloom for all the work and progress made towards improving the community.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bloom thanked the community for their support over the last fourteen years that he served as Mayor.

8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Korbelt had nothing to report.

9. MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim Manager Sample had nothing to report.

Engineer Minsterman noted that Gateway would like to plan a meeting in the next coming weeks to wrap up the 2021 construction projects and to discuss the future projects for 2022.

10. BUSINESS AGENDA

2022 GENERAL, ROAD, SEWER, AND CAPITAL FUNDS BUDGET

MOTION #2: it was moved and seconded (*Crouse/Crown*) to adopt the 2022 Proposed General Fund, Road Fund, Sewer Fund, and Capital Projects Budgets, as advertised, appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the Borough Government set forth during the year 2022.

MOTION #2 carries by a Voice Vote (6-1). AMENDOLA (NO)

2022 TAX MILLAGE

Mr. Levasseur noted that there is no increase for the 2022 millage rate, which will remain at \$8.59 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. He added that 2.42 mills will be dedicated to the special road/street improvement fund.

MOTION #3: It was moved and seconded (*Crouse/Crown*) to adopt Resolution 2021-022 setting the real estate millage rate for property for the year 2022.

MOTION #3 carries by a Unanimous Vote (7-0).

2022 FEE RESOLUTION

MOTION #4: It was moved and seconded (*Crouse/Crown*) to adopt Resolution 2021-023 adopting the fee schedule for the year 2022.

MOTION #4 carries by a Unanimous Vote (7-0).

2022 WAGE RESOLUTION

MOTION #5: It was moved and seconded (*Crouse/Crown*) to adopt Resolution 2021-024 adopting the wages for non-union employees for the year 2022.

MOTION #5 carries by a Unanimous Vote (7-0).

MAGISTRATE/LIBRARY ROOF REPLACEMENT

Mr. Levasseur noted that two bids were received for the Magistrate Roof Replacement Project which the Engineers estimated at \$163,357.50.

MOTION #6: It was moved and seconded (*Crouse/Chandler*) to award the Base Bid for the Magistrate Roof Replacement project to RAME, Inc. in the amount of \$152,475.00.

MOTION #6 carries by a Voice Vote (6-1). AMENDOLA (NO)

BOROUGH BUILDING FACADE REPAIRS

Mr. Levasseur stated that five bids were received for the Borough Building Office Façade Repair project which the Engineers estimated the cost of the Base Bid and the Alternate Bid No. 1 at \$121,526.25.

Engineer Minsterman noted that the Engineer's recommend awarding the Alternate Bid No. 2 for the additional \$5,000 as well.

MOTION #7: It was moved and seconded (*Crouse/Chandler*) to award the Base Bid (\$113,000.00), Add Alternate No. 1 (\$15,000.00), and Add Alternate No. 2 (\$5,000.00) for the Borough Building Façade project to Cost Company in the amount of \$133,000.00.

MOTION #7 carries by a Voice Vote (6-1). CROUSE (NO)

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

MOTION #8: It was moved and seconded (*Crouse/Chandler*) to re-appoint Eric Valcheff to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term to expire April 13, 2025.

MOTION #8 carries by a Voice Vote (6-1). CROUSE (NO)

BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES

MOTION #9: It was moved and seconded (*Perry/Crown*) to authorize the Interim Manager to provide Building Inspection Underwriters with 30 days written notice its intent to terminate the agreement.

MOTION #9 carries by a Unanimous Vote (7-0).

MOTION #10: It was moved and seconded (*Crouse/Crown*) to authorize the Interim Manager to enter into a 6-month agreement with Code.sys Code Consulting Inc. to provide Commercial Inspection, Commercial Plan Review, Accessibility, Electrical, and Mechanical inspections services to the Borough for 80% of the permit fee based upon the Borough's current fee structure.

MOTION #10 carries by a Unanimous Vote (7-0).

MEETING CANCELLATION

MOTION #10: It was moved and seconded (*Crouse/Perry*) to cancel the December 23, 2021, Council Meeting.

MOTION #10 carries by a Unanimous Vote (7-0).

11. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Master Park Site Plan Steering Committee will be holding a Public Open House on December 11th from 10 AM to Noon at the Crafton Park Stage. Please come and share your thoughts on enhancements the Borough should consider for the Parks Master Site Plan.
- Crafton's Second Annual "Celebration of Lights" will start on Saturday, December 11th with all the proceeds going to the Crafton- Ingram Food Bank. The self-guided driving tour will run through December 26th and tickets can be purchased on-line and will be emailed to you.
- Santa Comes to town by Fire Truck on Saturday, December 18th. Beginning at 9:00 AM, Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the Crafton Volunteer Firefighters will tour the streets of Crafton by Fire Truck. The event will finish in Crafton by noon and then visit Thornburg and Rosslyn Farms. Santa will be passing out candy.
- The Borough Offices will be closed on December 24th and 31st due to the Holiday Season.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no additional public comments.

Mr. Oliverio spoke on behalf of himself, Mr. Chandler and Ms. Perry and took a moment to thank each member of the Borough Council whose terms will expire at the end of 2021, Mr. Crown, Mr. Crouse, Mr. Amendola, and Mr. Levasseur. He presented them with a small gift of appreciation.

Ms. Perry also took a moment to speak about Mayor Bloom and thanked him for his years of service.

Mr. Levasseur thanked Interim Manager Sample for his work throughout the year.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary