

Borough of Crafton
Thursday, July 28, 2022

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1. CALL TO ORDER

President Oliverio called to order the Council Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Thursday, July 28, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Interim Manager Sample recorded seven (7) Members of Council present as follows: Ms. Bollenbacher, Mr. Chandler (arrived at 6:32 PM), Ms. Compitello, Mr. Levasseur, Mr. Marks, Mr. Oliverio, and Mr. Ridilla. Also present were Mayor Perry (arrived later in the meeting), Solicitor Korbel (Via Zoom) and Engineer Brown.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #1: It was moved and seconded (*Marks/Compitello*) to approve the July 28, 2022, Consent Agenda (including the Meeting Minutes dated July 14, 2022, and the Bill List dated July 28, 2022).

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

**Motion approved prior to the arrival of Mr. Chandler.*

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Vernon Smith, 29 Taylor Street, spoke to address the traffic on N. Linwood Avenue and requested additional police enforcement of the stop signs as the new school year approaches. Mr. Smith also stated that he would like to meet with the Recreation Board regarding the Cub Scouts Organization.

Charlene Krenke, 800 Clearview Avenue, spoke regarding the bump outs and the limited turning radius from Vance Alley onto Crafton Boulevard, Baldwick onto Crafton Boulevard and from Crafton Boulevard onto Clearview Extension. She stated that she has been in touch with State Representative Dan Deasy to have PennDOT come out and inspect the changes. Ms. Krenke also noted that there is ponding in some areas.

Mr. Levasseur noted that modifications to the Vance Alley bump out were approved at the previous meeting.

Ms. Compitello added that PennDOT has been involved throughout the process of the project design and has approved the changes.

Dan Bonnet, 1709 Crafton Boulevard, spoke in support of the bump out additions at Crafton Boulevard and Clearview Extension.

Brian McHugh, 1763 Barr Avenue, spoke to address his concerns with the removal of the guide rail on Clearview Extension and the issues that may arise with winter weather and snow removal.

Interim Manager Sample noted that the proposed changes did not include replacement of a guide rail and added that the Engineers felt a guide rail is not warranted in this location.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS

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

7. PRESIDENTS REPORT

Mr. Oliverio announced that the Borough received three bids for the Strategy Session Facilitator and added that the sessions will be held as a public meeting.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Perry was not present to report.

9. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Korbel announced that Council will hold an executive session following the meeting to discuss personnel.

10. MANAGERS REPORT

Interim Manager Sample had nothing to report.

11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Perry was not present to report.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

CRAFTON BOULEVARD UPDATE & DISCUSSION

Ms. Compitello stated that construction is underway, including the modifications to the Vance Alley bump outs.

Mr. Levasseur noted that Council is waiting for information from Gateway regarding the engine specifications.

Interim Manager Sample stated that he met with the Engineer and the Fire Chief to discuss potential adjustments of the bump outs near Clearview Extension. He added that the turning radiuses worked based off the slight adjustments.

MOTION: #2 It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/Compitello*) to approve the Phase II modifications as proposed by the Interim Manager and the Engineer in the amount of \$2,100.

MOTION #2 carries by a Unanimous Vote (7-0).

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Ms. Compitello noted that the cost for the Waste Management option in year four will increase by 5%, from \$19.56 per unit to \$20.54 per unit.

MOTION: #3 It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Chandler*) to approve Option Year 4 of Solid Waste and Recyclable contract between the Borough of Crafton and Waste Management.

Interim Manager Sample noted that there are no changes to the contracted services and the Borough can extend the contract for one additional year.

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

CLEARVIEW AVENUE/CRAFTON BOULEVARD SIGHT DISTANCE

Ms. Compitello noted that the intersection does not meet PennDOT specifications and requires additional modification to improve the sight distance at the intersection of Clearview Extension and Crafton Boulevard.

MOTION: #4 It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Chandler*) to approve the change order to Independent Enterprises for the realignment of the intersection of Clearview Avenue and Crafton Boulevard in the amount of \$252,565.00.

Interim Manager Sample noted that this is included in the Bond Project budget.

Engineer Brown stated that PennDOT is not requiring these changes to be made, however Gateway made the recommendation to act proactively and improve the sight distance for vehicles coming off of Clearview Extension.

Ms. Compitello added that these changes will include re-grading of the slope, as well as modifications to the hillside.

MOTION #4 carries by a Voice Vote (6-1). Ms. Bollenbacher (NO)

MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FUND GRANT

Ms. Compitello stated that the Borough is applying for a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant for the Phase II and Phase III portion of the Crafton Boulevard Streetscape Project in the amount of \$1,452,949.05. She added that the project will include improved safety and beautification, provide bump outs and parallel parking, new landscaping, and lighting. Ms. Compitello noted that the project will cost \$2,190,624.05.

Mr. Levasseur stated that this project has been supported by State Representative Deasy and Senator Fontana. He noted that the center line of Crafton Boulevard is the municipal border and added that the new parking lot was constructed on property owned by the School District.

MOTION: #5 It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Chandler*) to adopt Resolution 2022- 019 requesting grant funding in the amount of \$1,452,949.05 for Phase II and III of the Crafton Boulevard Streetscape Project.

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

**Mayor Perry entered the meeting at 7:06 PM.*

PENNDOT TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE

Ms. Compitello spoke regarding the replacement of the W. Steuben Street and S. Linden Avenue traffic signals and noted that PennDOT now requires municipalities to execute an agreement for Green Light-GO grant funding projects.

Interim Manager Sample noted that this is just an administrative requirement.

Mr. Levasseur stated that this replacement will bring all Traffic Signals current within the last ten years.

MOTION: #6 It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Chandler*) to adopt Resolution 2022-020 authorizing the Borough Manager to execute Traffic Signal Agreements between the Borough and PennDOT.

MOTION #6 carries by a Unanimous Vote (7-0).

STAIRS GRANT

Engineer Brown gave an update on the Stairs Replacement Project. He noted that several stairways were identified as a part of the GEDTF Grant allocation, including Belvidere Street, Crafton Boulevard to Walnut Street, Chess Street to Alley A, Clearview Avenue to Crafton Boulevard, and Harris Street. Engineer Brown announced that an additional funding opportunity was awarded by State Representative Dan Deasy in the amount of \$200,000. He stated that those funds will be allocated for the replacement of the stairways connecting Promenade Street to Fountain Street and Chess Street to Alley A. Engineer Brown noted that the project cost in whole will fund \$500,000 in stairway replacement.

Mayor Perry noted that the handrails on the Barr Avenue to Clearview Avenue stairway are in desperate need of repair.

Mr. Levasseur stated that the first round of grant funds will be used to improve the areas with increased walking traffic.

Ms. Compitello added that the two main criteria for replacement were based off of the level of repairs needed and the volume of traffic and accessibility.

MULTI MUNICIPAL ZONING PROJECT

Ms. Compitello stated that a diagnostic report will be submitted by Zoneco to the Administrative Office in August. She added that Zoneco will be interviewing the Borough Staff. Ms. Compitello noted that the open house style Visioning Workshop is confirmed for August 18, 2022, in the Community Center from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. She also added that the Consultants will discuss potential impact of the zoning changes and host exercises to gather information from residents of Crafton and Ingram.

COMMUNICATION, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mr. Marks stated that he received a request from the Recreation Board to have 220-volt outlets installed in Crafton Park.

COMMISSION VACANCY

Ms. Bollenbacher noted that there are two open positions on the Civil Service Commission, one Library Board opening and one alternate on the Zoning Appeals Board.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

Mr. Ridilla had nothing to report.

12. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Upcoming Council Meeting** – Thursday, August 11th, 2022, at 7:15 PM.
- **The Crafton Mini-Golf** will be open on FRIDAYS and SATURDAYS each week, from 7PM to 9PM, throughout the Summer. Cost to play is \$2 per person.
- **Crafton-Ingram Rotary** will be holding its **30th Annual Rib and Chicken Fest** in Crafton Park on August 4th, 2022, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. For more information, please email info@cirotary.org.
- **Crafton Performing Arts** will continue its **Concerts in the Park** every Thursday evening starting at 7:30 PM until August 11th, which will be the last concert for the season.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

Charlene Krenke, 800 Clearview Avenue, spoke regarding the replacement of the concrete on Clearview Avenue. She also noted that there is rebar sticking out on the sidewalk on Clearview Extension.

Mr. Levasseur stated that this is part of the street light pole and Duquesne Light should be out to resolve the issue.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary