

Borough of Crafton
Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 9, 2021.

(Council Meetings are broadcast live via Zoom Communications Webinar)

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Levasseur called to order the Discussion Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 6:32 PM.

2. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mr. Crown.

3. ROLL CALL

Interim Manager Sample recorded five (5) members of Council, present as follows: Mr. Chandler, Mr. Crouse, Mr. Crown, Mr. Levasseur, and Ms. Perry. Also present was Mayor Bloom. Absent were Mr. Amendola and Mr. Oliverio.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #1: It was moved and seconded (*Perry/Crown*) to approve the November 9, 2021, Consent Agenda (including the Meeting Minutes dated October 28, 2021, and the Bill List dated November 9, 2021).

MOTION #1 carries by a Unanimous Vote (5-0).

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Bre Cleary, 92 E. Steuben Street, spoke regarding the ongoing issue with vehicles speeding and using Union Avenue as a cut through to avoid the light at Noble Avenue & E. Steuben Street.

Interim Manager Sample stated that he had discussed the situation with the Chief of Police.

Mr. Levasseur added that Gateway can do a traffic study to evaluate traffic control options.

Mr. Crouse inquired about what can be done that will bring about a timely solution.

Mayor Bloom stated that there are State Rules and Regulations pertaining to traffic slowing devices that must be considered.

Rich Kraemer, 26 S. Grandview Avenue, spoke regarding the Heritage Festival that Crafton Heritage is planning for September of next year. He noted that they originally planned to host this event at the CIT Ball Fields, however, he feels that the area may not be big enough for the events they have planned. Mr. Kraemer requested that Council approve the use of Crafton Park for this event planned for September 16 through September 18 of next year.

Mr. Levasseur suggested that Crafton Heritage work with the Parks and Recreation Board on the planning of this event going forward.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Levasseur noted that the Budget Workshop will follow immediately after this Council Meeting. He stated that the construction projects throughout the Borough are ongoing as planned and added that the roadways will be weatherized and ready for winter maintenance.

Mr. Levasseur stated the Borough is working with Pennsylvania American Water Company on roadway restoration and added that any resident who is having issues caused by the water pressure testing a few weeks back should contact the water company for remediation.

Mr. Crouse asked for an update on the completion timeline for the Crafton Boulevard Separation Project.

Mr. Levasseur noted that, weather depending, the project should be completed by June of 2022.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bloom had nothing to report.

8. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Minsterman was not in attendance.

9. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Korbel was not in attendance.

10. MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim Manager Sample noted that he had nothing additional to add.

Mr. Levasseur congratulated all the Council and Mayor elect present in the room.

11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Ms. Perry noted that the scheduled discussion items will be addressed during the budget meeting.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

STREET OPENING ORDINANCE

Interim Manager Sample noted that the amended Street Opening Ordinance has been advertised and will be voted on at the November 23rd meeting.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PARKING ORDINANCE

Interim Manager Sample noted that the language in the Commercial Vehicle Parking ordinance will be amended to redefine a commercial vehicle with a ladder rack as a rack that carries tools, pipes, or equipment. He noted that if Council approves of these amendments, they can prepare the ordinance for adoption at a later meeting.

UPDATES TO CODE ENFORCEMENT OCCUPANT REGISTRATION ORDINANCE

Interim Manager Sample stated that the Building Inspector has a few suggested changes to the language in Chapter 90 and Chapter 149 for better clarification of the requirements.

COMMUNICATION, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE

Mr. Levasseur read a report submitted by Mr. Oliverio who was absent at the meeting. He noted that the Haunted Tour was successful, raising close to \$1400, and added that they are seeking participants for the Celebration of Lights Tour. Mr. Levasseur stated that the committee is working on goodie bags to be delivered to the residents of the senior hi-rises. He also read a list of projects the committee has planned to work on going forward.

Interim Manager Sample stated that the AV Upgrade is close to installation noting that Hollywood is waiting on one piece of equipment.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Mr. Amendola was not in attendance.

12. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Crafton Borough continues to accept letters of interest for the following boards and commissions; Civil Service Commission (1), Crafton Planning Commission (2), Crafton Zoning Hearing Board (2), Building Appeals Board (3) and Library Board (2).

Mr. Levasseur stated that any resident interested in serving on any of these boards should submit a letter of interest.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no additional comments from the public.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned 7:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary