

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

(Council Meetings are broadcasted live via Zoom Communications Webinar)

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Levasseur called to order the Discussion Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 7:15 PM.

2. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mr. Amendola.

3. ROLL CALL

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no citizen comments on agenda items.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #1: It was moved and seconded (*Perry/Crouse*) to approve the September 9, 2021, Consent Agenda (including the Meeting Minutes dated August 26, 2021, and the Bill List dated September 9, 2021).

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

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Levasseur asked Council to observe a moment of silence in remembrance of the 20th anniversary of 9/11 this weekend. He thanked all the volunteers and everyone who works in the line of service.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bloom spoke regarding the Mutual Aid Agreement, which allows the Crafton Police Department to lend and receive assistance across jurisdictions between neighboring departments. He stated that the last agreement was signed in the early 2000s and added that a resolution will be on the agenda at the next Council Meeting for a vote.

8. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Minsterman stated that Allegheny County has begun sending the new Consent Order Agreements out to municipalities. He noted that Crafton can expect to receive the agreement in the next few months.

9. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Korbel announced that the Borough Council held an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

10. MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim Manager Sample stated that Verizon will be doing some work on Noble Avenue near Bradford Avenue and added that the construction is expected to take one week to complete. He also noted that there will be a resolution on the agenda at the next meeting to authorize himself as a signer for the Borough Building Façade Grant documents.

11) STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Ms. Perry stated that the Committee had discussed the benefits of seeking an independent consultant to review and assess the current organizational structure, operational functions, and level of staffing and to make recommendations that will enhance operations for current and future needs of the Borough. She instructed the Interim Manager to prepare a draft RFP for the Committee to review at its next meeting

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Mr. Chandler announced that the bid opening for the Public Works Building will be on September 21, 2021. He also noted the contractors are making great progress on the Crafton Boulevard Sewer Separation project.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Mr. Amendola had nothing to report.

COMMUNICATION, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE

Ms. Perry noted that the original AV Company awarded by Crafton Council at its previous meeting had reached out regarding some missing items in their proposal and added that the new pricing would add \$20,000 to the project total. Ms. Perry stated that the Committee reviewed the proposals again and chose to award the project to Hollowood Music & Sound.

MOTION #2: It was moved and seconded (*Perry/Chandler*) to ratify the Interim Manager to execute the COSTARS purchase from Hollowood Music and Sound for the purchase and installation of audio and visual upgrades to Council Chambers at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00.

MOTION #2 carries by a Unanimous Vote (5-0)

12. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Stop down for some Haunted Mini-Golf at the Crafton Mini Golf Course. Don't forget to snap a selfie with the resident werewolf! Fridays and Saturdays beginning October 8th through the 30th from 7-9 PM. Cost to Play is \$2 per person. All CDC, State and Local COVID Guidelines will be followed.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no additional public comments.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary