

BOROUGH OF CRAFTON
REORGANIZATION MEETING
Tuesday, January 2, 2024

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called to order the Reorganization Meeting of the Borough of Crafton, Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 5:01 pm, in the Council Chambers of the Community Center.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Pledge of Allegiance.

3. OATH OF OFFICE

Coletta Perry, Mayor of Crafton, performed the swearing in of newly elected Council Members, Kirsten Compitello, Michael Hough, and Pamela Pulkownik.

4. ROLL CALL

Manager Price recorded seven (7) Members of Council present as follows: Ms. Bollenbacher, Mr. Chandler, Ms. Compitello, Mr. Hough, Mr. Oliverio, Ms. Pulkownik and Mr. Ridilla. Also present were Solicitor Korbel and Mayor Perry.

5. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizens signed up to speak regarding agenda items.

6. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Mayor Perry called for nominations for President of Council.

Ms. Compitello nominated Mr. Oliverio.

There were no other nominations.

MOTION # 1: was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Bollenbacher*) to appoint Mr. Oliverio as President of Council.

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

Mr. Oliverio was appointed President of Council.

Mayor Perry turned the meeting over to Mr. Oliverio, President of Council.

VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Mr. Oliverio called for nominations for Vice President of Council.

Mr. Ridilla nominated Ms. Compitello.

There were no other nominations.

MOTION # 2: was moved and seconded (*Ridilla/Oliverio*) to appoint Ms. Compitello as Vice President of Council.

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

Ms. Compitello was appointed Vice President of Council.

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM

Mr. Oliverio called for nominations for President Pro-Tem.

Ms. Bollenbacher nominated Mr. Ridilla.

There were no other nominations.

MOTION # 3: was moved and seconded (*Bollenbacher/Oliverio*) to appoint Mr. Ridilla as President Pro-Tem.

MOTION #3: carries by Voice Vote (6-1). *Mr. Ridilla Abstained.*

Mr. Ridilla was appointed President Pro-Tem.

VACANCY BOARD CHAIR

Mr. Oliverio called for nominations for Vacancy Board Chair.

Ms. Compitello nominated Susan O'Connell.

There were no other nominations.

MOTION # 4: was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Oliverio*) to appoint Susan O'Connell as Vacancy Board Chair.

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

Susan O'Connell was appointed as Vacancy Board Chair.

7. MEETING SCHEDULE

MOTION #5: It was moved and seconded (*Bollenbacher/Ridilla*) establishing the time of each meeting for the second and fourth Thursdays of each month convening at 7:00 pm.

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

8. APPOINTMENTS

MOTION #6: It was moved and seconded (*Bollenbacher/Compitello*) to appoint Babst, Calland as the Borough Solicitor.

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

MOTION #7: It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Hough*) to appoint Gateway Engineers as the Borough Engineer.

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

MOTION #8: It was moved and seconded (*Pulkownik/Bollenbacher*) to appoint Jim Price as the Borough Manager.

MOTION #8 carries by a Unanimous Vote (7-0).

MOTION #9: It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Ridilla*) to approve Huntington Bank as the Official Depository Bank for all Borough accounts.

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

MOTION #10: It was moved and seconded (*Ridilla/Chandler*) to appoint the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette as the Official Paper.

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

MOTION #11: It was moved and seconded (*Ridilla/Bollenbacher*) to appoint the Crafton Volunteer Fire Department as the Borough Fire Department.

MOTION #11 carries by a Unanimous Vote (7-0).

MOTION #12: It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Chandler*) to approve of Michael J. Crown as the Fire Chief for the Borough of Crafton.

MOTION #12 carries by a Unanimous Vote (7-0).

MOTION #13: It was moved and seconded (*Ridilla/Compitello*) to appoint Mark Sumpter as the Emergency Management Coordinator.

MOTION #13 carries by a Unanimous Vote (7-0).

MOTION #14: It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Chandler*) to appoint DJ Glancy as the Borough Fire Marshal and Dave Morgan as the Assistant Borough Fire Marshal.

MOTION #14 carries by a Voice Vote (6-1). *Mr. Ridilla - NO*

MOTION #15: It was moved and seconded (*Bollenbacher/Compitello*) to appoint Annette Lherbier as the Borough Treasurer for the Borough of Crafton.

MOTION #15 carries by a Unanimous Vote (7-0).

MOTION #16: It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Hough*) to appoint Carissima Kerns as the Borough Secretary for the Borough of Crafton.

MOTION #16 carries by a Unanimous Vote (7-0).

MOTION #17: It was moved and seconded (*Bollenbacher/Compitello*) to appoint Maher Duessel as the Borough Auditor for the Borough of Crafton.

MOTION #17 carries by a Unanimous Vote (7-0).

9. NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

BILL LIST

MOTION #18: It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Chandler*) to ratify the Bill List dated December 31, 2023, as presented.

MOTION #18 carries by a Unanimous Vote (7-0).

DEDUCT METER REFUNDS

Manager Price stated the ALCOSAN allows for credits for outdoor water usage when an auxiliary meter is installed by a certified plumber.

MOTION #19: It was moved and seconded (*Ridilla/Compitello*) to ratify the 2023 Sewage Deduct Meter Refunds in the amount of \$6,241.08.

MOTION #19 carries by a Unanimous Vote (7-0).

NEW CRAFTON LOGO

Manager Price noted that the Borough is working with John Sotirakis, from the Crafton School of the Arts on the creation of a new borough logo. He added that the examples were posted for Council to review on the shared drive prior to the meeting. Manager Price stated that the cost for this service would be estimated at \$5000.

Council Members discussed the terms of the proposal and options for terminating the agreement, ownership of the artwork, and trade marking.

Ms. Compitello proposed moving the discussion to the following week at the January 11, 2024, meeting.

10. ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no additional comments.

Mr. Oliverio announced that the next meeting will be Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 7:00PM.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Oliverio adjourned the meeting at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary