

Borough of Crafton  
Thursday, July 22, 2021.

*(Meeting was held via Zoom Communications Webinar)*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Levasseur called to order the Regular Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Thursday, July 22, 2021, at 7:15 PM.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Mr. Chandler.

**3. ROLL CALL**

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

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION #1:** It was moved and seconded (*Crown/Crouse*) to approve the July 22, 2021, Consent Agenda (Including the Meeting Minutes dated July 8, 2021, and the Bill List dated July 22, 2021).

Mr. Oliverio stated that the Meeting Minutes were not in the Council Meeting Packet on the OneDrive.

**MOTION #1 AMENDED:** It was moved and seconded (*Crown/Crouse*) to approve the July 22, 2021, Consent Agenda (Including the Bill List dated July 22, 2021).

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

**5. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS**

Mr. Levasseur acknowledged the receipt of the following written reports for June 2021, including the Act 511, Trash and Property Tax Collection Report, Police Report, EMS Report, Building Inspection Report, Fire Department Report, Library Report and Treasurer's Report (May/June).

**6. CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL/Agenda Items Only:**

There were no citizen comments on agenda items.

**7. PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Mr. Levasseur stated that construction is scheduled to begin on several projects throughout the Borough and added that work will be completed during the hours of 7:00 AM and 6:00 PM. He reminds everyone to monitor SavvyCitizen and the Borough's website for communications and

updates. Mr. Levasseur added that scheduling of the groundbreaking ceremony for the Woodlawn/Fountain/Promenade project is underway.

### **8. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Bloom announced that Amazon will be in Crafton Borough filming "A League of Their Own" on Thursday and Friday. He added that filming will take place on Creighton Avenue.

### **9. SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Solicitor Korbel had nothing to report.

### **10. MANAGERS REPORT**

Interim Manager Sample had nothing to report.

### **11. BUSINESS AGENDA**

Mr. Levasseur stated that there were five bids received for the Alley B Reconstruction project of which T.A. Robinson was the low bidder.

**MOTION #2:** It was moved and seconded (*Crouse/Crown*) to award the Alley B Reconstruction Project to T.A. Robinson Asphalt Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$83,090.00

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

Mr. Levasseur noted that the Crafton Borough is applying for a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant for the Phase II and Phase III of the Crafton Boulevard Streetscape Project, which will include providing bump outs for parallel parking, concrete curbing, sidewalks, lighting, and landscaping. He added that Phase I is already under contract.

**MOTION #3:** It was moved and seconded (*Crouse/Chandler*) to adopt Resolution 2021-010 requesting grant funding in the amount of \$996,116 for Phase II and III of the Crafton Boulevard Streetscape Project.

Mr. Crouse inquired about the location of the improvements.

Mr. Levasseur stated that these improvements will be completed in front of Crafton Elementary on both sides up to McMunn Avenue. He noted that information regarding this project will be posted to the website.

**MOTION #3** carries by a Unanimous Vote (5-0).

Interim Manager Sample noted that the Borough will be doing a lease/purchase for a new 2020 Ford F550 to replace Public Works Truck 108. He noted that this will be paid for out of the Sewer Fund.

**MOTION #4:** It was moved and seconded (*Crouse/Chandler*) to adopt Resolution 2021-011 entering into a Lease/Purchase Agreement with Huntington Public Capital Corporation for the purchase of a 2020 Ford F-550.

Mr. Crown asked if the new truck would match the current fleet of Public Works Vehicles in color and mechanics.

Interim Manager Sample stated that the new truck will have a bed slightly larger than the other trucks and will be white in color.

Mr. Crown suggested that the trucks remain the same color to preserve the brand and style of vehicles the residents are used to seeing. He noted that there should be a specification requirement for Truck purchases in the future.

Interim Manager Sample stated that the 5-Year capital improvements plan will work toward continuing the brand, style and mechanics needed to replace future equipment.

**MOTION #4** carries by a Unanimous Vote (5-0).

**MOTION #5:** It was moved and seconded (*Crouse/Crown*) to resume rental of the Community Center effective August 1, 2021.

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

**MOTION #6:** It was moved and seconded (*Oliverio/Crown*) to re-appoint Mary Luxbacher to the Shade Tree Commission for a 5-year term to expire March 31, 2026.

Mr. Oliverio stated that Mary Luxbacher is an asset to the Commission and that he highly supports this appointment.

**MOTION #6** carries by a Unanimous Vote (5-0).

Mr. Levasseur noted that the bid concurrence recommendation was received from SHACOG (South Hills Area Council of Governments) for the Joint Municipal O & M Preventative Maintenance Year 11 contract.

**MOTION #7:** It was moved and seconded (*Crown/Crouse*) to concur with SHACOG's contract award to State Pipe Services, Inc. for \$82,207.50, with Crafton's share being \$19,545.00.

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

Interim Manager Sample announced that the Steering Committee is a requirement of the consultants, Environmental Planning & Design (EPD), who will draft the Master Site Plan. He noted that there will be two public meetings prior to it being submitted to Council for review and approval and added that the process may take six months to a year and is being funded by DCNR.

**MOTION #8:** It was moved and seconded (*Crouse/Crown*) to appoint the following to the Parks and Recreation Master Site Plan Steering Committee: Council, Michael Crown and Brad Crouse; From the Planning Commission, Kirsten Compitello and Eric Valcheff; From the Recreation Board, Jacquelyn Levasseur and Elizabeth Palmer, and from the Public; Gregory Wozniak, Kevin Slogick, James Mangan, Gerald Luxbacher and Liz Glowark.

Council discussed the who will lead the commission and the role of the consultant.

Interim Manager Sample noted that he will be attending the meeting and reporting the findings and information back to Council Members.

**MOTION #8** carries by a Unanimous Vote (5-0).

**MOTION #9:** It was moved and seconded (*Oliverio/Crouse*) to award the demolition of 52 Baldwick Road Project to GEMM Demolition, LLC in the amount of \$23,000.00.

Mr. Levasseur opened the floor to public comment.

There were no public comments on the motion.

**MOTION #9** carries by a Unanimous Vote (5-0).

## **12. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 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. All CDC, State and Local COVID Guidelines will be followed.
- A Ribbon Cutting and Groundbreaking Ceremony has been scheduled for Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM for the South Grandview and Woodlawn Separation Projects. The event will begin with the ribbon cutting for the South Grandview Separation and Reconstruction Project and will then move to Woodlawn Avenue for the groundbreaking of this separation project, which will separate portions of the combined sewers along Fountain Street, Promenade Street and Woodlawn Street. These improvements will remove stormwater runoff from approximately 39 acres of the existing combined sewer system. Once the new storm sewers are installed, the roadways will be restored with new paving, curbing, and sidewalks as needed. The total cost of the project is \$1,217,210.00 with grants from ALCOSAN accounting for approximately 70% of the cost.

Mr. Levasseur also announced that there is an ongoing investigation regarding the fish kill that occurred in the Chartiers Creek.

## **13. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Richard Kraemer, 26 S. Grandview Avenue**, announced that Crafton Heritage will be hosting a Summer TRIVIA event and will be held on Sunday, July 25, 2021, at D & O Wine Cellars. He added that tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at [CraftonHeritage.org](http://CraftonHeritage.org) or at the door. Mr. Kraemer also noted that they plan to host these events quarterly.

Mr. Crouse thanked the Fire Department for their quick emergency response efforts during the fire that took place at the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Levasseur also thanked the Fire Department and the Fire Chief, Michael Crown.

Mr. Crown gave a brief description of the fire call and recognized all the mutual aid departments who responded to the call.

Interim Manager Sample spoke regarding the hiring process of the proposed joint Building and Fire Inspector.

#### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary