

PUBLIC HEARING
Liquor License Transfer
Crafton Volunteer Fire Department
65 Station Street
Minutes of March 9, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Solicitor Korbel called to order the Public Hearing of the Crafton Borough Council, March 9, 2023, at 6:26 PM.

ROLL CALL

Solicitor Korbel recorded six (6) Members of Council present in person; Mr. Chandler, Ms. Compitello, Mr. Marks, Mr. Oliverio and Mr. Ridilla. Attending via Zoom Webinar was Ms. Bollenbacher. Also in attendance were Mayor Perry and Manager Price. Absent was Ms. Pulkownik.

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To discuss the application filed by the Crafton Volunteer Fire Department to permit the intermunicipal transfer of a club liquor license; License No. C-503 from the Hungarian Social Club of McKeesport, 3004-3006 Walnut Street, McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, 15132 to the Crafton Fire Department at 65 Station Street, Crafton, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, 15205.

Solicitor Korbel confirmed that the proof of publication has met the requirements of the Pennsylvania Liquor Code. He stated that the Borough Council will review and analyze the application, receive public comments, and determine whether to approve, approve with conditions or deny the applications.

Solicitor Korbel entered into the record the proof of publication, correspondences with Charles Caputo 1/25/2023 and all attendant application materials.

OATH

The following individuals who requested to speak and/or offer testimony, stood and were sworn in by the Court Reporter.

David Morgan, President, Crafton Volunteer Fire Department

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no citizens or attendants requesting to speak or testify.

PRESENTATION

Chad Snyder, of Caputo Law Office, spoke regarding the request to transfer the Hungarian Social Club of McKeesport to the Crafton Volunteer Fire Department property located at 65 Station Street. He stated that the intentions are to operate a member only club with the main purpose of creating a revenue stream for the Crafton Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Snyder stated that there will be a hierarchy of membership, and it will not be open to the public, hours of operation will be 2:00 PM to 11:00 PM and traditional bar foods will be served.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Morgan responded to various questions from Council such as;

- Does the Fire Department already have a Liquor License? Answer: No
- What is the capacity of the proposed location? Answer: After remodeling, no more than 70 people.

Mr. Oliverio clarified that the purpose is to serve alcohol to members only, there will be no sales of alcohol to the public.

- What categories of liquor will be sold? Answer: All types of liquor will be sold and are covered under the license.
- Will guests be allowed in with members? Answer: A member will be allowed to have one accompanying guest but only while the member is present in the club.
- What are the requirements for membership? Answer: Membership requirements have not been solidified yet.

The floor was open for public comments.

There were no requests from the public to speak or testify.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Solicitor Korbel announced that the public hearing has closed.

ADJOURNMENT

Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carissima J. Kerns, Borough Secretary

(Court Reporter Transcript to be available)