

Borough of Crafton  
Monday, April 22, 2019

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Levasseur called to order the Regular Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Monday, April 22, 2019 at 7:15 PM.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Ms. Perry.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Manager Susko recorded seven (7) members of Council present as follows: Mr. Amendola, Mr. Crouse, Ms. Perry, Ms. Glaser (via Skype) Ms. Damits, Mr. Rosario and Mr. Levasseur. Also present were Solicitor Korbel, Engineer Minsterman and Public Works Director Kaczorowski. Absent was Mayor Bloom.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST**

**MOTION #1:** It was moved and seconded (*Rosario/Damits*) to approve the Bill List dated April 22, 2019, as presented.

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

**5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

**MOTION #2:** It was moved and seconded (*Rosario/Damits*) to approve the Minutes dated April 8, 2019, as presented.

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

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

Mr. Levasseur noted that there were no citizens signed up to address council.

**7. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS**

Mr. Levasseur acknowledged the receipt of the following written reports for March 2019: Treasurer's Report (*February, March*), Financial Report, Act 511, Trash Collection and Property Tax Report, Police Report, E.M.S. Report, Ordinance Officer's Report, Building Inspection Report, Public Works Report, ~~Fire Department Report~~ and Library Report.

**8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Levasseur announced the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual CharWest COG dinner will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at Rockefeller's Grille and added that the guest speaker is State Representative Anita Astorino Kulik. Mr. Levasseur noted that any Council Members wishing to attend should notify Manager Susko.

Mr. Levasseur noted that he attended the most recent COG meeting in which presentations were made regarding asphalt road surface rejuvenation products and added that discussions were held regarding Borough/Township Management, Police COG attendance and Vactor use.

## **9. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Levasseur noted that Mayor Bloom was not in attendance.

## **10. ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Engineer Minsterman spoke regarding the Crafton Boulevard ALCOSAN GROW project adding that due diligence continues and Gateway is planning to set up meetings regarding the project with the Utility Companies, the City of Pittsburgh, Carlynton School District and Borough Residents who may be affected by the project.

Public Works Director Kaczorowski also noted that there are plans to schedule a meeting with A. Folino Construction and the Shade Tree Commission regarding the tree damage from the 2018 State Route 60 paving project.

Engineer Minsterman gave a brief update on several projects throughout the Borough including the 2018 Clearview Phase V punch-list items for A. Folino Construction, Inc., the 2018 Road Paving punch-list items for Independent Enterprises, Inc., the Crafton Park Rain Garden, and the Johnston Street Sewer Repair project.

Mr. Amendola asked for an update regarding a flooding issue at a residence on W. Steuben Street adding that the Owner of the property stated that they have not received any official response from the Borough, the Engineer or the Solicitor.

## **11. SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Solicitor Korbel noted that the Recreation Board and Shade Tree Ordinances have been advertised and added that he is working with the Manager and Gateway on the Parking/Traffic Ordinance and the proposed angled parking on East Crafton Avenue.

## **12. MANAGERS REPORT**

Manager Susko gave a brief summary of the agenda items.

Manager Susko announced there is a motion to purchase a used Super Paver on the agenda for consideration and added that that it will be paid by the remaining 2018 Liquid Fuels Funds.

Manager Susko spoke regarding the O&M projects on the agenda including the CCTV through SHACOG as well as the Excavation Repairs and Lining Repairs that will be advertised by Crafton Borough.

Managers Susko updated Council on the Pool Manager interviews conducted by Ms. Damits and Ms. Perry adding that the full list of seasonal hire recommendations is on the agenda for this evening.

Manager Susko took a few minutes to discuss the motion to approve the proposal from ClearGov at an approximate cost of \$1600. Manager Susko stated that ClearGov is an internet-based portal for financial budgeting, project tracking and data and info sharing for Municipalities. Manager Susko added that this information is open and easily accessible to the public to review.

Manager Susko announced that Crafton Borough received the 30 Year Tree City USA recognition.

Manager Susko gave an update on Ingram Avenue noting that it is on the City of Pittsburgh's paving list and the draft agreement has been sent to the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure.

### **13. BUSINESS AGENDA**

#### ***A. ADMINISTRATION***

**MOTION #3:** It was moved and seconded (*Damits/Rosario*) to accept the resignation of Martin Avery from the Recreation Board from a term ending September 30, 2019.

Mr. Amendola inquired about Mr. Avery's reasoning for his resignation and called to table the motion on the floor.

**MOTION #4:** It was moved and seconded (*Amendola/Perry*) to table Motion #3.

**MOTION #4** failed to table Motion #3 by Roll Call Vote (3-4).

ROLL CALL VOTE: *Mr. Amendola (YES), Mr. Crouse (NO) Ms. Perry (YES), Ms. Glaser (YES) Ms. Damits (NO), Mr. Rosario (NO), Mr. Levasseur (NO).*

Council continued discussion on Motion #3 to accept Mr. Avery's resignation.

Mr. Amendola asked if Mr. Avery submitted a letter of resignation.

Manager Susko noted that Mr. Avery submitted a confidential e-mail to Mr. Levasseur and herself.

Mr. Levasseur called for an executive session.

Mr. Levasseur called the meeting back to order at 7:57 PM.

Solicitor Korbel announced that Council discussed personnel and sought advice from the solicitor. No action was taken.

**MOTION #3** carries by Roll Call Vote (6-1)

ROLL CALL VOTE: *Mr. Amendola (NO), Mr. Crouse (YES) Ms. Perry (YES), Ms. Glaser (YES) Ms. Damits (YES), Mr. Rosario (YES), Mr. Levasseur (YES).*

**MOTION #5:** It was moved and seconded (*Rosario/Perry*) to approve the proposal from ClearGov to provide an online project management and tracking platform to the public for Borough infrastructure project. This proposal includes an option to expand the service agreement to include financial and budgeting information for 2020, pending Council approval.

Mr. Levasseur noted that this agreement does not bind the Borough to a multi-year contract.

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

## ***B. PUBLIC WORKS***

**MOTION #6:** It was moved and seconded (*Rosario/Crouse*) to authorize the purchase of a Maudin Super Paver from Pave-Rite at a cost of \$11,000.00. This purchase will be paid out of the annual Liquid Fuels distribution.

Ms. Damits inquired if the equipment was used or new.

Mr. Kaczorowski noted that the proposed paver is used; however, it is bigger and heavier than the current paver and added that the company will offer training to the Public Works Department as well as guidance on regular maintenance and repairs. Mr. Kaczorowski stated that this paver will supplement the Road Program and allow Public Works to resurface some alleys that were not able to be added to the Road Paving Program. Mr. Kaczorowski added that there are two pavers that will go out to bid and could be sold for approximately \$6,000.00.

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

**MOTION #7:** It was moved and seconded (*Perry/Rosario*) to concur with SHACOG to award the bid for the Joint Municipal O&M CCTV Inspection & Cleaning – Year 9 to the low bidder, State Pipe Service, Inc. as recommended by the Borough Engineer. Crafton's share of the contract is \$39,197.50.

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

**MOTION #8:** It was moved and seconded (*Perry/Rosario*) to advertise the acceptance of bids for the 2019 O&M Sewer Repairs Contract A – Excavation Repairs, as prepared by the Borough Engineer. Bids will be accepted at the Borough Administrative Office through May 21, 2019, 10:00 AM prevailing time.

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

**MOTION #9:** It was moved and seconded (*Rosario/Perry*) to advertise the acceptance of bids for the 2019 O&M Sewer Repairs Contract B – Lining Repairs, as prepared by the Borough Engineer. Bids will be accepted at the Borough Administrative Office through May 21, 2019, 10:00 AM prevailing time.

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

## ***C. SEASONAL HIRES***

**MOTION #10:** It was moved and seconded (*Perry/Rosario*) to approve Resolution No. 2019-04 setting the wages for summer/seasonal part-time positions for Crafton Pool and the Public Works Department.

Ms. Perry asked Manager Susko to strike the text listing the Pool Coordinator position from Resolution 2019-04. Mr. Rosario agreed.

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

**MOTION #11:** It was moved and seconded (*Perry/Rosario*) to approve the 2019 Seasonal Hires list for Crafton Pool and the Public Works Department.

Mr. Levasseur thanked Ms. Damits and Ms. Perry on their quick diligence and welcomed Ms. Angela Palchowski as the new Pool Manager.

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

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- American Legion Bingo Nights-Friday nights at American Legion Post #145 on Crennell Avenue
- Community Clean-Up Day activities
  - April 27, 9:00AM – 12:00PM
  - Volunteers for litter pick-up can meet at the Crafton Library for supplies and locations.
  - Dumpster for bulk waste will be at the Crafton Park entrance. For information on accepted materials please call the Borough Administrative Office.
- Real ID Info Session – hosted by Rep. Dan Deasy & Sen. Wayne Fontana
  - Thursday, April 25, 6:30PM – 8:00PM, Crafton Community Center.
  - State & County officials will be there to answer questions about the Real ID policy.
- Shred Event-Hosted by Rep. Dan Deasy/Sen. Wayne Fontana
  - May 4, 2019, 8:00AM – 11:00AM
  - Crafton Park

### **ADDITIONAL CITIZENS COMMENTS**

*Amanda Argauer, 534 Willard Avenue*, confronted Mr. Amendola regarding a statement made toward Mr. Crouse at the previous council meeting indicating that Mr. Crouse brought five to six people in to speak regarding the hiring of a new officer. Ms. Argauer gave a detailed statement documenting interactions of personal friends and family who serve in the line of duty. Ms. Argauer also provided current information and statistics on adding a resource officer in school and gave current school shooting statistics. Ms. Argauer expressed disappointment with Mr.

Amendola's comment that voting against the hiring of a new officer is anti-police as well as his offensive behavior and poorly conducted research.

***ADJOURNMENT***

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary