

Borough of Crafton
Council Meeting
Monday, October 12, 2020.

(Meeting was held via Zoom Webinar and can be viewed by going to
www.craftonborough.com/council-meeting-videos)

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Levasseur called to order the Discussion Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Monday, October 12, 2020 at 7:18 PM.

2. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mr. Levasseur.

3. ROLL CALL

Manager McKibben recorded six (6) members of Council, present as follows: Mr. Alo, Mr. Amendola, Mr. Crouse, Mr. Crown, Mr. Levasseur and Ms. Perry. Also present were Mayor Bloom, Solicitor Korbel, Engineer Minsterman and Assistant Manager Sample. Absent was Mr. Saba.

4. APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST

MOTION #1: It was moved and seconded (*Perry/Crown*) to approve the Bill List dated September 14, 2020, as presented.

MOTION #1 carries by a Unanimous Vote (6-0).

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION #2: It was moved and seconded (*Crown/Alo*) to approve the Minutes dated September 28, 2020, as presented.

MOTION #2 carries by a Unanimous Vote (6-0).

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mary Luxbacher, 71 Dinsmore Avenue, noted that Haunted Mini-Golf attracted 50+ participants over the weekend which raised approximately \$125. She also announced that the Haunted Crafton Tour is well underway, and that information will be available via SavvyCitizen this week. Ms. Luxbacher stated that both events are sponsored by the Crafton Recreation Board and benefit the Crafton-Ingram Food Pantry.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Levasseur stated that ALCOSAN provided several educational documents which were added to the website and can be viewed by Council or Residents and added that these documents

outline and highlight the current GROW program projects. Mr. Levasseur thanked ALCOSAN, Gateway and Civic Mappers for their continued cooperation.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bloom stated he had no report for this evening.

9. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Minsterman stated that the monthly Engineer Report was submitted to Council for review. He added that Gateway conducted a few site visits, one to the alley between Barr and Clearview and to 55 Ewing Road for stormwater flooding complaints. Engineer Minsterman noted that there are several options for remediation which will be discussed at the Engineer's meeting tomorrow.

10. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Korbel noted that he will report on the proposed ordinances as they come up for discussion later in the agenda.

11. MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager McKibben also stated that he will report on agenda items when they are presented for discussion.

12. DISCUSSION ITEMS

PROJECT UPDATES

Manager McKibben gave a brief update on the ongoing projects throughout the Borough, he noted that the Playground and Pool Liner projects are moving along, the S. Grandview reconstruction will finish up in approximately two weeks, and the Traffic Signal replacement projects are nearing completion. He added that there will be a thirty-day testing period before removal of the old poles and equipment.

2021 PRELIMINARY BUDGET/WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Manager McKibben stated that the Budget Workshop schedule has been published and is available on SavvyCitizen and the Borough Website. He added that the purpose of the first Budget Workshop will be for Council to discuss their wants and where they would like to prioritize funds in the budget for next year. Manager McKibben noted that the first Budget Workshop is scheduled for this Wednesday, October 14th, 2020, beginning at 7PM.

PENDING ORDINANCE UPDATES

Solicitor Korbel first stated that he had prepared the updated Property Maintenance Code and Uniform Construction Code ordinances with minimal changes. He also noted that the requested

revisions were made to the Non-Discrimination Ordinance and the Chicken Ordinance and added that both ordinances are available for Council to review.

Upon request from Mr. Levasseur, Solicitor Korbel spoke to clarify Council's role in the enforcement of the Uniform Construction Code. He stated that Crafton Borough has a contract with a company, Building Inspection Underwriters, to provide Building Inspection Services and added that B.I.U. assigns a Building Inspector to enforce the Uniform Construction Code within the Borough as it is adopted by ordinance. Solicitor Korbel noted that the Borough also has a Code Enforcement Officer, who is employed by the Borough, this employee is responsible for enforcing the Property Maintenance Code and the Borough Code of Ordinances.

Manager McKibben stated that the Building Inspection matters are separate from the Fire Inspections and Fees discussed at previous meetings and added that Council will continue those discussions at the budget workshops.

Mr. Levasseur inquired about an update on the Char-West COG Joint Municipal Building Appeals Board.

Manager McKibben stated that he has not received any updates or heard of any movement on the Joint Municipal Building Appeals Board.

Council Members held a quick discussion on property lot size requirements for R1 and R2 districts in relation to the Chicken Ordinance.

CD 46 CATCH BASIN REPLACEMENT

Manager McKibben stated that the bids received by Char-West COG for the catch basin replacement came in lower than estimated. He added that there will be a Resolution on the next agenda as an action item to accept the bid from Independent Enterprises.

LEADER/STORM WATER ORDINANCE

Engineer Minsterman spoke regarding the wording of Chapter 177, Article III, Sewer Use and Discharges, which states that a person may not connect roof leaders or downspouts to the Sanitary Sewer, however, he noted that Crafton has a combined sewer system which does allow connections of roof leaders and/or downspouts. Engineer Minsterman suggests making a slight revision to the language in the code stating that connections are allowed in the combined system, with exception of new construction where a separate system exists.

Solicitor Korbel stated that the ordinance was revised in 2006 where mention of the combined sewer system was removed, thus making the language regarding the drainage requirements confusing.

Mr. Levasseur asked the Solicitor and the Engineer to work together to clarify the language for the next meeting.

TRAFFIC REQUEST – BRADFORD AVENUE

Manager McKibben noted that a request was made by Ms. Herring of the Planning Commission for the addition of a stop sign on Bradford Avenue where it intersects with Crafton Boulevard. He added that there was a study conducted on this intersection approximately ten years ago and stated that he can initiate another study at Council's request.

Council continued discussion of additional stop signs due to vehicle safety, walkability concerns and PENNDOT regulations regarding two intersections along Crafton Boulevard, one at Bradford and one at Baldwick.

MINI-EXCAVATOR PURCHASE

Assistant Manager Sample spoke to Council regarding the consideration of purchasing a Mini-Excavator, for use by Public Works, and added that this will be paid for out of the Sewer Fund and included in the 2021 Budget.

13. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Borough Office will remain closed to the public; however, staff is available during normal business hours and can be reached via telephone or e-mail. There is a drop-box in the rear of the building for any written correspondence. Any changes to this action will be posted on the Borough website and Savvy Citizen.
- The Crafton Library is open (with Covid-19 Safety Limitations) M/W/F from 9A-1P and T/H from 2P-6P.
- Five election sites have been designated by the County Election Office with only a replacement for the Crafton Tower location still pending. A link to the voting sites is on the Website and Savvy Citizen.
- Trick or Treat is 6 -8PM on Saturday, October 31st. Please follow all CDC guidelines no matter if you decide to "Trick" or "Treat". Also, the Haunted Crafton Driving Tour commences on the 24th. Please see the website for details.
- The Community Visioning Workshop sponsored by the Planning Commission is scheduled for October 28th @ 7:00 PM. Registration details (via Zoom) can be found on the Borough website.
- Council Budget Sessions will commence this Wednesday @ 7:00 P.M. and continue on the same day and time each week through November. Login information will be on the Website and Savvy Citizen before each session.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary