

Borough of Crafton
Council Meeting
Monday September 24, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

President Levasseur called to order the Regular Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Monday September 24, 2018 at 7:15 PM. The flag salute was led by Ms. Perry.

ROLL CALL, by Manager Susko, recorded six (6) member of council present as follows: Mr. Crouse, Ms. Perry, Ms. Glaser (via Skype), Ms. Damits, Mr. Rosario and Mr. Levasseur. Absent was Mr. Amendola. Also present were Mayor Bloom, Solicitor Korbel, Engineer Minsterman and Public Works Director Kaczorowski.

BILL LIST APPROVAL

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Perry/Rosario*) to approve the Bill List dated September 24, 2018.

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

ACCEPTANCE/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Crouse/Damits*) to approve the Minutes dated September 10, 2018 as presented.

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

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

Mr. Levasseur noted that residents signed up to speak will do so at the end of the meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS

Mr. Levasseur acknowledged receipt of the following written reports for August 2018; Treasurer's Report, 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 and ~~Library Report~~.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bloom asked the Solicitor to review the existing traffic ordinance and the previously completed Traffic Studies conducted on Crafton Boulevard and to provide Council with any recommendations for the current traffic ordinance.

Mayor Bloom requested that Council consider restricting parking to one side only on both Johnston Street and Woodlawn Avenue stating that parking on both sides can cause a problem for Emergency Responders.

Mayor Bloom announced that the Crafton Police Department passed the Annual Firearms Qualifications this past week.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Minsterman gave an informational overview of the municipal consent order and source reduction history for Crafton Borough. Engineer Minsterman began by stating that prior to 2002 ALCOSAN sewer systems were failing and in violation of the Clean Streams Act, as a result, the EPA/DEP/ACHD stepped in to negotiate Consent Order Agreements between the Municipalities and ALCOSAN. Engineer Minsterman noted that through this Consent Order Agreement, municipalities are required to comply with a number of different projects and maintenance requirements that will bring the current lines and sewer system back up to a level of minimal standard and to keep them in good working order. Crafton, along with many surrounding communities, partner with SHACOG on Joint Municipal O&M contracts to reduce costs of these repair projects. Engineer Minsterman noted that Municipalities also develop Feasibility Studies that help communities determine what projects and capital improvements should be considered and budgeted for.

(A full copy of the Consent Order and Source Reduction History prepared by Gateway Engineers is available in the Borough Office)

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Korbel stated that the Allegheny County ACT 167 Stormwater Management Ordinance recommendations and a draft ordinance was included in a memo provided to Council prior to the meeting for review. Solicitor Korbel suggested that Council and Gateway discuss this draft ordinance and make any recommended changes and plan to adopt the new ordinance within the next two months.

Solicitor Korbel noted that on the agenda will be an authorization to advertise an amendment to Chapter 131: Health Hazards and Nuisances, and Chapter 208: Trees. Solicitor Korbel stated that this amendment will give Code Enforcement and Building Inspection the power to address tree complaints in a timely manner without involving the Shade Tree Commission when the tree in question is on Private Property. The Shade Tree Commission will still have jurisdiction over the Street Trees and trees within the Borough Parks and Right-Of-Ways.

PRESENTATION – ALLEGHENY COUNTY GREEN WEBS

Loralyn Fabian, presented on behalf of Allegheny County Green Webs, a coalition of thirty plus non-profits and government agencies who are working together to interconnect all one hundred and thirty municipalities in Allegheny County. Ms. Fabian stated that the goal is to create an inventory of all of Allegheny County's trails and greenways and to work with municipalities to create a "Green Web" of connections between municipalities, county parks and downtown Pittsburgh.

BUSINESS AGENDA

ADMINISTRATION

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Rosario/Perry*) to ratify Resolution No. 2018-11 adopting the 2019 Minimal Municipal Obligation, as required by Act 205, for the Police Pension Fund and Non-Uniform Employee Pension Fund.

MOTION #3 carries by a Unanimous Vote (6-0).

Manager Susko announced that the following 2018 State Aid Funds were received and are in the process of being distributed. Ms. Susko stated that Crafton Borough received \$131,162.87 in Pension State Aid noting that the aid received will cover the 2018 M.M.O. less four (4) cents. Ms. Susko added that the 2018 Volunteer Fire Relief Allocation Funds have been received, in the amount of \$25,721.61, and will be distributed to the Crafton Volunteer Fire Relief Fund.

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Rosario/Perry*) to approve pay application #2 in the amount of \$106,684.29 to Independent Enterprises, Inc. for the 2018 Road Program as recommended by the Borough Engineer.

Ms. Damits inquired about a few items that remain unfinished.

Manager Susko noted that there will be a meeting Wednesday with the contractor to discuss the punch list items in question.

MOTION #4 carries by a Voice Vote (5-1).

PLANNING AND ZONING

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Perry/Crouse*) to advertise Ordinance No. 1649 amending Chapter 131 Health Hazards and Nuisances, and Chapter 208 Trees, regarding the regulation of nuisance trees located on private property.

Mr. Crouse questioned if Code Enforcement has the authority to make the decision on the status of a tree's health.

Manager Susko noted that the ordinance amendment allows code enforcement to send notifications to the property owner without getting the Shade Tree Commission involved.

Mr. Levasseur stated that these amendments will streamline and speed up the enforcement process and allow the Borough to remove hazardous trees in a dangerous situation. The policy will be in place and distributed at the time the ordinance is passed.

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

PERSONNEL

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Perry/Damits*) to hire Lori Dawson as a part-time Substitute Crossing Guard as recommended by the Chief of Police.

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ***Recreation Board Appointments***
 - Letter of interest to serve on the Recreation Board are being accepted through October 12, 2018.
 - Residents can submit a letter of interest to the Borough office directly or via mail, sent ATTN: Borough Manager, or attached as a PDF to rsusko@craftonborough.com.
- ***Meet the Manager Tailgate***
 - October 8, 2018 at 6 PM in the Municipal Building Parking Lot (prior to the next council meeting)
- ***Chartiers Creek Cleanup***
 - September 29, 2018 at 10 AM.
 - Information provided by Lower Chartiers Watershed Association
 - Cleanup zone runs from Crafton to McKees Rocks
 - See Allegheny CleanWays website events section for more information at www.alleghenycleanways.org
- ***Hard-To-Recycle Collection Event***
 - October 6, 2018 – 9 AM to 1 PM, Settlers Cabin Park

ADDITIONAL CITIZENS COMMENTS

Glenn Wacker, 1654 Crafton Boulevard, spoke regarding the condemnation notice he received on his property at 1654 Crafton Boulevard. Mr. Wacker noted that the foundation issues were caused by a flooding event ten (10) years ago due to a problem with the curbing system on Crafton Boulevard.

James Mangan, 96 Sterrett Street, spoke to Council regarding the berms on Perrine Street noting that they are too high and are directing storm water into the already overwhelmed sewer drains. Mr. Mangan urged Council to work with ALCOSAN on any available grants.

Greg Ducouer, 92 Sterrett Street, also reminded council about the issue with the new curbs and asked Council for an update on what needs to be done to move forward on a solution for flooding on Sterrett Street.

Ms. Perry noted that Mr. Levasseur's birthday is tomorrow and wished the President of Council a Happy Birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carissima Kerns, Administrative Assistant