

Borough of Crafton  
Thursday, April 28, 2022.

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Oliverio called to order the Council Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 7:17 PM.

### **2. FLAG SALUTE**

Pledge of Allegiance.

### **3. ROLL CALL**

Interim Manager Sample seven (7) Members of Council present as follows: Ms. Bollenbacher, Mr. Chandler, Ms. Compitello, Mr. Levasseur, Mr. Marks, Mr. Oliverio, and Mr. Ridilla. Also present were Mayor Perry and Solicitor Korbel.

### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION #1:** It was moved and seconded (*Ridilla/Levasseur*) to approve the April 28, 2022, Consent Agenda (including the Meeting Minutes dated April 14, 2022, and the Bill List dated April 28, 2022).

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

### **5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

*Mary Luxbacher, 71 Dinsmore Avenue*, announced that the Shade Tree Commission will be hosting the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Arbor Day Celebration at Crafton Park on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 7PM. She added that those in attendance will have the opportunity to take home a tree sapling. Ms. Luxbacher also spoke regarding the opening of the pool and urged Council to consider opening Memorial Day Weekend, as that has been the tradition and expectations of the Borough residents over many years.

### **6. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS**

Mr. Oliverio acknowledged the receipt of the following written reports for March 2022, including the Financial Statement, Act 511 and Trash Collection and Property Tax Collection, Police, EMS, Building Inspection, and Code Enforcement.

### **7. PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Mr. Oliverio had nothing to report.

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

Mayor Perry had nothing to report.

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

Solicitor Korbel stated that Council will hold an executive session following the meeting to discuss potential litigation matters, as well as to seek legal advice from the Solicitor. He added that no action will be taken.

## **10. MANAGERS REPORT**

Interim Manager Sample stated that, in addition to the written report uploaded to the OneDrive, he had two items to report. He announced that the Borough will be applying for two grants, first, through the Active Allegheny Grant and second, a CFA Grant through the State for the feasibility study of the Clearview and Creekside trails. Interim Manager Sample added that the feasibility study could cost around \$30,000 and noted that the grants would require a 15% match. He stated that there will be two resolutions on the next meeting agenda for these grants.

Mr. Levasseur inquired about the schedule for the Swimming Pool.

Interim Manager Sample stated that after discussions with the Pool Manager, it was determined that it would be best to delay opening until after the conclusion of the Carlynton school year.

Mr. Oliverio noted that it was discussed in length at the Communication, Recreation and Community Events Committee meeting.

## **11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### ***FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION***

#### ***VEHICLE LEASE PURCHASE***

Mayor Perry stated that the Borough has budgeted the purchase of a new Building/Code Vehicle to upgrade from the 2013 Ford Explorer, which was previously a Police Cruiser. She noted that the Borough intends to purchase the 2022 Ford Escape, at a cost of \$28,890, through a Lease/Purchase with Huntington Public Capital Corporation.

**MOTION: #2:** It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/Compitello*) to adopt Resolution 2022-011 entering into a lease/purchase agreement with Huntington Public Capital Corporation for the purchase of a 2022 Ford Escape.

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

### ***COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE***

Ms. Compitello gave a brief update, as discussed at the Planning Commission Meeting, regarding the appointment of the Joint Zoning Consultant and the Master Site Plan.

*FIRE INSPECTION ORDINANCE*

Ms. Compitello spoke regarding the need for the Borough to update the code to clarify the policies and regulations of the bi-annual residential and commercial fire inspection requirements.

*ACT 152 DEMOLITION GRANT*

Ms. Compitello gave a brief description of the Act 152 Demolition Grant and noted that the Borough intends to contribute a 15% cost match, which will cost the borough \$59,000 including engineering and inspection services.

**MOTION: #3:** It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/Bollenbacher*) to adopt Resolution 2022-012 requesting a grant of \$216,775.00 from the Act 152 Program for the demolition of 11 Fountain Street, 64 South Grandview Avenue, 82 Belvidere Street, and 164 Fountain Street.

Mr. Ridilla inquired if these properties had been inspected and determined that they could not be rehabbed or put to other use.

Interim Manager Sample noted that the properties have been inspected and determined to be beyond repair.

Mr. Levasseur added that if a prospective buyer would like to purchase and attempt to rehab one of these properties the Borough could forfeit the grant funds to allow for that.

**MOTION #3** carries by a Unanimous Vote (7-0).

**MOTION: #4:** It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/Bollenbacher*) to adopt Resolution 2022-013 identifying 11 Fountain Street, 64 South Grandview Avenue, 82 Belvidere Street, and 164 Fountain Street as blighted properties.

**MOTION #4** carries by a Unanimous Vote (7-0).

*CRAFTON BOULEVARD STREETScape CHANGE ORDER*

Ms. Compitello gave an update on the Crafton Boulevard Streetscape project as discussed at the Community Services and Infrastructure Meeting.

**MOTION: #5:** It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/Marks*) to approve the change order to Independent Enterprises for the Phase II installation of the conduit, lamp bases, and road improvements for the Crafton Blvd Streetscape Project in the amount of \$267,745.00.

**MOTION #5** carries by a Voice Vote (5-2). Bollenbacher – NO, Ridilla – NO.

*MULTI-MUNICIPAL ZONING PROJECT*

Ms. Compitello stated that the Crafton/Ingram Interview Committee unanimously selected ZoneCo as the consultant of the Multi-Municipal Zoning Project. She added that each Borough will contribute \$25,000 for the project.

**MOTION: #6** It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/Ridilla*) to award the Crafton-Ingram Multi-Municipal Zoning Project to ZoneCo in the amount of \$100,000.00 per the recommendation of the Interview Committee and the concurrence of the Borough of Ingram.

Mr. Levasseur congratulated Ms. Compitello on her demanding work with the project and the committees.

Mr. Oliverio also pointed out all the background work and effort that has gone into the process of the Multi-Municipal Zoning Project.

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

*COMMUNICATION, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**2022 SEASONAL HELP HIRING*

**MOTION: #7:** It was moved and seconded (*Bollenbacher/Levasseur*) to approve the 2022 Seasonal Positions as submitted by the Pool Manager and the Public Works Foreman.

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

Mr. Marks announced that the Recreation Board will be hosting a Vendor Fair and Car Cruise on June 4<sup>th</sup> and added that those interested should reach out to the Recreation Board. He also stated that the Committee reviewed the newsletter survey results and discussed implementing some of the ideas in the next newsletter which is expected to publish early June.

*COMMISSION VACANCY*

Mr. Chandler noted that the Commission has been holding interviews with potential candidates and added that there are still a few upcoming scheduled.

*RECREATION BOARD*

**MOTION: #7:** It was moved and seconded (*Bollenbacher/Levasseur*) to appoint Chris Nickelson to the Recreation Board for a 4-year term to expire February 28, 2025.

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

Mr. Chandler added that they have filled both the Recreation Board and the Shade Tree Commission.

Mr. Oliverio stated that the application is still live, and the Borough continues to accept applications for the vacant seats.

### ***COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)***

Mr. Ridilla noted that he missed the previous meeting and is waiting for the update from the COG.

### **12. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Upcoming Council Meeting – Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 7:15 PM.
- Crafton Community Clean Up – the event is scheduled for April 30th, 2022, at Crafton Park from 9AM to 12PM. Items being collected include the following: building materials, bulk items, household clutter, yard debris, and small appliances. Items not being collected are tires/rims, auto-parts, refrigerators/AC units, paint, and electronic waste.

Mr. Levasseur reminded all residents that are a part of the Borough wide garbage contract that they can schedule pickup of the Hard-To-Recycle items with Waste Management.

- Vendor Fair & Car Cruise – Join the Parks & Recreation Board for a fun evening of shopping and voting on your favorite car on June 4th! There is more information to come. If you are interested in applying for a vendor spot or registering for the car cruise, please visit <https://www.craftonborough.com/vendor-fair-car-cruise> for more information.
- Crafton voting locations have changed - the American Legion is no longer a polling place. Please confirm your voting location at <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/PollingPlaceInfo.aspx>. The May Primary Election Day is Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

Council held a quick discussion regarding the opening day of the pool, as well as pool rates and length of the pool season.

### **13. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no citizens signed up to speak.

### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary