

Borough of Crafton
Thursday, August 26, 2021.

(Council Meetings are broadcasted live via Zoom Communications Webinar)

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Levasseur called to order the Regular Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Thursday, August 26, 2021, at 7:15 PM.

2. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mr. Crown.

3. ROLL CALL

Interim Manager Sample recorded seven (7) members of Council, present as follows: Mr. Amendola, Mr. Chandler, Mr. Crouse, Mr. Crown, Mr. Levasseur, Mr. Oliverio and Ms. Perry. Also present were Mayor Bloom (via Zoom), Solicitor Korbel and Engineer Minsterman.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #1: It was moved and seconded (*Crown/Crouse*) to approve the August 26, 2021, Consent Agenda (Including the Meeting Minutes dated July 8, 2021, and July 22, 2021, and the Bill Lists dated August 12, 2021, and August 26, 2021).

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

5. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS

Mr. Levasseur acknowledged the receipt of the following written reports for July 2021, including the Financial Statement, the Act 511, Trash and Property Tax Collection Report, Police Report, EMS Report, Building Inspection Report, and Treasurer's Report.

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

Greg Wolbert, 37 Noble Avenue, spoke regarding the conditional use application submitted for approval of an Automobile Service Station to be located at 10 W. Crafton Avenue, where the Knights of Columbus existed. He noted that he has had difficulty getting the building inspector to approve permits and to complete inspections. Mr. Wolbert asked Council to consider speeding up the approval process.

Interim Manager Sample stated that, under the Crafton Borough Zoning Code, an Automobile Service Station is not an approved use in the C2 District; however, it is a permitted conditional use. He stated that the process can be very lengthy, as it requires review by the Planning Commission and a Conditional Use Hearing by the governing body.

Solicitor Korbel noted that, if the Planning Commission held a Special Meeting, and is advertised under the Sunshine Act rules and requirements for local government, the earliest the Council Members could hold a conditional use hearing would be at the second Council Meeting of September.

Council discussed the process of the conditional use hearing, scheduling a special meeting, and advertisement dates.

7. PRESIDENTS REPORT

Mr. Levasseur gave a brief update on some of the construction projects throughout the Borough. He stated that the pipeline has been installed from Crafton Boulevard up to Sterrett Street. Mr. Levasseur also noted that the Groundbreaking/Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies were held for the Woodlawn/Fountain and S. Grandview projects and added that more information will follow in the Fall Newsletter. He thanked everyone for cooperating with the construction throughout the Borough.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bloom had nothing to report.

9. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Korbel had nothing to report.

10. MANAGERS REPORT

Interim Manager Sample stated that the construction on Steuben Street, which is being performed by the Gas Company, will continue until November.

11. BUSINESS AGENDA

MOTION #2: It was moved and seconded (*Perry/Crouse*) to approve the 2019/2020/2021 Real Estate and Road Tax Refunds in the amount of \$4,071.97 as presented and submitted by Jordan Tax Service, Inc.

Mr. Levasseur asked if there is a limitation on how many years a refund can be issued.

Solicitor Korbel stated that there are no limitations on the number of years a Tax Refund can be filed.

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

MOTION #3: It was moved and seconded (*Crouse/Crown*) to hire Daniel Glancy for the position of Building Inspector at an annual starting salary of \$56,000.00 with employment contingent upon a successful background check.

Interim Manager Sample stated that Mr. Glancy will handle the Zoning, Residential Building Permits, Occupancy Permits, Rental Inspections, and the Fire Code Inspections. He added that Building Inspection Underwriters will continue to do the Commercial Building Inspections.

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

MOTION #4: It was moved and seconded (*Perry/Crouse*) to adopt Resolution No. 2021-013 certifying the 2022 MMO's for the Police and Non-Uniform Pension Plans.

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

MOTION #5: It was moved and seconded (*Perry/Chandler*) to authorize the Interim Manager to execute the COSTARS purchase from SMART Solutions Technologies, L.P. for the purchase and installation of audio and visual upgrades to Council Chambers at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00.

Mr. Amendola noted that there was not enough information given to support the purchase of this equipment.

Mr. Oliverio stated that the Communication, Recreation and Community Events Committee has been meeting and discussing the upgrades for several months. He added that they have met with several companies to gather proposals on the assessed needs. Mr. Oliverio stated that the proposal and information was made available to Council for review.

Ms. Perry also added that these upgrades will be paid for out of the CARES Act Funds that Crafton Borough received.

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

MOTION #6: It was moved and seconded (*Crown/Crouse*) to request the Planning Commission to reconvene at its earliest convenience to hear a Conditional Use Request for the Automobile Service Station at 10 W. Crafton Avenue, and to advertise the meeting accordingly.

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

Engineer Minsterman gave an update on the ongoing construction projects and concerns throughout the Borough as follows:

- Road Damage from Construction Vehicles: The construction company assured Gateway that the construction vehicles would be rerouted around the areas of concern.
- Alley B Reconstruction: Inlets and Piping will be completed this week. Full reconstruction will require a complete closure of Alley B next week, weather permitting.
- Public Works Facility: Bid advertisement will go out this week with the Bid Opening scheduled for September 21, 2021. Bids will also include COSTAR pricing, as well as pricing for the Structure only, as delays may be expected due to the material shortage.
- Crafton Boulevard: The first reimbursement for \$588,000.00 will be sent out this week. The project is expected to be near completion by the end of the year with some punchlist items that will be completed in 2022.
- Woodlawn/Fountain: Project construction will be delayed due to the material shortage; however, construction is expected to begin in early October and to be completed by the end of the year.
- Crafton Boulevard Street Scape: Project requires a PennDOT Permit which will be submitted next week. Construction will begin near Dinsmore and end at Clearview. Bid documents should be ready for advertisement by the end of this year or early next year.

- 2021 Road Paving: Paving was completed on August 15, 2021. Gateway is working on the final punchlist items.

12. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Crafton Mini-Golf will be open on FRIDAYS and SATURDAYS each week, from 7PM to 9PM, throughout the Summer. Cost to Play is \$2 per person. All CDC, State and Local COVID Guidelines will be followed.
- Crafton Recreation Board will be holding a Trivia, Trucks, and Talent Event on Friday, August 27, 2021, from 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM. Trivia Jockies will be hosting a multi-round family friendly trivia night. Local talent and organizations performing on stage throughout the evening. Lastly, PGH Eatz Food Truck will be there to sell their authentic, honestly Italian cuisine as well as a variety of delicious hometown favorites.

Ms. Perry thanked the Crafton Volunteer Fire Department for their efforts in assisting with a fire call in McKees Rocks.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Kraemer, 26 S. Grandview Avenue, announced that Crafton Heritage is planning a Community Event to be hosted in Crafton Park in the Fall. He stated that more information will be forthcoming.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary