

Borough of Crafton
Thursday, May 27, 2021.

(Meeting was held via Zoom Communications Webinar)

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Levasseur called to order the Regular Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Thursday, May 27, 2021, at 7:15 PM.

2. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mr. Levasseur.

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, Solicitor Korbel and Engineer Jarquin.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #1: It was moved and seconded (*Perry/Crouse*) to approve the May 27, 2021, Consent Agenda (Including the Bill List dated May 27, 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 April 2021, the Act 511, Trash and Property Tax Collection Report, Police Report, EMS Report, Code Enforcement Report, Building Inspection Report, Public Works Report and Library Report.

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

There were no citizen comments on agenda items.

7. PRESIDENTS REPORT

Mr. Levasseur spoke regarding the Project Bid results on the agenda for approval this evening. He added that the contractors have broken ground on the Crafton Boulevard Sewer Separation Project and noted that residents can expect communications regarding this project via the SavvyCitizenApp and the Borough's Website.

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 spoke regarding the work authorizations for the Crafton Boulevard Separation Project and the Road Reconstruction Projects for Oregon, Union, Parke, Emerson, Ewing, and Alley B. He added that the funds for these projects are budgeted for 2021.

Interim Manager Sample gave a quick update on the discussion regarding a Pride Celebration and stated that it is a conflict with the Park Shelter availability as well as the lack of time to organize and suggested that the Communication, Recreation and Community Events Committee take on the responsibility of organizing the event.

Mr. Oliverio noted that it was recommended for the Recreation Board to oversee organizing this event.

Mr. Oliverio also stated that the Communication, Recreation and Community Events Committee met earlier in the week and discussed moving the Council Meetings to a hybrid model allowing for in-person meetings with Zoom capabilities. He added that the Committee is actively seeking proposals for the recommended technology updates needed.

Mayor Bloom stated that the State Government has announced plans to lift all restrictions on June 28th and suggests that Council plan these changes accordingly.

Interim Manager Sample stated that the Communication, Recreation and Community Events Committee will have a full recommendation at the first Council Meeting in June.

Mr. Oliverio announced plans for the Fourth of July Celebration. He stated that there will be Food Trucks and Local Non-Profit Vendors, music beginning at 7:30 PM as well as Fireworks at 9:30 PM. He noted that more information will be forthcoming as details are finalized.

11. BUSINESS AGENDA

MOTION #2: It was moved and seconded (*Perry, Crown*) to approve the 2019/2020/2021 Real Estate and Road Tax Refunds in the amount of \$2,422.23 as presented and submitted by Jordan Tax Service, Inc.

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

MOTION #3: It was moved and seconded (*Crouse/Perry*) to issue the 2020 Volunteer Service Tax credits in the amount of \$1,364.16 as presented and certified by Jordan Tax Service, Inc.

MOTION #3 carries by a Voice Vote (6-0-1). *Crown – ABSTAIN.*

MOTION #4: It was moved and seconded (*Crouse/Crown*) to award the SHACOG Joint Municipal O&M CCTV Inspections and Cleaning – Year 11 Contract to the low bidder

of State Pipe Services, Inc. in the amount of \$199,935.00 with Crafton Borough's share of the bid being \$56,757.50 per the recommendation of Gateway Engineers.

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

Mr. Levasseur gave a summary of the Woodlawn and Fountain Street Storm Sewer Separation Project which will be funded by ALCOSAN Grow for 85% of the cost.

MOTION #5: It was moved and seconded (*Perry/Crouse*) to award the Woodlawn and Fountain Storm Sewer Separation to Independent Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$1,217,210.00 per the recommendation of Gateway Engineers.

Engineer Jarquin stated that the project is scheduled to start mid-July and gave details regarding the scope of work.

Mr. Amendola inquired about who is responsible for sidewalks.

Interim Manager Sample noted that the homeowners are responsible for the regular maintenance and upkeep of their sidewalk.

Council continued discussion regarding this project and the percentage of work that will be dedicated to the sidewalk replacements.

MOTION #5 carries by a Voice Vote (6-1). *Amendola – NO.*

12. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Borough Administrative Office is now open to the public. Administrative Staff is available during normal business hours (8:30 AM to 4:00 PM) to address all Borough business. Residents wishing to conduct business in person are asked to come to the door adjacent to the parking lot at the rear of the building please press the intercom/ buzzer and the staff will assist you. No one will be granted access into the building without a proper mask. In addition, there is a drop-box in the rear of the building for any written correspondence. Administrative Staff can be reached by phone at (412) 921-0752 x 10. Non-Emergency Police Matters can be directed to the Police Secretary at (412) 921-2016.

Mr. Amendola inquired about the status of a possible Fourth of July Parade.

Mr. Oliverio noted that the Committee did discuss the possibility of a parade and decided to put planning efforts off until next year due to the lack of time to prepare and schedule the event.

Council continued the discussion regarding the Celebrates Committee, the Recreation Board, and who should be responsible for organizing these events.

- Crafton Pool will operate daily starting on Saturday, June 12th to August 22nd, August 28th and 29th, and September 4th to 6th. Daily Hours will be Monday thru Saturday 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM and Sunday 1:00 PM till 6:00 PM. All CDC, State, and County guidelines will be followed.
- On, Monday, May 31st at noon, the sons and daughters of Crafton who have served their Country will be honored at Borough War Memorial located outside of the Borough Building.
- The Borough is accepting Letters of Interest for three residents to serve on the Steering Committee for the Parks and Recreation Master Site Plan Project. This important committee will help shape the future of active and passive recreation in the Borough for the next 20 years. Please submit to letters by June 16th, 2021, to the Interim Borough Manager at manager@craftonborough.com.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary