

Borough of Crafton
Monday, March 25, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

President Levasseur called to order the Regular Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Monday, March 25, 2019 at 7:15 PM.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Ms. Damits.

ROLL CALL

Manager Susko recorded six (6) members of Council present as follows: Mr. Amendola, Mr. Crouse, Ms. Perry, Ms. Damits, Mr. Rosario and Mr. Levasseur. Also present were Mayor Bloom and Engineer Minsterman. Absent was Ms. Glasser.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Perry/Rosario*) to approve the Bill List dated March 25, 2019, as presented.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Rosario/Damits*) to approve the Minutes dated March 11, 2019, as presented.

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

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

Mr. Levasseur noted that there were no citizens signed up to speak.

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS

Mr. Levasseur acknowledged the receipt of the following written reports for February 2019: ~~Treasurer's Report~~, Financial Report, Act 511, Trash Collection and Property Tax Report, Police Report, E.M.S. Report (*January*), Ordinance Officer's Report, Building Inspection Report, Public Works Report, ~~Fire Department Report~~ and Library Report (*January & February*).

Note: Treasurer's Report for February 2019 will be delivered next month due to time constraints.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Levasseur stated that A.L.O.M. had awarded Crafton with the Banner Community award. Mr. Levasseur noted that he attended the annual luncheon and accepted the award on Crafton's behalf. Mr. Levasseur also thanked the Borough Staff and Manager Susko for their hard work.

Mr. Levasseur added that he is working with the Shade Tree Committee, Public Works Director Kaczorowski and Manager Susko regarding a clean up day in Crafton to be held at the end of April.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bloom announced that the Annual Crafton Volunteer Fire Department Night at the Races is scheduled for April 27, 2019, adding that tickets can be obtained by contacting any member of the Fire Department. Mayor Bloom stated that attendees will have an opportunity to see the new fire apparatus.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Minsterman noted that the monthly Engineer's Report was submitted to Council for review.

Mr. Levasseur requested an update on the Idlewood Station culvert flooding remediation. Engineer Minsterman noted that the flooding is due to an undersized pipe. Engineer Minsterman added that depending on what size pipe the location can accommodate will determine what is recommended for a solution.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rosario noted that the Solicitor did not submit a report.

MANAGERS REPORT

Manager Susko gave a brief update on the agenda items noting that there is one motion on the agenda for this evening regarding the reappointment of a Shade Tree Commission member. Manager Susko added that Borough has received several letters of interest for various boards and commissions.

Manager Susko announced that the Planning Commission had discussed a few new business community events and campaigns, such as, I Heart Crafton, Pop-Up type events and a possible Block Party, and added that the Planning Commission will work in conjunction with the Recreation Board moving forward.

Manager Susko informed Council that Crafton Borough was not chosen by the L.G.A. (Local Government Academy) intern program for this season. Manager Susko noted that she is already looking into C.M.U. (Carnegie Mellon University) regarding their Intern program and added that they provided both of Crafton's interns last summer.

Manager Susko gave a quick update on the Green Light-Go noting that Crafton is now waiting on Gateway as the next step in the process as the final executed agreements have been received.

Manager Susko noted that administration is working with the City of Pittsburgh regarding the paving of Ingram Avenue.

Engineer Minsterman announced that the 2019 Road Program listing has been completed. The paving project will include Highland from N. Emily to the dead end, Crafton Boulevard from N. Emily to Parkview and S. Linwood from Woodlawn to Ewing. Engineer noting that the cost should be around \$220,000.00.

Council discussed the section of Crafton Boulevard near Baldwick regarding who is responsible for the paving and if the Borough should consider adding to the 2019 Road Paving list.

Manager Susko stated that cost of the 2019 Road Program was reduced in comparison to previous years adding that the decrease is due to funds that were budged into the Road Fund for the Borough's share of the Green Light-Go grant projects.

Manager Susko noted that the Shade Tree Ordinance is outdated and in need of an update. Manager Susko added that she will provide her research information to Council prior to the next meeting.

Manager Susko stated that the Crafton Clean Up date has been scheduled for April 27, 2019, adding that this event is sponsored and organized by the Shade Tree Commission. Manager Susko noted that the Annual Arbor Day Celebration will be held in conjunction with the Clean Up Day as well as spring tree planting.

Manager Susko updated Council on the inspection of the Community Center kitchen noting that the application process with the Allegheny County Health Department has begun.

Manager Susko announced that Maher Duessel will attend the April 8, 2019, Council meeting for the presentation of the 2018 Audit Report.

Manager Susko reminded Council that she will be attending the A.L.O.M. Conference in April for one day.

BUSINESS AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Perry/Rosario*) to reappoint Susan Mucha to the Shade Tree Commission for a term ending March 21, 2023.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Manager Susko stated that there is one upcoming vacancy on the Planning Commission and added that Mr. Crown is interested in reappointment at the wish of Council. Manager Susko also noted that there are a few letters of interests that have been received for various boards and commissions and noted that the letters are available on the share drive for Council review.

Mr. Levasseur noted that Crafton Celebrates is requesting to have a beer garden again this year at the festival and suggested the possibility of opening the opportunity to other agencies as well. Mr. Levasseur stated that Council will discuss in more detail at future meetings.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Fire Safety Info Session
 - March 27 at 7 PM, Community Center
 - Hosted by Crafton Code Enforcement, Building Inspection Underwriters and the Crafton Volunteer Fire Department.

Manager Susko added that this Fire Safety session will be the first in a series of informational sessions conducted by the Code Enforcement Office. Mr. Levasseur added that it may be beneficial to reach out to the County in regards to lead awareness.

ADDITIONAL CITIZENS COMMENTS

Kathy Watson, 74 Fountain Street, inquired about the paving of Sycamore Street. Manager Susko noted that the paving may be included in the Fountain/Sycamore GROW Grant that was accepted by ALCOSAN.

Mr. Levasseur announced that Council will hold an executive session following the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary