

**BOROUGH OF CRAFTON
COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of May 14, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

President Levasseur called to order the Discussion Meeting of Crafton Borough Council of May 14, 2018 at 7:20 pm, in the Community Center of the Municipal Building. The Flag Salute was led by Ms. Glaser.

ROLL CALL, by Interim Manager Kaczorowski, recorded Six (6) Members of Council present as follows: Mr. Amendola, Mr. Crouse, Ms. Glaser, Ms. Damits, Mr. Rosario and Mr. Levasseur. Also present Mayor Bloom, Solicitor Korbel and Interim Manager Kaczorowski. Absent was Ms. Perry.

Mr. Levasseur announced an executive session was held prior to the meeting, no action was taken.

BILL LIST APPROVAL

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Rosario/Crouse*) to approve the Bill List dated May 14, 2018 as presented.

MOTION #1 was moved and seconded by Unanimous Vote (6-0).

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Rosario/Crouse*) to approve the Bill List Addendum dated May 14, 2018 as presented.

MOTION #2 was moved and seconded by a Unanimous Vote (6-0).

ACCEPTANCE/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Rosario/Glaser*) to approve the Minutes for the April 23, 2018 Meeting as presented.

MOTION #3 was moved and seconded by Unanimous Vote (6-0).

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

Mr. Levasseur noted Residents signed in to address Council will speak at the end of the meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Korbel provided a brief update regarding the 1508 Barr Avenue demolition process. He also touched based on 98 Noble Avenue; the owners have been given a time frame to respond to Jordan Tax Service regarding taxes owed to the Borough.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bloom reported that the numbers have increased regarding opiate related Emergency calls. He also mentioned that the Police Department has been patrolling the area between E. Steuben Street and Noble Avenue regarding the recent tires that have been slashed.

BUSINESS AGENDA***PUBLIC WORKS***

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Crouse/Rosario*) to award bid to Roto-Rooter Services Company for the SHACOG Joint Municipal Sanitary Sewer O&M Point Repairs-Year 7- as recommended by the Engineer. Crafton Borough share \$90,982.00

MOTION #4 was moved and seconded by Unanimous Vote (6-0).

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Damits/Rosario*) to award bid to State Pipe Services for the SHACOG Joint Municipal O&M CCTV Inspections and Cleanings Year 8 as recommended by the Engineer. Crafton Borough share \$25,770.09

MOTION #5 was moved and seconded by Unanimous Vote (6-0).

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Glaser/Rosario*) to award bid for the 2018 Road Program to Independent Enterprises as recommended by the Interim Borough Manager and referred to the Engineer. Total cost \$449,771.50

MOTION #6 was moved and seconded by Unanimous Vote (6-0).

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Crouse/Rosario*) to authorize Gateway to assist in civil engineering for the proposed Clearview Phase V Improvements.

Mr. Amendola inquired more information regarding to the Clearview Phase V Improvements. Mr. Levasseur explained that the purpose of this is to maintain storm water management which is causing flooding on streets below Clearview Avenue.

MOTION #7 was moved and seconded by Unanimous Vote (5-1).

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mr. Kaczorowski provided an update regarding 1508 Barr Avenue; asbestos testing will be completed and there will be an update once that takes place. Mr. Kaczorowski also noted that the demolition will be put out for bid on the property once the asbestos testing has been completed.

PLANNING

Mr. Levasseur noted that two letters of interest were received regarding the vacant position on the Planning Commission Board; a decision will be made at the May 21, 2018 meeting.

CRAFTON CELEBRATES

Angela Palchowski, the Crafton Celebrates Chair, provided information on various topics regarding the upcoming festival which will be held beginning June 30 until July 4, 2018. She expressed the commitment and dedication of the Committee volunteers to create a family fun filled event for everyone. They work year round to raise enough money to host this annual event. This year there have been some hiccups regarding electricity at the park and updating it so that the amount of power can be handled. She expressed the need for continuous support from Council and the Residents to keep this family tradition alive for the years to come.

MOTION: It was moved and (*Rosario/Crouse*) to instruct the Interim Borough Manager to evaluate and report back on the necessary or recommended improvements for the electrical system at the Crafton Park.

MOTION #8 was moved and seconded by Unanimous Vote (6-0).

PUBLIC SAFETY

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Damits/Glaser*) to approve St. Philip School to continue to utilize the Community Center as their Emergency Evacuation site.

MOTION #9 was moved and seconded by a Unanimous Voice Vote (6-0).

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Levasseur noted that regarding the Key Fob system update he suggested that the Head of each Committee/Organization, Staff (Administrative/Public Works), Police Department, Fire Department, the Mayor, President and Vice President of Council should have access to key fobs.

Mr. Levasseur noted that as part of the Comprehensive Plan, a directional sign was recommended for the Crafton/Ingram Shopping Center off of the W. Steuben Street entrance. Mr. Kaczorowski stated that the owner of the shopping plaza is requesting that Council choose a sign and it will be paid for by the owner. Mr. Kaczorowski will set up a meeting with the owner to go over more specific details.

Jim Kerns, 190 S. Grandview Avenue, as a representative for Carlynton Little Cougars, he requested that Council allow CLC to practice at Crafton Park. The current field that they are utilizing is potentially being sold, leaving them with nowhere to practice for their upcoming season.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Glaser/Damits*) to allow Crafton Little Cougar Association practice at Crafton Park.

MOTION #10 was moved and seconded by a Unanimous Voice Vote (6-0).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements were made:

- **SENIOR DINNER-** Saturday, May 19, 2018 Doors open at 5:00 pm
- **CIT NIGHT AT THE RACES-** Saturday, May 19, 2018 at Knights of Columbus- Doors open at 6:00PM-\$15/Adult \$12/60 and Over-Horses \$10
- **CRAFTON COMMUNITY FARM-** Saturday, May 19, 2018 Summer Planting from 10AM to 2PM at Crafton Park (Rain date May 26, 2018)
- **POOL OPENS – SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2018**
Passes are sold in the Administrative Office between 9AM and 4PM
- **MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION –** Parade begins at 11AM at the Ingram Borough Building to Crafton Borough Building – Led by American Legion Post 145
- **CRAFTON COMMUNITY POTLUCK** held their last gathering on May 6, 2018. Due to the lack of volunteers they will not continue to pursue this event any longer. Potlucks may take place in the future but less frequently, maybe a couple times a year.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Season Ciechanowski, 1753 Barr Avenue, expressed her concern over a few areas within Crafton where there is garbage and debris. She requested that Council take action to get these areas cleaned up.

Roy Neeman, 102 Haldane Street, shared that he recently moved to Crafton from the Philly area and he feels that Crafton is a very welcoming community. He is also eager to offer his commitment to getting the youth involved in more activities within the Borough.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (*Damits/Crouse*) to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.

MOTION #11 was carried by a Unanimous Voice Vote (6-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Forgenie, Administrative Clerk

