

Borough of Crafton
Council Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2020

(Meeting was held via Zoom Webinar and can be viewed by going to www.craftonborough.com/council-meeting-videos)

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Levasseur called to order the Discussion Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Monday, June 8, 2020 at 7:19 PM.

2. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mr. Levasseur.

3. ROLL CALL

Manager McKibben recorded seven (7) members of Council, present as follows: Mr. Alo, Mr. Amendola*, Mr. Crouse, Mr. Crown, Mr. Levasseur, Ms. Perry, and Mr. Saba. Also present were Mayor Bloom, Solicitor Korbel and Engineer. **Mr. Amendola joined the meeting at 7:24 PM*

4. APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST

MOTION #1: It was moved and seconded (*Perry/Crown*) to approve the Bill List dated June 8, 2020 as presented.

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

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

MOTION #2: It was moved and seconded (*Crown/Saba*) to approve the Minutes dated May 27, 2020 as presented.

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

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Dan Cindric, 45 Creighton Avenue, expressed concern regarding the safety of the children playing in the Alley behind his home and around the Elementary School and added that there has been an increase in vehicle traffic. Mr. Cindric inquired about signage that could be posted to alert drivers, such as, signs stating “Children at Play” or adding additional stop signs on the utility poles.

Councilman Amendola joined the Zoom Webinar. (*7:24 PM*)

7. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Levasseur announced that Council held an executive session prior to the meeting to discuss Real Estate and Personnel matters.

Mr. Levasseur thanked the Police Department for their hard work keeping the Community safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bloom also thanked the Chief of Police and the Department's Officers on an outstanding job.

9. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Minsterman announced that the monthly report had been submitted for Council review prior to the meeting.

Engineer Minsterman announced that the State has defunded the Green Light Go Grant Program. He noted that Crafton will not be affected by this, solely because, Council chose to apply and complete all four intersections at once.

Engineer Minsterman gave an update on the Letters of Interest submitted for the ALCOSAN Grow Grant Program. He stated that the letters of interest for the Perrine Street and Emerson Avenue had been rejected due to the minimal projected impact and added that the Crafton Boulevard and the Woodlawn/Fountain Street projects were given the go ahead to complete the next steps of the application process.

10. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Korbel stated that he did not have anything additional to report.

11. MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager McKibben noted that the Parks are open for Community Recreation and signage has been posted recommending CDC guidelines be followed.

Manager McKibben announced that Crafton will be receiving approximately \$45,000 in CDBG funds and noted that there are two properties at the top of the list that are being considered for demolition.

Manager McKibben added that a pre-construction meeting for the 2020 Road Program was held and noted that the Contractor confirmed that the project will be completed this year. He also added that the Gas Company had confirmed that the Oregon/Stanwood main line work will resume, as well as, private line connections into the resident's homes.

Mr. Levasseur thanked the Public Works Director and the Department on the sewer line/catch basin work on Bradford Avenue near Franklin Avenue.

Mayor Bloom inquired about the PA One Call line markings on the newly paved portion of Crafton Boulevard.

Public Works Director Kaczorowski noted that the PA One Call was initiated by the Contractor working on the Johnston/N. Emily Street Sewer Separation.

Manager McKibben added that during the Pre-Construction meeting there were discussion of a possible tie-in connection near this area of Crafton Boulevard.

12. BUSINESS AGENDA

ADMINISTRATION

MOTION #3: It was moved and seconded (*Crown/Saba*) to approve Resolution 2020-08 that authorizes the Chief of Police to sign the agreement allowing the Police Department to participate in the West Hills DUI Taskforce.

Chief Sumpter noted that the Buckle Up and Click It or Ticket programs have dissolved into the West Hills DUI Task Force. He added that in the past, the West Hill DUI Task Force had only allowed a limited number of departments to participate. Chief Sumpter announced that the Crafton Police Department had received an invitation to participate and added that the Crafton Police Officers are already certified and will only need to attend a DUI checkpoint training.

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

MOTION #4: was moved and seconded (*Perry/Saba*) to approve an estimated expenditure of \$26,872.00 for the purchase of 10 body worn cameras and related hardware and software from Watch Guard Video, Inc. under COSTARS contract #012-073.

Mr. Crouse inquired about how the information is stored and if there is a usage policy.

Chief Sumpter stated that the new body cameras are automatically turned on when the vehicle lights/sirens are turned on. He added that there is a very detailed policy in place that outlines the rules and regulations for the Police Officer use, as well as, the disciplinary actions that would be taken if an Officer does not follow the policy. Chief Sumpter also noted that he will be the only person with access to the data/information that will be stored on a highly secured server located in his office.

Mr. Crown asked if the Dash Cameras can be used in conjunction with the new Body Cameras.

Council continued discussion regarding the use of the dash cameras in conjunction with the body cameras, as well as, the policy and regulations surrounding the new equipment.

Mr. Saba noted that this expense was budgeted for the current year by the previous Council.

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

MOTION #5 was moved and seconded (*Crown/Alo*) to authorize Gateway Engineers to perform the necessary site-work for construction of an equipment garage at the Public Works facility.

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

MOTION #6 was moved and seconded (*Perry/Crouse*) to authorized Gateway to prepare the bid specification for the demolition of the condemned properties located at 1528 Barr Avenue and 52 Baldwick Road.

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

MOTION #7 was moved and seconded (*Crouse/Saba*) to appoint Jacquelyn Levasseur and Anthony Saba to the Recreation Board to fill the vacant positions that expire September 30, 2023 and to appoint Lori Garland to the vacancy expiring December 31, 2021.

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

13. DISCUSSION ITEMS

RYDER TRUCK SEWER CONNECTION

Mr. Levasseur opened the discussion regarding a request by Ryder Truck (located in the City of Pittsburgh) asking permission to run a sewer line from their facility and install a tap-in on the main line that runs along Ingram Avenue in Crafton.

Manager McKibben added that this is only for the sanitary sewer for a very small office with 2 or three personnel. He also added that the the business will pay the tap-in fee and sewage usage fees based off water consumption.

Engineer Minsterman noted that a retainer can be obtained from the contractor which will allow Crafton to draw any Solicitor or Engineering expenses and added that he will follow up with Council as the process continues.

COMMUNITY CENTER USE

Manager McKibben asked Council Members for guidance concerning the re-opening of the Community Center.

Mr. Levasseur noted that the room could be rented to “Residents Only” and any cleaning fees should be included in the rental cost.

Mr. Crouse stated that it would be safer to encourage outdoor gatherings noting that the community room is small and does not have a ventilation system in place. He added that Council could always reconsider at a future meeting.

Mr. Saba asked if there has been any guidance passed down regarding these types of facilities.

Mr. Levasseur stated that the CDC guidelines would need to be followed such as, wearing masks, social distancing, and thorough cleanings. He added that the Borough’s Zoom account will be made available to all community boards or commissions who wish to hold meetings.

Mr. Crown noted that the Crafton Volunteer Fire Department banquet room is closed.

Manager McKibben noted that he fully agrees with Council and stated that it is best to keep the Community Room closed for now and to reconsider at a later discussion.

14. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Borough parks are open and shelters available for residents to rent. The Borough strongly advises that social distancing should be maintained. The Borough Office will remain closed to the public; however, staff is available during normal business hours and can be reached via telephone or e-mail. There is a drop-box in the rear of the building for any written correspondence. Any changes to this action will be posted on the Borough website and Savvy Citizen.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary