

Borough of Crafton  
Council Meeting  
Monday, September 14, 2020

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Levasseur called to order the Discussion Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7:18 PM.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Mr. Levasseur.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Manager McKibben recorded five (5) members of Council, present as follows: Mr. Alo, Mr. Crouse, Mr. Crown, Mr. Levasseur, and Ms. Perry. Also present were Mayor Bloom, Solicitor Korbelt and Engineer Minsterman. Absent were Mr. Amendola and Mr. Saba.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST**

**MOTION #1:** It was moved (*Crouse*)\* to approve the Bill List dated September 14, 2020, as presented. \**Motion not seconded; motion fails to carry.*

**5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**MOTION #2:** It was moved (*Crown*)\* to approve the Minutes dated August 24, 2020, as presented. \**Motion not seconded; motion fails to carry.*

**6. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

*Mary Luxbacher, 71 Dinsmore Avenue*, spoke on behalf of the Recreation Board and announced that the summer mini-golf season has ended. She noted that over the past two months there have been over 400 participants. Ms. Luxbacher stated that there are plans to do a spooky golf later in October.

*Julianne Slogick, 24 Duncan Avenue*, spoke against the proposed Get-Go development on the mini-golf property and noted various safety concerns that may arise.

**7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Levasseur announced that an executive session was held to discuss Real Estate and Litigation matters.

**8. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Bloom spoke about the recent string of unlawful entering of vehicles and warns all residents to keep their vehicles locked.

### **9. ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Engineer Minsterman stated that the monthly Engineer Report was submitted for Council to review and added that there is nothing additional to report.

Mr. Levasseur inquired about the construction timeline on S. Grandview Avenue.

Engineer Minsterman noted that the contractor plans to work in "blocks" or sections of the roadway, week by week, to achieve minimal disruption to residents. He added that the project is expected to wrap up in about four weeks.

### **10. SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Solicitor Korbel stated he had no report.

### **11. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Manager McKibben noted that construction for the Green Light-Go Traffic Signal Replacement, the Pool Liner Project and the South Grandview Sewer Project continues as expected. He added that the Traffic Signals will takes approximately two weeks to complete and will include a feature that will assist the first responders.

### **12. BUSINESS AGENDA**

Mr. Levasseur noted that there are no business agenda items for this evening.

### **13. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### ***FIRE INSPECTION FORM/FEE'S***

Fire Marshall Beardmore stated that a draft Fire Inspection Permit Application and two examples of a fee schedule were submitted for Council to review. He added that he hopes to see the applications out in October with a target of January 2021 to begin inspections.

Manager McKibben stated that the fee schedule will be on the next agenda for Council to vote on.

#### ***2021 MINIMAL MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION***

Manager McKibben noted that the 2021 MMO's for the Non-Uniform and Police Pension were received. He added that they are slightly higher than the 2020 MMO's, as expected.

#### ***CONSIDERATION OF ORD. 1634 AMENDMENT***

Mr. Levasseur began a discussion to consider expanding the ordinance allowing the Keeping of Chickens to the R-2 district. He added that there are potential buyers interested in purchasing a property on the contingency that they will be able to keep chickens.

Solicitor Korbel stated that this is a standard urban chicken ordinance and noted that an amendment of the zoning ordinance would require involvement of the Planning Commission. He added that at Councils direction he can prepare an advertisement for the next voting meeting for consideration of the ordinance amendment.

Council continued discussion regarding lot restrictions, noise disruption of neighboring properties, time sensitivity of request and the possibility of obtaining a conditional permit.

Mr. Levasseur directed Mr. Korbel to prepare the ordinance amendment advertisement.

### ***GATEWAY WORK AUTHORIZATIONS***

Manager McKibben noted that there are several work authorizations that Gateway is awaiting approval for, such as, the Pool Liner, S Grandview project, Public Works facility wetlands study and Noble Park.

### ***NON-DISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE (REVISIT)***

Mr. Alo asked Council to revisit the consideration of a Non-Discrimination Ordinance and gave a brief timeline of Councils past discussions. He also inquired about setting up workshops and the parameters of enforcing the ordinance.

Solicitor Korbel explained the process of implementation of the ordinance, creation of the Board, and the standard judicial enforcement.

Council continued discussion regarding establishing the ordinance, liability concerns for the Borough, judicial process, and procedures for fines.

Mr. Levasseur directed Mr. Korbel to prepare the ordinance amendments for Council to review at the next meeting.

### ***LIBRARY LEASE UPDATE***

Mr. Levasseur noted that Council had discussed the Library Lease during executive session.

### ***BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS***

Mr. Levasseur announced that Council had received two letters of interest: one from Mr. John Oliverio for the Park & Shade Tree Commission and one from Krista Young for the Recreation Board and added that these candidates will be on the next agenda for approval.

### ***HALLOWEEN***

Manager McKibben asked Council and the Mayor Bloom for guidance regarding “Trick or Treat”.

Council and Mayor Bloom concluded that Trick or Treat is not a Borough sponsored event. All Members agreed and stated that those who want to participate in the “Trick or Treat” event can do so at their own discretion. Council asks those who do participate to follow the CDC guidelines, social distancing, as well as inspection of treats received. Mayor Bloom stated that the Crafton Police Department and Crafton Volunteer Fire Department will be out on patrol during this time.

#### **14. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Borough parks are open and shelters available for Crafton residents to rent. The Borough strongly advises that social distancing should be maintained, and all rules and regulations set forth by either the Commonwealth or the County be followed. 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.
- The Crafton Library is open (with Covid-19 Safety Limitations) M/W/F from 9A-1P and T/R from 2P-6P.
- The annual Shred Event sponsored by Senator Fontana and Representative Deasy will be held at Crafton Park on Saturday September 19th from 8AM – 11AM (or until the dumpsters are full).
- The Crafton Rec Board is introducing a Crafton Haunted House Tour that will be a guided driving tour of Crafton’s “spookiest” residences. Please submit your family-friendly home stories to the Rec Board by September 18<sup>th</sup> at [recreation@craftonborough.com](mailto:recreation@craftonborough.com). And remember, your house does not need to be haunted to participate!

Mr. Levasseur stated that residents should have received the Fall Newsletter and thanked the Administrative Office for putting it together.

#### **15. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary