

**AGENDA MEETING
MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2005**

Following the *Committee of the Whole Meeting (**Discussion Items Agenda/Attendance Record attached hereto*), President Crown called to order the Agenda Meeting of Crafton Borough Council, in Council Chambers of the Community Center. Flag Salute was led by Mr. Stewart. Roll call, by Secretary Tremblay, recorded all nine (9) members of Council present, as follows: Mr. Broglie, Mr. Byers, Mr. Cindric, Mrs. Damits, Mr. Donovan, Ms. Koerbel, Mr. McDonough, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Crown. Also present were Mayor Hull, Solicitor Webster and Engineer Wagner.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Ms. Koerbel seconded by Mr. Broglie, to approve the January 12, 2005 List of Bills.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote, with exceptions noted by Mr. Byers (#404.31, #404.32), Mr. Cindric (#404.31,#404.32), Mr. Donovan (#410.24) and Mr. Stewart (#404.31/#404.32).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the December 22, 2004 Meeting Minutes.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

(During Committee of the Whole)

Charles Shane, 99 Noble Avenue, Ed Zeliesko, 1532 Barr Avenue, Bob Wolbert, 1 East Steuben Street – All spoke against the rental inspection fees; stating that this fee may be excessive in the event of rental unit turnovers, and suggested allowing a time period to be exempt from re-inspection fees.

Judy Kueshner, 1572 Barr Avenue – Ms. Kueshner agreed with the prior comments, and added her concern that the Building Inspector may not be able to keep up with the inspections in the spring when there is a high volume of rental turnover.

Matt Greiner, 8 Alice Street – Mr. Greiner asked that Council consider amending the ordinance to provide a time period for the initial inspection fee, and provide for waiver of the fee or perhaps a reduced fee for re-inspection.

John Meighan, 56 Bradford Avenue - Mr. Meighan said that perhaps the representatives at the meeting are responsible landlords and property owners, but he is neighbor to a few rental properties that are not kept up and maintained; it is necessary to inspect these units periodically, and the ordinance provides this opportunity.

Mr. Crown stated that they would look into this and, possibly, consider amendments to the ordinance. Mr. Broglie concurred with Mr. Meighan, and felt that there are a lot of rental properties that need maintenance and may not be safe.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Wagner had nothing to report. He stated that a 2005 paving program estimate was provided to Council for consideration, and hoped Council would be prepared to approve something to put out to bid in February. Mrs. Damits asked that Crafton Boulevard, from Steuben to Broadhead, be included for consideration. Mr. Cindric inquired on the status of the GIS manhole mapping being provided by 3 Rivers Wet Weather. Engineer Wagner stated that they have received an abundant amount of electronic data to work with and make corrections. Gateway did not have the hard copy of the maps. He advised

that the Contractor would be returning to survey some of the critical sewers. Ms. Koerbel inquired on the estimated costs for Alley A; Mr. Crown explained that the Water Company paved other streets last year and in return we would restore and pave the areas of Alley A where they had replaced the water line.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Webster had nothing to report. Mr. Crown reported that an Executive Session of Council had been held to discuss a personnel matter and a possible litigation matter.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Crown took this opportunity to introduce Stephen Ciampanelli who was in attendance at the meeting and fulfilling an Eagle Scout badge requirement.

APPOINTMENTS:

SOLICITOR – It was regularly moved by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Ms. Koerbel, to appoint Springer, Bush & Perry, P.C., as the Borough Solicitor.

MOTION carried by a Six (6) Yes, Three (3) No (*Byers, Cindric, Stewart*) Roll Call Vote.

ENGINEER – It was regularly moved by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Stewart, to appoint Gateway Engineers as the Borough Engineer.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

OFFICIAL PAPER – It was regularly moved by Mr. Broglie, seconded by Ms. Koerbel, that The Suburban Gazette, Signal Item, Pittsburgh Post Gazette and Tribune Review be appointed as the Official Papers. **Comments:** Mr. Cindric asked why all 4 papers are being considered; Mr. Crown advised that, for advertising purposes, it would be beneficial to appoint all 4 because of various advertising time constraints and cost concerns.

MOTION carried by a Seven (7) Yes, Two (2) No (*Cindric, Stewart*) Roll Call Vote.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – It was regularly moved by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. McDonough, that the Crafton Volunteer Fire Department be appointed as the Borough Fire Department.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

FIRE CHIEF – It was regularly moved by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Stewart, to appoint Roy Hermes as Fire Chief for the Borough of Crafton.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR – It was regularly moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mrs. Damits, to appoint Mark Sumpter as Emergency Management Coordinator.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

FIRE MARSHAL – It was regularly moved by Mr. Broglie, seconded by Mr. Stewart to appoint Gary Ciampanelli as Borough Fire Marshal.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

BOROUGH TREASURER – It was regularly moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Broglie, to appoint Nevin B. Perkey as Borough Treasurer.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

VACANCY BOARD COMMISSIONER – It was regularly moved by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mrs. Damits, to appoint Angelo Rullo as Vacancy Board Commissioner.

MOTION carried by a Seven (7) Yes, Two (2) No (*Cindric, Stewart*) Roll Call Vote.

PUBLIC WORKS:

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Broglie, to authorize payment to Creative Enterprises Corporation in the amount of \$23,154.87 from the Road Tax Fund, for the work completed through December 17, 2004 for the Clearview Avenue wall restoration project; this amount does not include material costs at this time. QUESTIONS: Ms. Koerbel asked what the status was on this project and that the contractors clean up the area and used the trash cans. Mr. Skorich advised that the contractors would be resuming work, weather-permitting. Mr. Stewart questioned this expense and referred to a prior contractor who was to perform this work for \$10,000. Mr. Crown advised that it was work performed by the water company’s Contractor, Cilenti, but it was for other work. Mr. Cindric asked that someone speak to Creative about the mud runoff getting into the catch basins.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

FINANCE:

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Ms. Koerbel, seconded by Mr. Cindric, to exonerate Karen Cheke-Dadey from the collection of the unpaid 2004 Property Taxes.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

PLANNING/ZONING:

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Byers, to appoint Mark Viola to the Crafton “Building Code” Board of Appeals, for a term of Three (3) years commencing January 1, 2005. COMMENTS: Mr. Cindric felt this was a hypocritical action, to make up for not appointing Mr. Viola, previously, to the Planning Commission, and for that reason he would be voting no.

MOTION carried by a Six (6) Yes, Three (3) No (*Cindric, Donovan, Stewart*) Roll Call

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Broglie, seconded by Ms. Koerbel, to appoint Douglas Clark to the Crafton “Building Code” Board of Appeals, for a term of Two (2) years commencing January 31, 2005.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Cindric, seconded by Mr. Broglie, to appoint Patricia Pinelli to the Crafton Borough Zoning Hearing Board, for a term of Three (3) years commencing January 1, 2005.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Broglie, seconded by Mr. Cindric, to Suspend the Rules to hear a Motion for another appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Broglie, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to appoint Linda Breeden to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term of Two (2) years commencing on January 1, 2005.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Broglie, seconded by Mr. Stewart, that this meeting be adjourned.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Tremblay
Borough Secretary