

**REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2005**

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

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Ms. Koerbel, seconded by Mr. Broglie, to approve the February 9, 2005 List of Bills. **COMMENTS:** Mr. Cindric questioned the phone bill at the pool; and inquired if it would be more cost effective to shut off service for 6 months or so, and then reactivate the account when the pool opens. Mrs. Tremblay stated that they used to do that, but it became very expensive; a charge for discontinuing service and another charge to reactivate, approximately \$65. for each service. Manager Vukotich indicated that he would look into it.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (7-0)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

January 26, 2005 – Not Available

**CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

None

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Engineer Wagner reported that the ShaCog joint CCTV contract will begin soon and a pre-construction meeting is scheduled for February 10<sup>th</sup> with the Contractor; 1/6 of the Borough's sewers need to be done in year one of the Consent Order. Mr. Cindric inquired on placement of flow monitors. Mr. Wagner advised that he would look in to it.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Solicitor Wolfe reported that an Executive Session of Council was held prior to the meeting to discuss potential and existing litigation, and real estate negotiations.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Broglie asked Mr. Cindric to report on a meeting he attended in Carnegie with, and regarding, the Chartiers Valley Flood Control Authority and the condition of Chartiers Creek. Mr. Cindric stated that nothing final was decided on the creek cleanup or any possible dredging of the creek. They are talking with the Army Corp of Engineers, but feel dredging may only be a short term solution, and may even result in other problems. Mr. Crown advised that Mr. Skorich (Public Works), and Mr. Broglie met with Fred Bigham of the Chartiers Valley Flood Control Authority last year, and discussed a cleanup project for the Crafton portion of the creek; whereas the authority may have funds available to reimburse the Borough for labor used to clean the banks of the creek. Mr. Crown indicated that this would include trimming branches, etc. along the banks of the creek, and to possibly consider hiring extra summer help. Mr. Cindric added that it is very important to perform this cleanup and remove any debris that could result in damming and backups; similar to what occurred in Etna.

Mrs. Damits asked when the street sweeper would be in service; considering the amount of antiskid on the streets that needs removed. Mr. Skorich advised that the street sweeper is at A & H Equipment for warranty and maintenance work; that they are busy performing work on snow plows, salt spreaders, etc.

and have not completed the work on our sweeper yet. Mr. Broglie added that perhaps, on nice days, consider some cleanup of the antiskid with brooms and shovels.

Ms. Koerbel advised that the Planning Commission meeting that was scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup> has been changed to February 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m., due to the 21<sup>st</sup> being President's Day; and advertised accordingly.

Mr. Crown inquired, on behalf of Assistant Manager Sample, as to the procedure desired for the summer help hiring. It was decided that Mr. Sample and Mrs. Tremblay would make arrangements for interviews that would include members of the Personnel and Recreation Committees. Mrs. Tremblay advised that the deadline for employment applications is March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Manager Vukotich stated that he was contacted by two Boy Scouts looking for Eagle Scout projects, and if Council has any ideas to let him know. Mrs. Damits and Mr. Crown advised that, soon, a hazardous waste cleanup project would be held in Crafton, which is also a project for a local Girl Scout.

## **BUSINESS AGENDA**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE & PERSONNEL**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Ms. Koerbel, seconded by Mr. Broglie, to approve a contract with Jordan Tax Service, on behalf of Karen Cheke-Dadey, Property Tax Collector, for the collection of all property taxes, and the reporting of same, for annual contract amount not to exceed \$7,500.00.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (7-0).

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Broglie, seconded by Ms. Koerbel, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-02 amending the annual salary of the elected property tax collector, effective March 1, 2005, from \$2,929.92 per year to \$480.00 per year.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (7-0).

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Broglie, to appoint Ralph W. Mills to the Crafton Borough Zoning Hearing Board for a term of One (1) year commencing, retroactively, to January 1, 2005. **COMMENTS:** Mr. Cindric commented that he didn't know the candidate or anything about him. Also, he felt that an attorney may be a better candidate and that this board is a quasi-judicial body; and perhaps this candidate would consider being an alternate. Mr. Broglie advised that it has been reported for several months our need for volunteers for this board; candidates are not knocking down the door. He added that he doesn't feel Council should turn away anyone interested in serving and volunteering for these positions. Mr. Cindric recommended that this Motion be tabled at this time. Mr. Crown asked that on future motions concerning appointment of volunteers, out of respect to a candidate, that any desire by Council to table or put forth questions or comments on a candidate be done prior to the meeting to avoid the appearance of questioning a persons integrity, etc. during the public meeting.

**MOTION TO TABLE:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Broglie, seconded by Mr. Cindric, to table this appointment pending additional information.

Motion to Table carried by a Four (4) Yes, Three (3) No (*Damits, Donovan, McDonough*) Roll Call Vote.

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Donovan, second by Mr. McDonough, to authorize Gateway Engineers to prepare specifications and advertise for bids for the 2005 Road Paving Program.

MOTION carried by a Six (6) Yes, One (1) No (*Cindric*) Roll Call Vote.

**SET AGENDA BUSINESS-REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23,2005**

Mrs. Damits asked that a no parking ordinance be considered on the Station Street bridge; that cars parked along the bridge create turning problems to vehicles attempting to turn left from White Avenue, including trucks and fire trucks traveling through that area on Station Street. Mrs. Tremblay reminded Council that recent motions regarding no parking on other streets will also require action by ordinance. Mr. Crown advised that all of these should be addressed and included at that time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

MOTION carried by a Unanimous Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary

Approved this — day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

**Borough of Crafton**  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting**  
**February 9, 2005**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Attendance:** Seven (7) Councilmembers – Broglie, Cindric, Damits, Donovan, Koerbel, McDonough and Crown, Manager Vukotich, Assistant Manager Sample, Solicitor Wolfe, and Engineer Wagner. (*Absent: Mr. Stewart, Mr. Byers, Mayor Hull*)

**No Citizen's Comments**

**Discussion Items**

- 2005 Paving Program – *Streets set; specs to be fine tuned by Engineer / See Business Agenda Motion. Crafton Blvd. not to be included this year due to cost.*
- Property Tax Collector's Wages – Current and for the term of 2006 through 2009 - *See Business Agenda Motion.*
- Property tax collection contract with Jordan Tax Services – *See Business Agenda Motion.*
- Amendments to the rental property inspection regulations / fees – *Manager Sample will look into this.*
- CVFD truck specifications/purchase – *Solicitor to review specs; Motion at next meeting to advertise.*
- Amending the EMS tax ceiling; in the year 2006 – *Manager Vukotich to look into for 2006.*
- Review revised Committee Assignments – No questions or comments.