

**REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2005**

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. Byers. Roll call, by Mrs. Tremblay, recorded eight (8) members of Council present, as follows: Mr. Broglie, Mr. Byers, Mr. Cindric, Mrs. Damits, Ms. Koerbel, Mr. McDonough, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Crown (*absent: Mr. Donovan*). Also present were Mayor Hull, Manager Vukotich and Manager Sample, Solicitor Wolfe, and Engineer Misterman.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Broglie, seconded by Mr. Stewart, to approve the April 27, 2005 List of Bills.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote, with exceptions noted by Mr. Cindric (#404.31, #404.32). (8-0)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Broglie, seconded by Ms. Koerbel, to approve the March 23, 2005 Meeting Minutes.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote. (8-0)

**CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

None

**RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS**

The following written reports were provided in Council's Packet: The Treasurer's Report, Financial Report, Act 511 and Trash Collection Fee Reports, Property Tax Collector's Report, Police Report, Building Inspector and Public Works reports, Fire Department's Report and the Engineer's Report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Hull reported that the Department responded to 118 complaints during the month of March 2005 and referred Council to the written report.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Rost noted that there have been no further problems at the park (Noble); that citations will be issued for foul language and other disorderly conduct. Reminded that electric scooters and dirt bikes are illegal on Borough streets and sidewalks, and bb or pellet guns can only be used at approved facilities; these items will be confiscated.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Not Present – None

**ROBINSON EMS REPORT**

Director Meredith reported that REMS responded to 48 calls for the month of February 2005, 58 calls for March 2005, and 40 calls to date for the month of April. He introduced the new Assistant Director, Mike Nemecek to Council, and advised that REMS has 2 new board members: Jim DeMinno and Randy DeLoia. He advised that Campbells Run Road is closed at McMichael Road, and doesn't anticipate any problems with the upcoming Thornburg Bridge repair work.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

None

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Engineer Misterman reported on the items provided in the written report. Mr. Broglie requested a list of the level 5 sewer defects; Engineer Misterman advised that a list should be available in a week.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

None. Mr. Wolfe reported that an Executive Session was requested for before the meeting, but would be held after the meeting regarding possible litigation; no action needed.

**SECRETARY'S/MANAGER'S REPORT**

Secretary Tremblay reported that information was provided to Council regarding the upcoming renewal of the Borough's property damage and liability insurance; a motion has been added to the Agenda to approve the payment to PIRMA. Overall increase from last year is \$73.

Manager Vukotich reported that a Praise or Problem hotline has been created on the voice mail system and also e-mail, and a press release has been prepared. He reported that he spoke with both Jordan and Mrs. Keeley and confirmed that all residents, whether owing EIT or not having earnings must file a final return – this additionally serves as a census, since we no longer have census enumerators. Mr. Byers and Mr. Stewart asked if Mr. Vukotich looked into the cost to the borough for returns processed that not report no income or tax due. Mr. Vukotich hadn't researched that, but would follow-up on it in the morning. He reported that this is required by ordinance. Mr. Cindric reported that PennDot placed signs in the wrong direction on Crafton Blvd; Mr. Sample reported that it is, or has already been, taken care of – it was a mistake.

Assistant Manager Sample provided a written Public Works report for Council's review. The Public Works uniform contract was re-worked, at a savings to the Borough of approximately \$3,000. A positive letter was sent to Public Works, thanking them for the clean-up on Parkview. Mr. Cindric inquired on the strainer lid needed for the pool mushroom; and requested the model number. He reported that an application with Goodwill has been submitted, for the Chartiers Creek clean-up project, and we are waiting for it to be approved.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Mr. Crown read the summary of the Building Inspector's report, as follows: Investigated 14 property complaints, Issued 32 Permits, and performed 35 Inspections for the period April 1-27, 2005.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**BUSINESS AGENDA****PUBLIC WORKS**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. McDonough, to authorize Gateway Engineers to prepare plans and specifications, and to advertise, for sewer repair contract bids; for the necessary defect repair work as required in conjunction with the Consent Order Agreement.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (8-0).

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. McDonough, to authorize Gateway Engineers to research any and all easements associated with the required sewer defect repairs.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (8-0).

**FINANCE**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Cindric, seconded by Mr. Stewart, to adopt Ordinance No. 1568 authorizing the issuance of, and awarding of, a Note with PNC Bank for a principal amount of \$1,533,145., at an interest rate of 3.87% for a term of Nine (9) years, and authorize the proper Borough officials to execute all documents as may be required by PNC Bank and the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

MOTION carried by a Seven Yes, One No (*Damits*) Roll Call Vote. (7-1).

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Cindrc, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-05, expressing the Borough of Crafton's support of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and calling upon the United States Senate and House of Representatives to retain the existing program and funding level of \$4.35 billion.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (8-0).

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Cindric, to approve the payment of \$52,939.01 to PIRMA, c/o H.A. Thompson Insurance Agency, representing payment in full of Crafton Borough's pool contribution for liability and property insurances, for the period 5/15/05 to 5/15/06.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (8-0).

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND PERSONNEL**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mrs. Damits, to approve the 2005 Summer Employment Hiring list, as presented.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (8-0).

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Broglie, seconded by Ms. Koerbel, to authorize the preparation and issuance of a letter, authorizing repair work be performed on S.R. 0060, in the evenings and at other times as deemed necessary by PennDot and MS Consultants, and shall waive any Ordinance restrictions in conjunction with such repair work.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (8-0).

**PLANNING**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mrs. Damits, seconded by Mr. Broglie, to appoint John Meighan to the Crafton Planning Commission for a four year term to expire on April 13, 2009. **COMMENTS:** Mr. Cindric requested more information on Mr. Meighan's qualifications and background. Mr. Broglie advised that Mr. Meighan's letter was included in Council's packet.

MOTION carried by a Five Yes, Three No (*Byers, Cindric, Stewart*) Roll Call Vote (5-3).

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mrs. Damits, seconded by Mr. McDonough, to re-appoint Raymond Broglie to the Crafton Planning Commission for a four (4) year term to expire on April 13, 2009. **COMMENTS:** Mr. Cindric advised that he would not be voting for Mr. Broglie as his voting record includes voting in favor of the Steuben Street/Foster Avenue overlay, which Mr. Cindric did not feel was in the best interest of the Borough.

MOTION carried by a Five Yes, Three No (*Byers, Cindric, Stewart*) Roll Call Vote (5-3).

**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