

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF JULY 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. McDonough. Roll call, by Mrs. Tremblay, recorded eight (8) members of Council present, as follows: Mr. Byers, Mr. Cindric, Mrs. Damits, Ms. Koerbel, Mr. McDonough, Mrs. Sappie, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Crown (*Mr. Donovan and Ms. Koerbel were absent*). Also present were Manager Sample, Solicitor Wolfe, and Engineer Minsterman. (*Mayor Hull was absent.*)

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Damits, seconded by Mr. Stewart, to approve the July 27, 2005 List of Bills. **COMMENTS:** Mr. Cindric asked what the revisions were to the Bill List. Mrs. Tremblay advised that no new bills were added; Mrs. Keeley had posted a few bills to the wrong line item numbers.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None Available

CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Melissa Holtz, 71 N. Emily Street – Ms. Holtz commented on pool management and alleged unsanitary conditions at the pool. Mr. Crown remarked that these complaints would be looked into. Mrs. Tremblay stated that many of the allegations were lies. Mr. Crown and Mr. Sample confirmed that we have several certified pool operators, being Mr. Sample, Mr. Skorich and 3 of the public works employees, who are available daily and do visit the pool each day. Neither the Manager or CPO are required to be at the pool during all hours of operation.

Lucy Mensor, 188 Chartiers Avenue - Ms. Mensor inquired on the status of repairs to Chartiers Avenue, and noted dust and air quality problems from the (Turner) road to Cellones. Mr. Sample, and Mr. Crown confirmed that the Borough and the City of Pittsburgh would be doing the work within the next 2 weeks and definitely before the end of August. Some drainage and sewer work is being looked at first, then complete the paving repairs. Mr. Byers inquired on a soil tack application to keep down the dust. Engineer Minsterman said there are many bio-friendly products, oil-based and are an effective means to control road dust. Mr. Byers suggested even contacting the Allegheny County Health Dept. Mrs. Mensor stated that the creek does flood Turner Road, and the creek bed is widening in sections. Mrs. Mensor advised that there is also a speeding problem on Chartiers, and requested perhaps more police patrols and Mr. Cindric suggested additional signage; "Watch Children".

Joanne Smith, 192 Chartiers Avenue – Ms. Smith re-iterated comments made by Ms. Mensor. Chief Rost advised that if the residents are willing to assist in the prosecution and provide information on speeders to the police, they can pursue issuance of warnings or citations. She inquired on the gold bands on the Steuben Street trees; and it was stated that this was done by PennDot along the State routes.

Elizabeth Gabler, 186 Chartiers Avenue – Ms. Gabler is asthmatic, and she too complained about the dust problem in the area. She also advised that someone, from Cellones, is moving creek debris, etc. with a bulldozer which is altering the road. This would be looked into with the City of Pittsburgh.

Judy Kueshner, 1572 Barr Avenue – Ms. Kueshner complained about the Duquesne Light vegetation spraying along Crafton Blvd. which has killed all of the plants, small trees and weeds that hold the earth in place. She wanted to know why Crafton Borough or it's residents were notified. She also complained about the utility work being done on Dinsmore without proper signage, detours or flagmen. Mr. Sample advised that he would look into this matter.

Kathy Butler, 233 Clearview Avenue – Ms. Butler asked that the tree be trimmed back from the street light in front of her home. She also noted that she is on the Crocodile Swim Team Board, and she thanked the Borough and Mrs. Tremblay for all of the assistance to the swim team program. She praised Mrs. Tremblay and the guards for the hard work at the pool, and stated that the competitors and visitors from other communities had no negative comments about the conditions of the pool; contradicting Mrs. Holtz's comments.

Sonia Rogers, 68 Kingston Street and Denise Colichie - Ms. Rogers and Ms. Colichie were upset with the incidents at the pool concerning children's accidents (fecal matter) and the need to close the entire pool; and inquired if there was some way to separate the baby pool from the remainder of the pool. Mr. Crown said they would look into a possible remedy. They also commented on the abusive language, etc. directed by irate patrons toward the pool employees. Mr. Stewart stated that the pool employees should contact the police, call 911, in that event.

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

None – Not Present

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Rost advised that the truck permits are available and the permits expire on July 31st each year. He reported of many recent acts of vandalism to vehicles; broken car windows, keyed vehicles. He commented on the oral rabies vaccine and the County's distribution of feed packets. He advised of a crossing guard shortage and suggested use of the unused funds in his training budget, if need be.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Hermes referred Council to the written report. He discussed using the \$15,000. equipment funds in this years budget for hose purchases rather than toward the new truck purchase. Mr. Crown advised that this was previously discussed by Council and approved. Chief Hermes also advised that it is illegal to drive over fire hoses.

ROBINSON EMS REPORT

Director Meredith reported that REMS responded to 48 calls to date for the month of July 2005. He reported that several practice drills have been conducted at the pool with the lifeguards, and one surprise mock save. The guards performed very well. Mrs. Damits thanked them for their assistance in training the lifeguards; and Mrs. Tremblay also thanked them for providing first aid supplies.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Crown reported that the History Channel would be airing a show about sewers and sewer technology, and one of the companies being considered by Crafton, Insituform, will be involved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Minsterman reported that bids were opened on the 22nd, and are making recommendations; Contract A – A. Verrante, Contract B – Insituform. He recommended that T & M contractor, Creative Enterprises, perform the Rte 60 work prior to PennDot's resurfacing program; the Highway Occupancy Permit is pending. The COA progress report is being completed and will be sent in to the DEP this Friday (7/29); the Borough is in complete compliance. The paving contractor will be in the borough making the corrections to Alley A and some minor work at other sites. Pennvest loan application is nearing completion and it should be submitted by Friday (7/29). Mr. Cindric asked how we, and other communities, stand as far as compliance with the COA. Mr. Minsterman advised that, for this first year, we and all 17 communities are in compliance. Mr. Cindric inquired on the revisions Right of Way width for Madigan Manor; Mr. Minsterman advised that it was the Engineer's comments on the Right of Way

being changed 20 feet to 40 feet, and to make sure the developer includes that on their revising drawings. Mr. Byers reported that he had spoken to Mr. Sample about this; that Bells Run had dried up, possibly draining into abandoned mines; Mr. Minsterman would look into this matter. Mr. Minsterman added that they are working on the sewer tap-in fee study and should have that completed shortly for Council's consideration.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Wolfe reported that an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

SECRETARY'S/MANAGER'S REPORT

Assistant Manager Sample added that he and the Engineer are working on the Pennvest application for timely submission; and is reviewing budget items for next year. Mr. Crown added that the Budget will be a discussion item at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. Mr. Cindric inquired on the "uncategorized item" on the last page of the Financial Statement. Mrs. Tremblay advised that that amount was the shortfall in repaying the PNC TRAN note in 2004, and funds were, under that category, repaid to the Sewer Fund and Road Tax fund. PNC Bank and our auditor approved that action; as they are all Borough funds. Also, the amount for Building Inspector training was budgeted and incurred in 2004, but paid in 2005. He also questioned the contribution item to the Planning Commission; and it was agreed that wording will be added to that item identifying it as Planning Commission.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

President Crown provided the Building Inspection Report, reporting 3 complaints investigated, 18 permits issued and 30 inspections performed during the period June 23 to July 26, 2005.

OLD BUSINESS

None

BUSINESS AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. McDonough, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-16 authorizing the proper Borough Official to proceed with the sale of the 1994 Chevy Dump Truck, aka, Public Works Truck #108, with an estimated value of \$2,500., in accordance with the bid requirements of Section 1201 of the Borough Code.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Cindric, seconded by Mrs. Damits, to authorize the proper Borough Official to proceed on the purchase/lease-purchase of a new Public Works Dump Truck, to be paid for from the Sewer Fund Budget. **COMMENTS:** Mr. Cindric inquired on the accounting of the trucks use for sewer projects. Mr. Crown indicated that daily logs are used; that others trucks are also used, but represents this one truck.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Damits, seconded by Mr. Cindric, to award the Sanitary Sewer Point repairs Contract "A" to A. Merante with a bid of \$508,475. and Contract "B" to Insituform Technologies with a bid of \$309,881., per the recommendation of the Engineer. **COMMENTS:** Mr. Cindric advised that approximately \$1,000,000 was estimated for these repairs, so these bids are under. Mr. Crown reminded everyone that this represents only 1/6 of the work in the borough.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. McDonough, to authorize the expenditure for design and construction to erect a salt bin at the Public Works site, at an approximate cost of \$8,800. for materials and \$6,200. reimbursed Public Works labor, to be paid from the Special Rental

Account. COMMENT: Mr. Stewart inquired on the Special Rental account; and was advised that this is the District Court rental account.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE/PERSONNEL

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Damits, seconded by Mr. Byers, to accept the resignation of Borough Manager Charles J. Vukotich effective July 15, 2005.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Damits, seconded by Mr. Byers, to appoint Assistant Borough Manager Douglas Sample to the position of Borough Manager effective July 16, 2005, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Understanding. COMMENT: Mr. Cindric asked if the Memorandum of Understanding would be the same and the one for Mr. Vukotich; Mr. Crown confirmed that it would contain the same terms and conditions (just a different name).

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

MOTION: It was regularly moved by to authorize the Borough Manager to purchase necessary computer equipment; including labor, in an amount not to exceed \$4,500, through the Dell government purchasing program.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Damits, seconded by Mr. Byers, to Suspend the Rules for two Solicitor matters.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Damits, seconded by Mr. Stewart, to extend the retention of the legal firm Dickey, McCamey, for a prior litigation matter.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Damits, seconded by Mr. Byers, to appoint Timothy Bish to complete the prior land use matters.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION carried by a Unanimous Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary

Approved this — day of _____, 2005.