

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 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. Crown. Roll call, by Mrs. Tremblay, recorded eight (8) members of Council present, as follows: Mr. Cindric, Mrs. Damits, Mr. Donovan, Ms. Koerbel, Mr. McDonough, Mrs. Sappie, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Crown. (*Absent: Mr. Byers*). Also present were Solicitor Wolfe, and Engineer Wagner (*Mayor Hull and Manager Sample were absent*).

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Ms. Koerbel, seconded by Mr. Stewart, to approve the September 28, 2005 List of Bills.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (8-0), with exception noted (*Donovan-#410.24*).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Roy Hermes, S. Linwood - Mr. Hermes reported several street lights needing lamp replacement, and inquired on the procedure to have this done. Mrs. Tremblay advised that both the secretary's office and Police Secretary report these to Duquesne Light, but need the locations be reported to them. He asked why the police don't see these in the evening and get them reported. Chief Rost reported that he can't recall the last time he saw someone in the Borough from Duquesne Light replacing the street lamps.

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. **COMMENTS:** Mr. Crown reported that the property tax collection is at 96% compared to other years, at this time, when it would be at approximately 60 to 70% collection. Mr. Cindric inquired on the shortfall on the prior years collection of taxes. Mrs. Tremblay and Mr. Crown advised that their efforts thus far were to get our current year into their system for collection, and there was a delay in receiving 2003 and 2004 from the tax collector; but they have begun collection procedures and delinquency notification. Mr. Cindric also inquired on item #362.14-Building Permit revenues are much lower than budgeted. Mr. Crown advised that the amount budgeted was anticipating the commencement of new development, which hasn't occurred yet. Mr. Crown also commented that the pool did fairly well, the receipts were high and the expenses kept low; did much better than last year.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None. President Crown referred Council to the written report.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Rost reported that counterfeit money is being found in Crafton and surrounding communities, and an informational sheet is available at the Police Department on identifying

bogus money. Chief Rost asked that the motion on the agenda be amended not to include the appointment of a crossing guard captain since Ms. Mercolini hasn't resigned and there is not an opening yet. COMMENTS: Mr. Cindric inquired as to why the motor vehicle violations and fines are way down; at only 28%. Mrs. Tremblay stated that this amount includes payments from the State for motor vehicle violations, which hasn't been received yet. Chief Rost was not familiar with the payments from the State and had just discussed this line item with Mrs. Tremblay earlier in the day.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Hermes referred Council to the written report. With regard to the new truck, he reported the a pre-paint inspection may take place in late November or early December, with delivery in late December or in January. He stated that the County Fire Marshal confirmed his belief that the fire on Steuben Street was arson; considering the number of flash points. He reported that there was a problem getting traffic control started; that Mayor Stover (Rosslyn Farms) stopped and assisted by blocking Steuben Street traffic. The department will be attending their 3rd session (Oct. 12th, with DEA in Bridgeville) on fire-fighting in meth-labs; which is extremely dangerous. He complained that the DEA is not able to provide advance knowledge to the fire department of any suspected or known meth-labs. Mr. Cindric asked if Chief Hermes was able to attend the conference in Greensburg; but he stated that he did not, but wanted to. Ms. Koerbel advised that the Newsletter was being prepared and asked if either of the Chiefs had anything they wished to include; Ms. Koerbel stated that the house numbering requirement and advise to not run over fire hoses was being included. Neither had anything to include, at this time.

ROBINSON EMS REPORT

A REMS representative reported their response to a total of 50 calls for the month of August, and 37 so far for September.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Crown reported that a brief Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss contract negotiations and a potential litigation matter.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Wagner reported that the 2005 paving program is complete with the exception of a few minor punchlist items, and recommend payment of estimate #2 to A. Folino Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$139,613.81. Mr. Cindric inquired on the specifications for the ADA curb ramps and noticed several corners (8-10) throughout the borough that are cracked, broken and deteriorated from vehicles running over the curb. Mr. Wagner stated that there are no special regulations that he is aware of and these vehicles should not be driving over the curbs. He will consider beefing them up on any future installations.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Wolfe reported he and the Manager are working on the paperwork for the line of credit and for Pennvest, and should have something for Council's action at the next meeting.

SECRETARY'S/MANAGER'S REPORT

None

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Council was referred to the written report in their packets.

BUSINESS AGENDA

PERSONNEL

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Ms. Koerbel, to approve the September 23, 2005 Substitute School Crossing Guard hiring list, with one addition of Jacqueline Rosenwald; for a total of 6 guards. ~~and appoint Edward Muldowney to the position of Captain replacing Catherine Merochini.~~ *(Chief Rost requested that the appointment of the Captain be removed pending Ms. Merochini's official resignation.)*

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

FINANCE

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Stewart, to authorize the payment of Estimate #2, in the amount of \$139,613.81 to A. Folino Construction, Inc. for the 2005 Road Resurfacing Program, per the recommendation of Gateway Engineers.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION carried by a Unanimous Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary