

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 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. Cindric. Roll call, by Mrs. Tremblay, recorded seven (7) members of Council present, as follows: Mr. Cindric, Mrs. Damits, Mr. Donovan, Ms. Koerbel, Mrs. Sappie, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Crown. (*Absent: Mr. Byers, Mr. McDonough*). Also present were Manager Sample, Solicitor Wolfe, and Engineer Minsterman.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Ms. Koerbel, to approve the October 26, 2005 List of Bills. **Comments:** Mr. Cindric questioned the capital purchases out of the trees budget; and his concern that the purchase of trees vs. shrubbery was distinguishable on these charges, to meet the Tree City USA requirements. Manager Sample advised that he and Robin Anthony had just recently reviewed these purchases for that reason.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (7-0), with exceptions noted (*Mr. Cindric- #404.31, #404.32, Mr. Donovan - #410.24*).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was regularly moved by Ms. Koerbel, seconded by Mr. Cindric, to approve the meeting Minutes of October 12, 2005.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

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 160 complaints for the month of Sept, and referred Council to the written report.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Rost reported that the resignation of Cathy Mercolini was received; that she took a full time position elsewhere, with benefits, but may be available as a substitute school crossing guard, if needed. He reported that she has done an excellent job in the position of Captain for many years with the Borough; and her recommended replacement, Ed Muldowney has been working and training with her. He advised that a Resolution appears on the agenda to authorize the donation of the unclaimed bicycles, in the Borough's possession, to a charitable organization that will refurbish the bikes to distribute at Christmas for needy children. He reminded everyone about the upcoming Halloween night and the need to be careful. Mr. Crown reported that Halloween will be celebrated on Monday, Oct. 31st from 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Hermes referred Council to the written report. He reported that rescue truck was sold to a fire department in Texas; they were very happy with their purchase and its great condition. Equipment was removed from the rescue truck and placed on other department trucks or in storage at the station. They had responded to the fire in Carnegie, and was on scene for about 5 hours with the ladder truck. At (Lt.) Crowns' suggestion, and with the permission of Carnegie's Fire Chief, the CVFD initiated the removal

and recovery of items in the Carnegie Historic Society's building; including a Honus Wagner portrait. Chief Hermes mentioned that on the way to the fire, via the busway, he hit a deer which caused some damage to the front end and headlight on the ladder truck. They are having a problem getting Seagrave to replicate the custom headlight. He reported on the status of the new rescue/pumper truck, and advised that a trip was planned for mid November to inspect its progress. He, again, reported on the lack of house numbers, and reminded everyone to change the batteries in their smoke alarms when they change their clocks. Mrs. Damits asked if the CVFD would be on the streets during trick or treat; to which he responded affirmatively.

ROBINSON EMS REPORT

None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Minsterman reported that sewer deficiency repairs are under way. Paving program punch list items are being completed; and the borough is retaining final payment until complete. Annual meeting with Gateway is being planned for November 16th – prior to the Budget meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Wolfe reported that he has completed his review of the Civil Service regulations and has a few recommended changes to review with Ms. Koerbel.

SECRETARY'S/MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Sample stated that the office has been preparing a draft 2006 budget which will be distributed to Council on Friday for review, and reported that the first budget meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday, November 2nd. The Pennvest loan is scheduled to close on November 20th. Leaf pickup is under way; just call in to the office to report the location and request pick up.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Council was referred to the written report in their packets.

BUSINESS AGENDA

FINANCE:

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mrs. Sappie, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-19 approving the donation of 13 unclaimed bicycles to a charitable organization in accordance with the Act.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Damits, seconded by Mr. Stewart, to appoint Hugi Koudela to the Shade Tree Commission to fill the unexpired five-year term of Doug Rossman; which shall expire on March 31, 2010. **COMMENTS:** Ms. Koerbel inquired on the loss of Doug Rossman – Mrs. Tremblay reported that he did not wish to be re-appointed; and Ms. Koudela was recommended by both Betsy Martin and Robin Anthony, of the Shade Tree Committee.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Ms. Koerbel, seconded by Mrs. Damits to approve the 2005-2006 Fall/Winter Newsletter.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

ADDITIONAL MOTIONS ADDED TO AGENDA:

PLANNING:

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Ms. Koerbel, seconded by Mrs. Damits to appoint Andrew A. Bogats to the Crafton Planning Commission for the unexpired term of Raymond Broglie; which shall expire on April 13, 2009.

MOTION carried by s Five (5) Yes, Two (2) No (Cindric, Stewart) Roll Call Vote.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mrs. Damits, to accept the resignation of Catherine Mercolini as School Crossing Guard Captain, with her continued employment to remain in effect as a substitute Crossing Guard, and, thereby appoint Edward Muldowney to the position of Captain.

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