

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 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 all (9) members of Council present, as follows: Mr. Byers, Mr. Cindric, Mrs. Damits, Mr. Donovan, Ms. Koerbel, Mr. McDonough, Mrs. Sappie, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Crown. Also present were Manager Sample, Solicitor Wolfe, and Mayor Hull.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

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

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (9-0), with exceptions noted by Mr. Donovan (#410.24) and Mr. Cindric (#404.31, #404.32) and Mr. Stewart (#404.31).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was regularly moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to approve the meeting Minutes of November 23, 2005 and December 14, 2005. Comments: Mr. Cindric noted an error on the 11/23/05 minutes; line 3 of page 1, indicating that he was present and he was not – correction made.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (9-0).

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, and the Engineer's Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hull reported that the department responded to 189 complaints for the month of November, and referred Council to the written report. He thanked everyone for their support over the past four years.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Rost had nothing to report. He stated that it was a quiet Christmas, and was looking forward to the same for New Years.

REMS REPORT

Director Meredith was unable to attend, but provided his report: REMS responded to 56 calls for the month of November.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

None (not present)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Crown reported that Capt. James Bloom has offered his retirement as of March 15, 2006, after 32 years of service. We wish him well and accept his retirement request. He reported that a brief Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss personnel issues and litigation matters.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Minsterman reported that the work is continuing on the sewer deficiencies, as planned. The Pennvest loan has closed and soon the borough can proceed on reimbursements. Mr. Crown inquired on

the status of the McMunn sewer line. Mr. Ministerman advised that they are reviewing the tapes, and may need to revisit a few sites before submitting any determinations to Council.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Wolfe reported that it was a lot of work closing the Pennvest loan, and he thanked both Gateway and Mrs. Sappie for their assistance. He reported that the tax exemption request was filed for 37 White Avenue property.

SECRETARY'S/MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Sample had nothing new to report; just continuing to work with Gateway on the McMunn site.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

None (vacation)

BUSINESS AGENDA

FINANCE

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Ms. Koerbel, to adopt Ordinance No. 1574, fixing the tax rates on Real Property for the 2006 Fiscal Year at 5 mills for General Fund purposes and 1 mill for the Special Road Improvement Tax Levy.

Motion carried by Six (6) Yes, Three (3) No (*Byers, McDonough, Sappie*) Roll Call Vote (6-3).

PUBLIC SAFETY

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Damits, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to approve the Police Contract, for a four (4) year period commencing January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2009.
COMMENTS: Solicitor Wolfe advised that this contract provides for a 3% wage increase each year of the contract.

Motion carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (9-0).

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Stewart, to approve the payment of \$95,648.40 to A. Merante Contracting for Sanitary Sewer Repairs, per Contract A, for work completed to December 16, 2005, as recommended by Gateway Engineers; to be paid from the Pennvest funds.

Motion carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (9-0).

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Stewart, to approve final payment to A. Folino Construction, Inc. for the 2005 Road Resurfacing Contract, in the amount of \$7,750.73, as recommended by Gateway Engineers; pending the Borough's receipt of the two year maintenance bond.
COMMENTS: Mr. Stewart inquired if the bond had been received yet; and it was confirmed that it had not been received yet.

Motion carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (9-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Sappie stated that there had been some confusion on whether or not the new Council would be holding Senior Citizen dinners in 2006. She announced that there will be Senior Citizen dinners in 2006 and it is in the budget for next year. Mr. Crown asked if a schedule was available or would she be working with the Rec Committee on this? Mrs. Sappie stated that they hadn't worked on the schedule yet.

Secretary Tremblay reported that there was some confusion on garbage pick up this week (*Christmas*); but there was no change, and likewise for New Years, there would be no date change in pick up. Also, she reported that the re-organization meeting of the new Borough Council is scheduled for Tuesday, January 3, at 7:00 pm.

Mrs. Koerbel inquired on the January 2006 start up of recycling of news print. Mr. Sample confirmed this, and stated that it is to be bundled or placed in a paper bag and put out for pick up with the recyclables. She thanked the out-going Council and Mayor Hull for the work done over the past four years.

Mr. Cindric inquired on the pick-up of news print in the rain; Mr. Sample stated that he would check on any special arrangements.

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