

**COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2006**

Vice President Byers called to order the Regular Meeting of Crafton Borough Council, in Council Chambers of the Community Center; Flag Salute was led by Mrs. Sappie. Roll call, by Mrs. Tremblay, recorded six (6) members of Council present, as follows: Mr. Christman, Mr. Cindric, Mr. Impavido, Mr. Ogden, Mrs. Sappie, and Mr. Byers. Also present were Mayor O'Connell, Manager Sample, Solicitor Woodman, and Engineer Wagner, and Jr. Councilpersons Luxbacher and McNamara. (*Absent: Mr. Donovan, Ms. Koerbel, Mr. Stewart*)

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Sappie, seconded by Mr. Christman, to approve the April 26, 2006 List of Bills. (*Bill list was omitted from meeting packet; reviewed during the meeting by Council and approved later in the meeting.*)

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (6-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Ogden, seconded by Mrs. Sappie, to approve the March 22 and April 12, 2006 meeting minutes.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (6-0).

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, REMs Report and the Engineer's Report. **MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Christman, seconded by Mr. Ogden, to accept the written reports.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (6-0).

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor O'Connell reported that the department responded to 175 complaints for the month of February, and referred Council to the written report. She noted the collection of \$2,767. in fines. She spoke to the officers in charge of Crime Watch, in response to citizen comments, coordinating another Crime Watch meeting – anyone interested can leave their name and phone number with the borough office, or with the Police Department, and you will be contacted. She attended the Arbor Day Celebration, organized by Robin Anthony, this past Saturday and the planting of 250 trees by the Boy Scouts along Chartiers Creek. It was a nice event. She reported on the NIMS training and entry-level testing for mayors and council persons; it entails a 25-question test, required by September 30th. The two new police cars are now in service, and have come in approx. \$5,000. under budget. The police department is beginning an equipment replacement program; starting with the radio battery replacement. She reported on the update of the radio frequency, which is ongoing in Allegheny County, which will provide officers access to 1 of 2 frequencies during cross-jurisdictional activity. Also, the bill list reflects the replacement of the departments' 7-year old the fax machine. The department is also looking into a grant for the car cameras.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stewart was not present. Vice President Byers thanked Public Works and the Borough Office for their assistance with the Arbor Day event; which was a rainy, wet day. He recognized the

Boy Scouts from Sheraden, Troop #66 for doing the tree planting. He advised that the borough is in receipt of over \$2,000. so far in Fireworks donations, and reminded everyone that the 1st Ward School kindergarten chairs are still available for auction.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Engineer Wagner reported that there are two estimates for payment for contract A and contract B; he spoke to the excavation contractor about the pavement restoration; and hope to get the pavement resurfacing work started next week. CCTV contractor finished the original scope of work, and were 6,000 feet short of being in compliance with the Consent Order due to incomplete runs and inability to get through some of the defects, this will have to be made up to be in compliance and reporting next month. Bids will be opened on May 2nd, at 11a.m. for the road paving program. He will be meeting with the time and material contractor regarding the McMunn Avenue street reconstruction project. Mr. Ogden and Mr. Cindric reported that several areas recently paved by PennDot may present flooding problems during stormwater run-off. Mr. Wagner has agreed and has noticed this, as well, and will contact PennDot. Mr. Christman inquired on the restoration on Broadhead Road; and Mr. Wagner reported that this will be repaved, curb to curb; weather-permitting.

SOLICITOR’ REPORT

Solicitor Woodman reported that they are looking into the dog laws at Mr. Stewarts’ request.

SECRETARY’S/MANAGER’S REPORT

Manager Sample referred Council to the Borough News article on NIMS. He reported that the Boy Scouts are currently doing the Scouting for Food program. He provided information from Allegheny County to Council regarding the bird flu. He reminded everyone of the household hazardous waste drop-off program on Saturday, April 29th at Settlers Cabin park, and reminded Council to consider projects for the pre-application process for CDBG grants which are due by the end of May. Lastly, he acknowledged it being “Secretary’s Day”, and thanked Secretaries Tremblay and Keeley for their hard work in the office.

OLD BUSINESS

Manager Sample reported that the motions regarding the zoning officer were tabled until the next meeting, but the existing fee for zoning permits would remain the same at \$35.00. There is an approximate 65% loss of storage space in the Rea building due to the library expansion, and reassessment of the existing public works facility is necessary. The storage of the Celebrates flooring is a problem; and it was suggested to review possible additional space in the stage. Currently the tractors and mowers are stored in the Rea building and these will be moved to the proposed park shed.

BUSINESS AGENDA

FINANCE:

~~MOTION: It was regularly moved by to adopt Resolution No. 2006-10 intending to amend Wage Resolution No. 2005-21, establishing a Zoning Officer position and setting an annual wage of _____ for the year 2006; to be prorated accordingly.~~

MOTION WITHDRAWN

ZONING ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT

~~MOTION: It was regularly moved by to appoint _____ as the Borough’s Zoning Officer.~~

MOTION WITHDRAWN

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION: It was regularly moved by to approve payment to A. Merante in the amount of \$158,104.87 from the PennVest funds, per the recommendation of the Engineers.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (6-0).

MOTION: It was regularly moved by to approve payment to Insituform Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$164,019.00 from the PennVest funds, per the recommendation of the Engineers.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (6-0).

MOTION: It was regularly moved by to adopt adoption Ordinance No. 1576, amending Chapter 177 of the Crafton Borough Code of Ordinances, Sewer and Sewage Disposal – regulating the connection of storm or surface drainage, maintenance responsibilities, and to require dye testing of properties with separate sanitary sewers.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (6-0).

ADMINISTRATIVE

~~**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by to approve the 2006 Spring/Summer Borough Newsletter articles, as submitted, subject to any necessary formatting adjustments by the Newsletter Committee.~~

MOTION WITHDRAWN

MOTIONS ADDED

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Cindric, seconded by Mr. Christman, authorizing the Borough Solicitor to appeal the Department of Environmental Protection’s issuance of permits upon request of any Councilmember attending the May 2, 2006 meeting with the Department of Environmental Protection.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (6-0).

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Cindric, seconded by Mr. Ogden, to authorize the Borough Manager to write a letter to the Crafton Planning and Zoning Commission to correct the designation of lot and block #69-H-210 from ~~commercial~~ Shopping Center overlay back to residential.

COMMENTS: Mr. Cindric stated that it is currently designated residential with a shopping center overlay; not commercial. The purpose of this motion is to conform to the original approval given for that property for the construction of 13 townhouse units by the planning commission and by Borough Council. At the time that was done it was residential property and there is no indication that it should be an overlay district.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (6-0).

COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Sappie reported that there is a Senior Citizen dinner scheduled for this Saturday, and welcomed volunteers. Mrs. Tremblay reported that the entertainment, High Society Combo, was being paid for by Mr. Cindric. Mr. Impavido welcomed Jr. Councilperson McNamara. Mr. Cindric reported that he had attended the REMS meeting; they have plans for technical improvements to improve their finances. Mr. Cindric also attended the annual COG dinner; and Congressman Murphy and Doyle spoke on their desire for a federal budget line item for \$100,000. recreation grant program for the CharWest municipalities. Mr. Christman reported that the names of the fireworks contributors would be published on the website; residents notice for donations will be included in the borough newsletter. He noted that the Sharp Edge is working with Manager Sample on a fund raiser idea; that a percentage of proceeds from certain nights would be donated to the Fireworks. Mr. Ogden also encouraged

donations, and spoke of expansion of next years program. Mr. Byers challenged all of Council to donate their stipend check to the Fireworks fund; which was favorably received.

ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Impavido, seconded by Mrs. Sappie, that this meeting be adjourned.

MOTION carried by a Unanimous Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary