

COUNCILMEETING
Minutes of September 13, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Byers called to order the 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 seven members of Council present (7), as follows: Mr. Byers, Mr. Cindric, Mr. Christman, Mr. Donovan, Mr. Ogden, Mrs. Sappie, and Mrs. Viola – Note: Ms. Koerbel (1) entered shortly after roll call. Also present were Mayor O’Connell, Manager Sample, Engineer Wagner, Solicitor Josh Moyer, and Ms. McNamara, Jr. Council. (*Absent: President Stewart*)

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Cindric, seconded by Mr. Christman, to approve the September 13, 2006 List of Bills.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (8-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Christman, seconded by Mr. Cindric, to approve the August 23, 2006 meeting minutes.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (8-0).

CITIZEN’S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Joan Kury, Lincoln Avenue – Ms. Kury asked that pedestrian crossing signs be posted in the circle in front of the Borough building. Mr. Sample announced that signs are on order and upon delivery will be posted throughout the borough. As Recreation Board member, she reported that it is the Board’s desire to schedule an official tree lighting event this year; perhaps the Friday night before (the Saturday) Santa comes around on the Fire truck. She suggested that perhaps brief Crime Watch meetings could be scheduled before Council meetings.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Engineer Wagner reported that the work has started on Blacks Bridge; it is a slow process and hope to have the bridge open by Halloween. A preconstruction meeting was held with the contractor for the demolition of 37 White Avenue; it will be done in October and will take a couple of days. He reported that bids were open on 9/6 at ShaCOG for the CCTV-year 3; Crafton’s portion is \$65,660. He provided, and referred Council to, a written update regarding Consent Order Compliance-Flow Monitoring and Mapping. He noted that approximately 28 manholes were not located and public works will probably have to locate these.

Mr. Byers inquired on the flow monitoring previously performed by the borough. Mr. Cindric advised that we had monitored our permitted overflows for a little over a year - to determine if we had any overflows during dry weather and the extent of overflow during rain events (NPDES Permit required). The flow monitoring referred to in the memo refers to ALCOSAN implementing flow monitoring on behalf of the consent order communities; approximately 600 monitors throughout the system – ALCOSAN will not commit to implementing this program until they have their own consent order. If ALCOSAN causes the communities to miss the deadline for the flow monitoring requirement, more than likely the deadline will be extended, under these circumstances. There was hope to start this program in the Spring. Either way there will be additional costs incurred to perform this flow monitoring.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Solicitor Moyer had nothing to report.

It was noted that all of Council was required to complete the NIMS testing by 9/30/06; Manager Sample stated that he would e-mail reminders to everyone.

BUSINESS AGENDA

FINANCE

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Sappie, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to approve payment to SHACOG, in the amount of \$8,941.91, for the Year 2 - Joint CCTV Project.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (8-0).

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Ogden, seconded by Mr. Cindric, to approve payment to Creative Enterprises Corporation, in the amount of \$12,946.33, from the Crafton Road Tax Fund, for the McMunn Avenue road base repair. **COMMENTS:** Ms. Koerbel thought the fund no longer existed; it was confirmed that there remains unspent funds in the account. In response to Mr. Donovan's question, Mr. Byers advised that if not paid from the Road Tax funds it would have been paid for from the General Fund.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (8-0).

ADMINISTRATIVE

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Sappie, seconded by Mr. Christman, to hire Louise Rush as a substitute crossing guard at a rate in accordance with the wage resolution.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (8-0).

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Cindric, seconded by Mr. Christman, to ratify the amendments to the Civil Service Rules and Regulations, as approved by the Civil Service Commission at their meeting on September 7, 2006. **COMMENTS:** Manager Sample confirmed that several of the amendments are to conform to the ShaCOG testing requirements; that Crafton's Rules and Regulations were more stringent with regard to education requirements. The Commission indicated that they desire to maintain the higher education requirements. The residency requirement was being changed to comply with the police contract; being 15 air miles.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (8-0).

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Ms. Koerbel, to approve payment to A. Folino Construction in the amount of \$66,593.61 for Payment #1, for the 2006 Road Resurfacing Program, as recommended by the Engineer.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (8-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Koerbel reported that the LGA Intern, Dave Totten, will be providing a report to the Crafton Planning Commission on Monday, 9/18, and to Council at the next meeting.

Mr. Ogden reported that Manager Sample and Public Works have taken care of the road resurfacing/curbing problem on Noble Avenue; the business owner at that location was very happy.

COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Ogden provided a report on the status of the Crafton Volunteer Fire Dept's fund raising program; 20% and encouraged residents to contribute.

Ms. McNamara reported that the Movies in the Park program is done, and she reported on the nice event held to present the Mayor's Community Service Awards.

Mr. Christman reported that the first meeting for Crafton Celebrates will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 7:00 pm, to plan for the 2006 Fourth of July celebration.

Mrs. Sappie reported that the next senior citizen dinner is scheduled for Sept. 23rd; featuring a ham loaf dinner and entertainment.

Mr. Cindric reported that there may be a 4 week delay receiving the NIMS certificate, although some have been received in approx. 4 days.

Mayor O'Connell recognized Pat Shaw for his contribution of \$100. to replace the stolen Cowher Way sign. She thanked Ms. McNamara for her help with the award program, and reported attendance of approx. 60-70 people; those nominated were: Robin Anthony (Shade Tree Commission), Marie DeGiulio (Crafton Library), Roy Hermes (CVFD), Diane McQuaide (Crime Watch), Regis Patton (Boy Scouts), Joe Perrott (CIT), Jean Rose (Crafton Civic Club) and Megan Schriver (Crafton Historical Society). She noted a program established by the Attorney General's office where they will do a presentation called Operation Safe Surf, at the schools, regarding internet predators; she asked that residents encourage their school to sign up for this program.

Mr. Byers indicated that an Executive Session will be held at 7:00 pm before the next Council meeting concerning a personnel matter.

ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Joan Kury – Suggested that a smaller replica of the Cowher Way sign be considered as a fund raiser, possibly by the Historic Society.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION carried by a Unanimous Voice Vote (8-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary