

COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of October 11, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

President Stewart called to order the Meeting of Crafton Borough Council, in Council Chambers of the Community Center. Flag Salute was led by Ms. McNamara. Roll call, by Mrs. Tremblay, recorded eight members of Council present (8), as follows: Mr. Cindric, Mr. Christman, Mr. Donovan, Ms. Koerbel, Mr. Ogden, Mrs. Sappie, Mrs. Viola and Mr. Stewart – Also present were, Manager Sample, Engineer Jacobs, Solicitor Dan Austin, and Ms. McNamara, Jr. Council. (*Absent: Mr. Byers, Mayor O'Connell*)

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Ms. Koerbel, seconded by Mr. Ogden, to approve the October 11, 2006 List of Bills. **COMMENTS:** Mr. Stewart asked that a copy of the most current Sewer Fund financial report and treasurer's report be attached to the Sewer Fund Bill List.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (8-0), with exception noted by Ms. Koerbel (#404.31).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Ms. Koerbel, seconded by Mr. Christman, to approve the September 27, 2006 meeting minutes.

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

CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Frank Miller, 14 Baldwick Road – He asked if Council could pass legislation to limit the number of vehicles that could be parked on a property. He and his neighbors are having a problem with a neighbor who is collecting a lot of junk and a lot of cars on his property. Currently, the Magistrate is reviewing the matter, but he asked if Council could adopt an ordinance to regulate the number of vehicles similar to regulating the number of pets in a household. Mr. Stewart indicated that this would need the solicitor's review, so as not to violate peoples rights, and would try to have an answer for him in a week.

Rosemary Duffy, 158 S. Linwood Avenue – Ms. Duffy thanked the CVFD for saving her house. She had concerns about a delay in 9-1-1 sounding the tones to notify the fire department; that they were contacted at 4:11 a.m., but the tones didn't sound until almost 5:00 a.m. Manager Sample reported that the call was received by County 9-1-1 at 4:55 a.m. and the tones were sounded around that time. Mr. Stewart noted that the firefighters are notified by radio or pager prior to the tones being sounded.

John Richnavsky, Noble Avenue business – He thanked Council for the pothole work that was done on Prince Alley, but asked if a little more could be done to level the road, and also look into the garbage truck causing ruts in the alley. He also expressed concerns for the need for yellow line painting at the school and school sidewalk; that a public works person said they are out of yellow paint. Mr. Sample said he would look into it with the school guard and stated that public works is not out of yellow paint.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Jacobs reminded Council of their annual presentation and dinner scheduled for November 8th commencing at 6:15 p.m. Demo work is scheduled to begin at 37 White Avenue. They are looking for authorization to advertise for sewer defect corrections in November, pending approval of the Pennvest loan on October 24th. Engineer Jacobs reviewed the project update on Black's Bridge – written copy, dated October 11, 2006, attached to the Minutes. It was agreed to make a motion to authorize Gateway to prepare specifications and cost estimates for full deck replacement of Black's Bridge.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Austin had nothing to report.

BUSINESS AGENDA**FINANCE**

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Ms. Koerbel, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to approve payment of Estimate #4 to Insituform Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$15,428.00, as recommended by Gateway Engineers, for Contract B; sanitary Sewer Repairs. **COMMENTS:** Mr. Cindric confirmed that this was for the re-lining work.

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

ADMINISTRATION

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Ogden, seconded by Mr. Christman, to re-appoint Cathy Butler and Linda Breeden to the Crafton Recreation Board for a four year term to expire September 30, 2010. **COMMENTS:** Ms. Viola asked if there were any other interested persons. Mrs. Tremblay advised that Cathy Butler is the Swim Team representative, and the organization submits the name; and this would be a re-appointment. Linda Breeden is the At-Large representative, and it has just been a past practice to re-appoint persons if they are interested in continuing on as a volunteer.

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

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Ogden, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to authorize the proper Borough Officials to make application to PNC to establish a Business Credit Card, through PNC Bank with a credit limit not to exceed \$2,500, for Administrative use in lieu of petty cash. The Authorized user shall be the Borough Manager and Borough Secretary. **COMMENTS:** Mr. Cindric suggested a credit limit of \$1,500; Mrs. Viola suggested a credit limit of \$500.

MOTION TO AMEND THE MOTION with a credit limit not to exceed \$500. made by Mrs. Viola, seconded by Mr. Cindric. MOTION failed Five (5) No, Three (3) Yes (*Cindric, Viola, Stewart*).

MOTION TO AMEND THE MOTION with a credit limit not to exceed \$1,500. made by Mr. Cindric, with No Second.

MOTION (*original*) carried by a Seven (7) Yes, One (1) No (*Viola*) Roll Call Vote.

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Christman, seconded by Ms. Koerbel, to approve full deck replacement of the Black's Bridge to include new decking, new walkways, safety and handrail, and expansion dams, as well as minor structural remediation as necessary. Borough Engineer shall proceed to draft specifications with cost estimate and to coordinate with Borough Manager as soon as possible, but no later than second meeting in January 2007. **COMMENTS:** It was estimated that work could commence in April and take approximately four months to complete.

Motion carried by Seven Yes, One No (*Ogden*) Roll Call Vote (7-1)

NEW BUSINESS

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Sappie – Reported the Sr. Citizen dinner to be held on October 21st, with entertainment being provided by the Crafton Ingram Rotary.

Mr. Cindric – Referred Council to the letter in the meeting packet from Gateway, indicating that they will be providing \$500. worth of free engineering service to the Little Cougar Football organization for the new football field.

Manager Sample – Reminded everyone of the 2007 Budget meetings.

Ms. Koerbel – Confirmed that Trick or Treat would be held on Oct. 31st, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Ogden – Reported parking problems on East Crafton, and requested that perhaps lines can be painted on the street delineating parking spaces.

Mr. Christman – Reported that the next Crafton Celebrates meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 14th, and on the second Tuesday of each month. Need a lot more volunteers. Mr. Stewart added that this event is a lot of work, and volunteers and plans need to be ready to go in January for this event to happen.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary