

**COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 13, 2006**

President Stewart called to order the Regular Meeting of Crafton Borough Council, in Council Chambers of the Community Center; Flag Salute was led by Ms. Koerbel. Roll call, by Mrs. Tremblay, recorded all (9) members of Council present as follows: Mr. Byers, Mr. Christman, Mr. Cindric, Mr. Donovan, Ms. Koerbel, Mr. Ogden, Mrs. Sappie, Mrs. Viola and Mr. Stewart. Also present were Mayor O'Connell, Manager Sample, Solicitor Ayooob, and Engineer Wagner.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Ms. Koerbel, seconded by Mr. Ogden, to approve the December 13, 2006 List of Bills. **COMMENTS:** Mr. Cindric questioned items under #410.26 (4 new Portable Radios-Police Dept., #411.37 (Hose door/CVFD in compliance with mandatory change/child injured) and #454.74 (New retaining wall at pool/moving fence and bleachers/less vandalism); also inquired on an Animal Control Report from Triangle Pet. Manager Sample stated that all reports are not available for this early meeting.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (9-0), with exceptions noted by Mr. Donovan (#413. and #414.12).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Ms. Koerbel, seconded by Mr. Ogden, to approve the November 8, 2006 meeting minutes.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (9-0)

CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Greg Rempel, Elmwood Street – Mr. Rempel made a complaint regarding a Crafton Blvd. resident who has clear cut an area in his rear yard to install a parking pad; has been parking a run down truck on the site and a backhoe has, also, been on the site for quite awhile

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, Ordinance Officers Report, Fire ~~Department's Report, REMs Report, Animal Control and the Engineer's Report.~~ MOTION and Second, Mr. Koerbel, Mr. Ogden, to accept the written reports.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (9-0).

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor O'Connell reported that the department responded to 198 complaints for the month of November, and referred Council to the written report. She provided a brief summary recap of the 2006 events (NIMS-trained officers, DARE program, Equipment replacement schedule, foot & bike patrols, Mayor Awards, Crime Watch & Opt-In e-mail). Ms. Koerbel commented on the amount of recent graffiti, and Mrs. Sappie inquired on the status of DANET. Mayor O'Connell advised that some officers have registered already for DANET and received training; and there will be another registry/training session in May.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stewart also provided a summary recap of 2006 events (i.e., Council packets via e-mail rather than delivered by Public Works, thanked all of the departments and employees for their hard work, acknowledged the two Jr. Councilpersons, Grete Luxbacher and Allison McNamara, lawsuit award regarding Morgan Stanley pension funds netting \$436,450 to the pension funds, and events regarding Black's Bridge).

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Wagner stated that the Black's Bridge cost estimates and preliminary plans would be available next week. Demolition work at 37 White Avenue is to be completed by the end of next week. Preliminary work is being done to close the Pennvest loan and plan on a January bid opening for sewer defect repair contractors. The emergency time and material bids were advertised, and are scheduled to be open on January 4th, at 10 am.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Sample reported that a memo was provided to Council listing the proposed Bond companies for Council's consideration; a question and answer session is to be scheduled with these three firms prior to the next meeting

DISCUSSION ITEMS/OLD BUSINESS:

Bond Issue – See Manager's report.

Mr. Cindric reported the proposed changes to be adopted during the Business Agenda to be increase the sewer surcharge from \$4. to \$5., and the trash fee increased from \$135. to \$140. per year. Mr. Byers reported that there was no tax increase for 2007. Discussion regarding the second meeting in December; was consensus to schedule it, but if deemed not necessary, it can be cancelled.

BUSINESS AGENDA**BUDGET AND FINANCE**

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Sappie, seconded by Mr. Christman, to adopt Resolution # 2006-24 Fixing the Annual Salaries of Certain Employees of the Borough of Crafton, Commencing with January 1, 2007, Establishing Holidays, Vacations, Sick Leave and Other Benefits and Providing Disciplinary Procedures for the Violations thereof; and, repealing inconsistent Ordinances and Resolutions.

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

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Christman, seconded by Mr. Byers, to adopt Resolution # 2006-25 of the Borough of Crafton Establishing a General Schedule of Fees, Costs, Charges and Expenses Pursuant to Borough Ordinances and repealing any and all Resolutions inconsistent therewith.

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

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Sappie, seconded by Mr. Ogden, to adopt the 2007 Borough of Crafton General Fund Budget.

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

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Byers, seconded by Mr. Cindric, to adopt Ordinance No. 1577, fixing the tax rates on Real Property for the 2007 Fiscal Year at 5.5 mills for General Fund.

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

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Christman, seconded by Ms. Koerbel, to adopt Resolution # 2006-26 Authorizing the Issuance of a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note, Series 2007; Accepting the Proposal of PNC Bank at a rate of 3.87%, borrowing \$250,000.

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

ADMINISTRATION:

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Ogden, seconded by Mr. Donovan, that the Borough Secretary be authorized to advertise the 2007 Council meetings to be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month commencing at 7:30 pm.

MOTION carried by a Seven Yes, Two No Roll Call Vote (7-2).

PUBLIC SAFETY

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Byers, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to adopt Resolution No. # 2006-27, adopting the Allegheny County Hazard Vulnerability Assessment and Mitigation Plan as an Official Plan of the Borough of Crafton.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (9-0).

COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Sappie – Reported that there will be no Senior Citizen dinners in January or February, but will start back up in March 2007.

Mrs. Viola – Reported that it has been an interesting 3 months on Council, and looks to move forward and progress in 2007.

Mr. Cindric – Happy Holidays.

Mr. Donovan – Thanked residents for their concern and support during his recent illnesses.

Ms. Koerbel – Reported no Planning Commission meeting in Dec. Meetings in 2006 will remain on the 3rd Monday, but will commence at 6:00 pm; working on the comprehensive plan. Commented that the library’s Gala fundraiser went well.

Mr. Ogden – Thanked the many residents for their support and getting involved this past year.

Ms. McNamara – Reminded everyone of Carlynton’s Winter Concerts.

Mr. Christman – Reported a good turnout of volunteers at the last Crafton Celebrates meeting; next meeting scheduled for January 9th at 7pm

Mr. Byers –Thanked all Employees, Volunteers, CVFD, REMS. Announced that Public Works will have a lot of mulch available next year; cleaning up the facility, grinding and mulching.

Manager Sample – Reminded everyone of the holiday changes in office hours.

President Stewart – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

Joan Kury, Lincoln Avenue – Ms. Kury hopes for a safer and cleaner community. She had questions concerning the State roads in Crafton, and suggested the borough’s website be posted on the park sign.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary