

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2007**

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

RATIFY BILL LIST/FEBRUARY 14, 2007

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Ms. Koerbel, seconded by Mrs. Sappie, to ratify the payment of the February 14, 2007 List of Bills.

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

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Ms. Koerbel, seconded by Mr. Christman, to approve the February 28, 2007 List of Bills.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was regularly moved by Ms. Koerbel, seconded by Mrs. Sappie, to approve the meeting Minutes of January 24, 2007.

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

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, Animal Control and the Engineer's Report. Mr. Byers moved to approve the reports; seconded by Mr. Ogden. Reports, by voice vote, were unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor O'Connell reported that Ms. McNamara presented a letter requesting that the Girl Scout flag be raised in the Circle during the week of March 12th for the 95th anniversary of the Girl Scouts. A Crime Watch meeting was held on February 15th and various events were tentatively planned (picnic, Halloween, Sr. Citizen Meetings, identity theft awareness, etc.) She reported on the ongoing break-ins and theft of copper piping in vacant homes. She also reported that Capt. Sumpter and Officer Heidenreich were nominated and are being recognized for their efforts in saving the life of a jogger this past year.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stewart reported there is only one meeting this month; the February 14th meeting was cancelled due to weather and was not rescheduled.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Wagner reported that the specs are completed for Black's Bridge. The bids were received and opened for the sewer defects contract, and Gateway recommends awarding Contract A to Mongiovi & Son Excavating and Contract B to Insituform Technologies. The Pennvest loan closing is scheduled for April 26th. The NPDES permit has been extended for a year and a full application will need to be

submitted in July. Mr. Byers expressed concerns on the sewage capacity for the current development on Promenade; also, citing several sewer backup problems in the past. Engineer Wagner believes any prior problems in the area were probably due to defects, which have since been corrected, as he has know recollection of any backup problems in the area. He reiterated his position, as stated in his comment letter dated February 26, 2007; whereas he concluded that the allegations are without merit.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Sample stated that Council needs to act on the PNC Line of Credit approval, for \$750,000., for sewer defect repairs costs which will be reimbursed/paid back to the Borough with Pennvest funds.
Remainder of Report: Refer to Discussion Items

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Zoning Hearing Board and Building Code Appeals Board Appointments – *Referred to letters of Interest; Linda Breeden, Deborah Darnbrough, James Scriver – Douglas Clark.*
- b. Newsletter Proof – *Map will not delineate the ward lines.*
- c. CVS Development – *Landscaping plan was discussed; Mr. Don Hultberg of Phillips Associates presented plans, and was available to answer questions.*
- d. Sewer Defect Correction Bids – *Referred Council to the Engineer's recommendations/Motions.*
- e. Black's Bridge – *Remaining Service Life and HDR Proposal discussion. HDR Bridge specialist and PennDOT certified can provide a second opinion for Council's information. Would need 3-4 weeks to complete the report. Engineer Wagner asked that Council still allow Gateway to proceed on advertisement of Bid Specs in order to get the project underway.*
- g. Financing Options and Debt Payments – *Options were reviewed and discussed. Bond would provide an overall savings to the Borough. Final borrowing amount and length of time can be established at a later date.*
- h. Joint Meeting With Ingram Borough – *Set meeting date for either March 20th or 21st.*
- i. CVFD Mobile Data Unit – *Laptop units; \$2,000 per unit; would require software to make in-house information changes. Request more information for Councils review.*
- j. Unsolicited Advertisement/Litter – *Manager Sample to investigate; issue citations for littering.*
- k. Stop Signs at Stotz and Bradford, and Bradford and Crafton Blvd – *Manager Sample to inquire to PennDOT for a study.*
- l. Flow Monitoring Program – *Per Basin Group e-mail: Alcosan remains committed to implementing the flow monitoring plan; details yet to be resolved.*

BUSINESS AGENDA

ADMINISTRATIVE

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Byers, seconded by Ms. Koerbel, to approve the Periodic Borough Newsletter articles; as submitted, subject to any necessary formatting adjustments by BPA Communications. **COMMENTS:** Manager Sample stated that this newsletter is prepared and mailed at no cost to the Borough; that it is paid for by the advertisers.

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

FINANCE

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Viola, seconded by Mr. Cindric, to adopt Ordinance No. 1578 authorizing the Borough to incur nonelectoral debt in an amount not to exceed \$1,100,000 through the issuance of a note to PennVest.

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

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Viola, seconded by Mr. Byers, to advertise the adoption of Ordinance No. 1578 per DCED requirements.

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

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Viola, seconded by Mr. Cindric, to authorize the proper Borough Official to secure a Line of Credit with PNC Bank, for the amount of \$750,000.00, to be used exclusively for sewer deficiency repair work and repayment shall be made through PENNVEST loan funds. **COMMENTS:** Manager Sample stated that this would be short term borrowing and would not exceed 6%.

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

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Viola, seconded by Mr. Cindric, to approve advertisement for the PNC Bank Line of Credit Ordinance.

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

PLANNING:

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Ms. Koerbel, seconded by Mr. Christman, to approve the Combined Preliminary/Final land development plan submitted by Armstrong Development Properties, Inc. for the proposed CVS Pharmacy at 67-70 West Steuben Street, per the recommendations of the Crafton Planning Commission.

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

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Ms. Koerbel, seconded by Mr. Christman, to approve the Lot Consolidation Plan submitted by Armstrong Development Properties, Inc. for the proposed CVS Pharmacy at 67-70 West Steuben Street, per the recommendations of the Crafton Planning Commission.

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

PUBLIC WORKS:

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Byers, seconded by Mr. Christman, to approve the Agreement with HDR Engineering to provide professional services, for a full inspection and report on Black's Bridge, per the HDR proposal of February 8, 2007, for an amount not to exceed \$7,700.

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

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Byers, seconded by Ms. Koerbel, to authorize Gateway Engineers to advertise the specifications for contract bids; for the replacement of the deck and all other authorized work for Blacks Bridge.

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

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Byers, seconded by Mr. Cindric, to award the Sanitary Sewer Point repairs Contract “A” to Mongiovi & Son Excavating, Inc with a bid of \$578,070.00 and Contract “B” to Insituform Technologies with a bid of \$88,230.00, per the recommendation of the Engineer.

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

BUILDING ENFORCEMENT

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Ms. Koerbel, seconded by Mrs. Sappie, to appoint Douglas Clark to the Crafton Building Appeals Board for a three (3) year term to expire on December 31, 2009.

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

ZONING ENFORCEMENT

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Ms. Koerbel, seconded by Mrs. Sappie, to appoint Linda Breedon to the Crafton Zoning Hearing Board for a three (3) year term to expire on December 31, 2009.

MOTION FAILED by a Four (4) Yes, Four (4) No (*Byers, Cindric, Viola, Stewart*) Roll Call Vote; with Mayor O’Connell breaking the Tie vote with a No Vote (4-5).

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Ms. Koerbel, seconded by Mr. Byers, to appoint Deborah Darbrough to the Crafton Zoning Hearing Board for a three (3) year term to expire on December 31, 2009.

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

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Ms. Koerbel, seconded by Mr. Cindric, to appoint James Schriver as an “alternate” to the Crafton Zoning Hearing Board for a three (3) year term to expire on December 31, 2009.

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

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Ms. Koerbel, seconded by Mrs. Viola, to appoint Linda Breedon as an “alternate” to the Crafton Zoning Hearing Board for a three (3) year term to expire on December 31, 2009.

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

CONSENSUS VOTE:

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Byers, seconded by Mr. Christman, to fly the Girl Scout Flag in the Circle from March 11th through March 17th in recognition of the 95th Anniversary of the Girl Scouting. MOTION carried Unanimously.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ms. Sappie announced that the Sr. Citizen dinners have started back up; the first one is scheduled for March 24th. She stated that a benefit dinner is planned for the Barger Family, on March 11th at the Craftonian Hall. She asked that Manager Sample investigate complaints on the muddy road conditions on S. Grandview Avenue due to construction vehicles. She also noted that she, Manager Sample, and Mr. Cindric had met with HDR Engineering, and that she had also met with Engineer Jacobs and Wagner, with regard to Black’s Bridge.

Mrs. Viola noted that the Boy Scouts from Troop #148 were in the Council audience fulfilling requirements for Citizenship and Community. She also thanked Public Works for a good job this past winter with snow removal.

Mr. Cindric stated that he had attended the REMS dinner and will be attending the COG dinner in April.

Ms. Koerbel announced that the Crafton Planning Commission will be meeting on March 19th, at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Ogden thanked Ms. Breeden for her three years of service on the Zoning Hearing Board; and in doing so, displayed professionalism and fairness, and understands her disappointment and hopes she will be helpful in the transition.

Mr. Christman announced that the next meeting of Crafton Celebrates is March 13th. Also, of the three candidates, they are contracting with Schaefer Pyrotechnics for this years fireworks.

Mr. Byers re-iterated Mayor O'Connells comments concerning vacant homes and theft of copper piping. He reminded everyone to stay out of the woods near the sled riding hill to avoid injuries, and asked that the sidewalk in that area be cleared of snow by Public Works.

President Stewart – Announced that Carlynton School Board would be having a public hearing on March 1st, at 7:30 with regard to Tax Act 1 and the Referendum Question.

Ms. Koerbel also reminded everyone that the Primary Elections are coming up in May, and anyone interested in running for Council and participating in local government, must file their petitions with the County by March 6th.

ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jill Standley – Ms. Standley commented on the proposed installation of stop signs on Bradford Avenue; and, in her opinion, does not think they are needed.

Linda Breeden – Ms. Breeden expressed her disappointment in Council's vote concerning the Zoning Hearing Board; commenting that she should have been re-appointed since she had served for the past three years and felt it was improper for Mr. Cindric to vote for his wife. Ms. Viola stated that she did not vote for Ms. Breeden so that others could have an opportunity to serve the Borough, and since Ms. Breeden also serves on the Recreation Board.

President Stewart stated that following the Council meeting, Council would be going into an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, which would not require any action by Council, and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION carried by a Unanimous Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary