

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF MAY 23, 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. Ogden. Roll call, by Mrs. Tremblay, recorded eight (8) members of Council present, as follows: Mr. Christman, Mr. Cindric, (* Mr. Donovan), Mr. Ms. Koerbel, Mrs. Sappie, and Mr. Stewart. Also present were Manager Sample, Solicitor Ayoob, Engineer Wagner. (*Absent: Mr. Byers, Mr. Ogden, Mrs. Viola, Mayor O'Connell –* Mr. Donovan arrived at 7:50pm*)

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Ms. Koerbel, seconded by Mrs. Sappie, to approve the May 23, 2007 List of Bills.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (5-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5/9/07 Not Available

CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Joan Kury, Lincoln Avenue - Comments regarding Memorial Day Celebration, and in honoring Jason West and Daniel Chess; has plans to distribute flags to parade crowd, obtained approx. 150 from Linda Breeden and John DeFazio. She will also be collecting items after the parade, to send to the troops, and asked for donations.

John Richnavsky, Noble Avenue – Mr. Richnavsky reported his complaint to Council regarding an incident with Chief Rost, occurring on May 17, 2007, in front of Portofinos; he felt he was harassed and publicly humiliated. He provided a written statement to Council. He also remarked that he is considering a lawsuit against the borough.

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 Collection Report, Police Report, Ordinance Officers report, REMs Report, and Animal Control Report. Ms. Koerbel moved to approve the reports; seconded by Mrs. Sappie. Reports were unanimously approved, by voice vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor not Present. Chief Rost advised that the old in-car cameras will be given to the borough, and consideration may be given to giving this equipment to the fire department. He also reported that the Police department will be providing reports to the fire department to assist them in completing their reporting requirements. He noted that Crafton Plaza invited Crafton Police, Fire and EMS employees to a luncheon of appreciation, and provided some photos to council. Mrs. Sappie stated that there are no expenses shown on the recent financial statement for DANET hours, and asked if Crafton is, in fact, actively participating in DANET. Chief Rost stated yes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stewart reported on the death of former Mayor Dick Walker, and requested a moment of silence in his honor. He reported that the street viewing with the CVFD is being rescheduled, due to conflicts.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Wagner reported that the sewer defect contract work is ongoing. The sewer lining work will begin the 1st week of June. 2007 Road resurfacing program was put out to bid, and bids will be opened on Wed. May 30th at 10am. Middle Street reconstruction was put out to bid, and bids will be opened by the COG on June 13th. Bids were opened by SHACOG for the CCTV-year 4, Advanced Pipe Technologies was the low bidder; the SHACOG will be submitting their request for approval, Gateway will be putting together the bid

tabulations to determine the Borough's share of the contract. Mr. Cindric inquired if the required reports would be completed by the end of the month for the manholes and mapping. Mr. Wagner stated yes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Ayoob had no report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Sample reported that the Planning Commission heard a request for a Conditional Use for front yard parking at 55 Warren Street; and the Commission recommended approval. Conditional Use requests come before Council for approval, and a public hearing is scheduled for June 13th, at 6:45 prior to the Council meeting. New signage has been placed on the bridge and Jersey barriers are to be delivered on May 24th – all PennDot approved. He will be attending a meeting at the COG regarding the upcoming salt contract renewal.

OLD BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) \$350,000 General Obligation Note – Action Item on Agenda, documents are completed and ready to be submitted to DCED. Ms. Koerbel asked if this will provided adequate funding for the road program. Mr. Sample advised there was an increase in the estimates and that another two streets were placed on the alternate list so meet the \$245,000. budget. The \$350,000. is a locked number, it has been advertised and the Ordinance was available for public review. Any expenses prior to the note, not exceeding 60 days, can be included and reimbursed from these funds.
- b) Family Dollar Development - Action Item, on Agenda. Lot size variance was granted by Zoning Hearing Board. Approval will be contingent on the Engineers list of recommendations; particularly with regard to the sewer tap in. Mr. Rousos advised that modified plans had been provided to Gateway.
- c) Ordinance Officer – Wage Resolution
- d) Ordinance Amendments –
 1. Stop Signs at McMunn and Elmwood Intersection - *General Discussion*
 2. Uniform Construction Code Amendments - *General Discussion*
 3. Prohibited Parking - Emergency Vehicle Access – Discussed during President's report; list of amendments not available yet.
 4. Hedge Height Restrictions – Mr. Londino spoke. He expressed concerns for both pedestrian and vehicular safety. He also felt that in many cases, the high hedges are hiding property maintenance problems. Mr. Stewart asked that the Solicitor review a conditional use that was previously provided to the owner at the corner of Noble and Steuben Street.
- e) Verizon Cable Franchise – Charwest COG – Will need to adopt participation in June. Legal fees could be as much as \$8,000 to negotiate a franchise agreement with Verizon, and with the Charwest COG program, it may cost as little as \$2,800. per municipality. Mr. Stewart advised that this would be in addition to Comcast, not replacing Comcast. Mr. Cohen specializes in telecommunication law and negotiates franchise agreements for municipalities.
- f) Other – Old Business - *None*

BUSINESS AGENDA

ADMINISTRATION/PERSONNEL

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Ms. Koerbel, seconded by Mrs. Sappie, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-02 amending Resolution 2006-24 fixing the wages and benefits of certain employees.

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

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Christman, seconded by Ms. Koerbel, to hire Danielle Durbin as a life guard and Jocelyn Williams as an attendant for 2007 Summer Employment.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT

MOTION: It was regularly moved Ms. Koerbel, seconded by Mr. Christman to authorize the preparation and advertisement of an ordinance amending the Chapter 90 Code Enforcement of the Borough Code of Ordinance, Section 90-3 Part B, modifying the Uniform Construction Code to require building permits for certain accessory structures and alterations.

MOTION carried by Five Yes, One No (*Donovan*) Roll Call Vote. (5-1)

MOTION: — I move to authorize the preparation and advertisement of an ordinance amending the Chapter 90 Code Enforcement of the Borough Code of Ordinance, Section 90-11 Part B, modifying the International Property Maintenance Code to add a new Section 302, Exterior Property Areas for: a) clear site requirement and b) front yard hedge height restriction. *Tabled until next meeting; pending Solicitor's review.*

FINANCE:

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Sappie, seconded by Mr. Christman, to adopt Ordinance No. 1580 authorizing the Borough to incur nonelectoral debt in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00 through the issuance of a general obligation note.

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

PLANNING:

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Ms. Koerbel, seconded by Mrs. Sappie, to approve the Combined Preliminary/Final land development plan submitted by Silver Dollar Development, LP for the proposed Family Dollar Development at Foster Avenue (Lot & Block 69-H-210), subject to the developer's compliance of the requirements as set forth by the Crafton Planning Commission and Gateway Engineers.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Cindric, seconded by Mrs. Sappie, to authorize the preparation and advertisement of an ordinance amending the Chapter 214 Vehicles and Traffic of the Borough Code of Ordinance, Section 214-25 authorizing the placement of stops signs at the intersection of McMunn Avenue and Elmwood Street.

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

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Cindric, seconded by Mrs. Sappie, to authorize the preparation and advertisement of an ordinance amending the Chapter 214 Vehicles and Traffic of the Borough Code of Ordinance, Section 214-35 prohibiting parking at certain locations to allow for emergency vehicle access.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Sappie, seconded by Mr. Christman, to approve payment to Mongiovi and Son Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$25,236.00 from the PennVest funds, per the recommendation of the Engineers.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Donovan – Thanked everyone for their cards and good wishes.

Ms. Koerbel – Thanked Robin Anthony and the volunteers for their help with the flower planting throughout the borough.

Mr. Christman – Reported that everything seems to be going pretty well with the Crafton Celebrates plans; there is one more meeting on June 12th at 7pm. He noted that the program was sent out to all residents, and reminded them that there was a return envelope for their donations.

Mrs. Sappie – Reported that the Sr. Citizen dinner is scheduled for May 26th, featuring casserole night and the entertainment is Mr. Banjo.

Mr. Cindric – Provide a brief report from Mrs. Viola – Crocodile Swim Team sign-up, at Crafton Park on June 2nd and June 6th, deadline for registration is June 14th, and additional informational. He provided his report: Reviewed the Verizon Cable Franchise information at the COG meeting, there is a community tire collection being held at Crescent Township on Sat. May 26th, \$2.00 off rim, \$4.00 on rim. REMS is replacing a medical unit at a cost of \$95,000., they will be doing their subscription fund drive soon through another company, and a building fund drive. Approximate cost for a REMS facility is \$2 million.

Mr. Cindric provided a report from Kimball Engineers which provided a bridge evaluation and recommendation for Blacks Bridge. Following the discussion, (funding, TIP program, weight restrictions, cost for additional report, PennDot re-evaluation and re-inspection of the bridge, bridge rating) Mr. Stewart advised that this matter can be addressed and a motion considered at the next Council meeting.

ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

Joan Kury – Mrs. Kury agrees that there should be defined regulations regarding hedge heights; you can't have different standards, so that they can be properly enforced. There are buses that stop in front of many houses in the borough, if you make the exception for the one on Noble, then you will need to make that exception for everyone. She expressed concerns, as well, for putting traffic on that bridge and doesn't want to see the borough face a lawsuit if concrete fall from that bridge; you can't put a bandaid on a gaping whole. She believes there has been increased drug activity and wants to be sure that DANET, is in Crafton. She inquired on the responsibility for crime, etc. in the shopping center. Mr. Stewart stated that it is private property, but our police do patrol and handle incidents in the shopping center. It was confirmed that all proposed ordinances are available for the publics advance review.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION carried by a Unanimous Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary