

**COUNCIL AGENDA MEETING**  
**Minutes of July 11, 2007**

**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. Koerbel. Roll call, by Mrs. Tremblay, recorded all members of Council present (9), as follows: Mr. Byers, Mr. Christman, Mr. Cindric, Mr. Donovan, Ms. Koerbel, Mr. Ogden, Mrs. Sappie, Mrs. Viola and Mr. Stewart – Also present were, Manager Sample, Mayor O'Connell, and Engineer Wagner.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Christman, to approve the July 11, 2007 List of Bills.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded, to approve the June 13 and June 27, 2007 meeting minutes. **COMMENTS:** Mr. Cindric noted some spelling corrections/citizen names, and Mayor O'Connell noted that her name was missing from attendance on the June 13<sup>th</sup> minutes.

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

**CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Nancy Koerbel, 613 Clearview – Ms. Koerbel read a prepared statement concerning Black's Bridge (*copy attached to the Minutes*).

A.J. Pescuric, 75 Bradford Avenue, George Werba, Susan Zahn, Capretti & Co., 1913 Crafton Blvd., Ed Doherty, Sterrett Street, Bob Szymanski, 138 Promenade, Dee Christ, 232 Ewing Road – All spoke with regard to Black's Bridge. Ms. Pescuric asked that Council prioritize projects in the budget, and also prioritize enforcement of ordinances. She also disagreed with the interpretation of Crafton Blvd. being a tertiary road; that it is a major artery in and out of the borough. Mrs. Christ also commented on the deteriorating condition of Ewing Road and inquired about the recent use of Ewing Road by school buses carrying teams to the CIT ballfields. Ms. Kury concurred with Mrs. Christ, stating that Ewing Road is more deplorable than the bridge. She also took this time to remind the large audience of the Crime Watch Opt-In feature on the borough's website ([www.crafton.org](http://www.crafton.org)). Mr. Doherty requested that the Bridge Committee be permitted to do their job and report back to Council without interference. In response to Mrs. Zahn's inquiry, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Cindric explained the expectations of the Kimball analysis (evaluation of the concrete) and the difference between the Kimball analysis and the Gateway / HDR reports (i.e., cursory site review). Mr. Szymanski suggested that additional stop signs be placed around the circle, that circle traffic is busier due to the bridge detour and traffic is confused as to who should yield the right-of-way.

Sandy Burns, 20 Lawson Avenue – Ms. Burns reported the deplorable condition of the abandoned property next door to her house. She provided photographs and asked that something be done about this property and the poison ivy. She was advised that the Solicitor is working on this property, as well as other similar problem properties in the borough.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Engineer Wagner reported that work is ongoing on the sewer defect repairs and sewer lining work has been completed. They are recommending Council approve payment to Mongiovi Excavating in the amount of \$75,248.64. They are reviewing the Yr. 3-CCTV tapes for needed sewer repairs.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

*None – Not in attendance.*

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a) EIT Audit – Manager Sample advised that this action has been administrative in the past, and that Estermyer & Sharshan has performed the EIT Audit for over the past 20 years. The School District is satisfied with their performance, and does reimburse the borough 50% of the cost. Manager Sample is recommending that Estermyer & Sharshan continue to provide this service, and perform the 2006 EIT Audit, unless Council expresses a desire to do otherwise. Audit cost is \$660.
- b) Ordinance Amendments
  - 1. Prohibited Parking - Emergency Vehicle Access – CVFD proposal submitted for Council review. Mr. Stewart added that public safety is being considered, not inconvenience, and the proposed parking restrictions are final, pending Ordinance Adoption.
- c) Amendment to Consent Order – The DEP has provided a formal “First” Amendment to the original Consent Order Agreement allowing an extension of time regarding the flow monitoring and feasibility study requirements. They are requiring that Council adopt a Resolution authorizing execution of the Amendment.
- d) Other – Old Business: Mr. Cindric commented on the failed Motion, from the last Council meeting, concerning the Kimball proposal. He also expressed his disappointment in not being informed of the visit to Black’s Bridge by Penndot. Mrs. Koerbel stated that Penndot did not give advance notice, and, at the time, she was not aware of their visit to the bridge.

**SET AGENDA BUSINESS FOR REGULAR MEETING (July 25, 2007)**

- 1. Adopt Emergency Vehicle Access Ordinance

**BUSINESS AGENDA****ADMINISTRATION/PERSONNEL**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mrs. Sappie, to hire Paul Carr as an attendant for 2007 Summer Employment.

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

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Cindric, seconded by Mr. Christman, to approve Resolution 2007-05 authorizing the proper Borough officials to accept the First Amendment to the Consent Order and Agreement with the DEP.

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

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mrs. Viola, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to approve payment #3 to Mongiovi and Son Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$75,248.64 from the PennVest funds, per the recommendation of the Engineers.

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

**COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Donovan – Remarked that, previously, the in-house building inspector had attended meetings and answered citizen and Council questions.

Mrs. Koerbel – Reminded everyone that the CVFD has commenced their fund drive, and to donate in appreciation of what the CVFD does for Crafton.

Mr. Ogden – Spoke favorably regarding the different bridge repair option that was presented by Ms. Koerbel – the hydro-demolition of the deck surface and a latex-modified overlay application; providing a possible life of 15 years, cost at approx. \$250,000 vs. \$400,000 to \$1 million+.

Mr. Christman – Thanked the people of Crafton, Council members, and committee members, and Mary Tremblay – without them, Celebrates wouldn't have happened. Looking forward to making it bigger and better next year; a few fundraisers are being planned to build up the funds for next year. He also mentioned that Council had allocated \$8,000 on hand, if needed by Crafton Celebrates – and the event was done without using one penny. The next Crafton Celebrates meeting is scheduled for September 11<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, in the Community Center; still looking for more volunteers.

Mr. Byers – Thanked Jim Christman, for stepping forward, and for all of his hard work and effort, bringing back Fireworks last year, and the entire Celebrates event this year

Mrs. Sappie – Also, thanked Jim Christman. Announced the date of the next Sr. Citizen dinner, July 28<sup>th</sup>, and that they, also, welcome volunteers.

Mrs. Viola – Mrs. Viola reminded everyone that the weekly Crafton Performing Arts stage performances start this Thursday, at 7:30 pm, and continue to August 16<sup>th</sup>; and added that the Rotary's Ribfest dinner will be held in the park prior to the August 2<sup>nd</sup> stage performance. She thanked the main members of the Celebrates Committee; Jim (*Christman*), Mary (*Tremblay*), John (*Billigen*) and Rich (*Wolfe*) for all of their hard work and effort this year.

Mr. Cindric – Mr. Cindric re-iterated previous comments regarding Black's Bridge and the Kimball proposal. He predicted that the bridge would not be opened this year, unless Council reconsiders the Kimball analysis and suggested repairs.

Mayor O'Connell – Mayor O'Connell announced that the Crafton Police Dept. has formalized an agreement to participate in the "A Child Is Missing" alert program. Upon receipt of a missing person call, Crafton Police will place a call to a technician at A Child Is Missing, which will initiate rapid processing of information and phone calls to the calling area, providing a recorded message detailing the missing persons' description and last known whereabouts, etc. – at no cost to the Borough. She reminded everyone of the Mayors' Community Service Award and request for nominations by the deadline. She noted that Capt. Sumpter has prepared updates to the Emergency Management Plan, as required. She also advised that officers have been watching the corner of Cross and Oregon, for the past two weeks, but have had no occurrences of excessive speeding; but will continue to monitor it.

President Stewart - Mr. Stewart commented that most of the original Crafton Celebrates committee, from 1976, are deceased, and this new group is young and is carrying on the tradition, and hopefully, the tradition will continue on, even after they move on. Excellent fireworks.

#### ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

Resident, 20 Highland – Inquired about establishing sinking funds; funds for anticipated future repairs and maintenance, such as the bridge, infrastructure.

Regis Sunny – Requested an opportunity to fix the bridge, to possibly get it opened by the end of October. Council expressed concerns that any work done to the bridge would require an engineers stamp and certification, specifically for liability issues.

Resident – Inquired about possible grant funding or state/federal money to repair the bridge. He was advised that these sources have been approached/exhausted and there are no funds available for this project.

#### 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 (9-0).

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary