

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF JULY 25, 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 Mrs. Sappie. Roll call, by Mrs. Tremblay, recorded seven (7) members of Council present, as follows: Mr. Cindric, Mr. Donovan, Ms. Koerbel, Mr. Ogden, Mrs. Sappie, Mrs. Viola, and Mr. Stewart. Also present were Mayor O'Connell, Solicitor Ayoob, Engineer Wagner and Jr. Council McNamara. (*Absent: Mr. Byers, Mr. Christman,*)

President Stewart and Solicitor Ayoob announced that an Executive Session of Council was held prior to the meeting to discuss two legal matters concerning the DEP and Madigan Manor development and a property maintenance matter on Promenade.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Ms. Koerbel, seconded by Mr. Ogden, to approve the July 25, 2007 List of Bills. **COMMENTS:** Mr. Stewart questioned the Triangle Pet invoice; the charge for \$100. State dog fee. Mrs. Tremblay explained that we are charged that fee, but it is refunded back to us by the State.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (7-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Ogden, seconded by Ms. Koerbel, to approve the Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2007.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (7-0).

CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Joseph Richter, 241 Noble Avenue – Mr. Richter expressed concerns on the visit to his property by Ordinance Officer Londino and the Borough Manager, with regard to his hedges. Manager Sample advised that a site triangulation measurement was performed, and pending additional research, Mr. Richter would be contacted with regard to the outcome and recommendation. Mr. Richter stressed his desire to keep the higher hedges for noise and dirt reduction at that busy intersection.

Regis Sunny, 123 E. Crafton Avenue – Mr. Sunny recommended that Council look into construction of a parking garage to relieve some of the parking problems caused by Port Authority riders; particularly considering the old Parke Street school property, which is privately owned by a residential developer. He suggested that a gymnasium/community recreation center/200-car parking garage facility be constructed and that Crafton take out a loan to help finance this project. That there is interest, on the part of St. Philips, in providing a boys/girls club type of facility.

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. Mr. Donovan moved to approve the reports; seconded by Ms. Koerbel. Reports were unanimously approved, by voice vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor O'Connell reported that the Police Department responded to 237 complaints during the month of June. The submission deadline for the Mayor's Community Service has been extended; the award ceremony will be held on September 5th, at 7pm, in the Community Center. A Grant, with the help of Senator Fontana, was received to upgrade the telephone monitoring system in the police department.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT
None

MANAGER'S REPORT
None

OLD BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) Black's Bridge – HDR Engineering provided a proposal to prepare the design, construction management for the rehab of Black's Bridge; prepare specs for Type I, Type II and Type III concrete repairs, in accordance with PennDot recommendations, and bid out to a contractor to put the concrete overlay on the deck. Life span is estimated to be a 15 year repair, and seems to be the most cost-efficient for the Borough. Time table to prepare the specs and put them out to bid is approx. three weeks.
- b) CDL Drug and Alcohol Testing Program – Would affect only the 2 CDL licensed public works employees who drive the street sweeper; and it is a recommendation of our worker's comp carriers. The cost is \$75. per test.
- c) Ordinance Amendments – Prohibited Parking - Emergency Vehicle Access – No new information; motion is to prepare and advertise action at the August 8, 2007 meeting.
- d) PA American Water Sewer Collection Amendment – PAWC presently performs our sewage billing, partial payments were divided 50% water, 50% sewage. The amendment will provide for payment of water charges first, then any remaining balance applied to sewage. This change will have minimal impact on our collections due to the office's aggressive collection of delinquencies. Manager Sample recommended that Council approve the amendment.
- e) Junior Council Person – Motion to appoint Samantha Wooster; she will commence at the August 8, 2007 meeting. Current Junior Council person, Allison McNamara, will be leaving and going to school at the University of Michigan.
- f) SHACOG – Rock Salt Joint Purchasing Agreement. The current joint salt purchasing agreement expired this year; SHACOG is negotiating a new agreement. One change may be to include a fuel adjustment policy; similar to PennDot contracts. (Mr. Ogden: SHACOG represents South Hills Area Council of Governments.)
- g) Other – Mr. Cindric inquired on the status of the LED traffic signals. Mr. Sample advised that he is investigating grant funding for this project.

BUSINESS AGENDA

ADMINISTRATION

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Ogden, seconded by Mrs. Sappie, to appoint Carlynton student Samantha Wooster as Junior Council Person in accordance with PSAB guidelines and Resolution No. 2006-03.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (7-0).

PUBLIC SAFETY

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Cindric, seconded by Mr. Ogden, to authorize the preparation and advertisement of an ordinance amending 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.
COMMENTS: Ms. Koerbel asked that resident notice be provided in those areas.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (7-0).

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Viola, seconded by Mr. Sappie, to authorize HDR Engineers to prepare specifications for Type I, II and III repairs to Black's Bridge in accordance with PennDOT's

recommendations at a cost not to exceed \$9,900., pursuant to the review and approval by the Borough Solicitor. **COMMENTS:** Mr. Cindric noted that previously, HDR, did not recommend this type of repair. Ms. Koerbel stated that they anticipate the deck and structure will age simultaneously, and at that time, possibly qualify for TIP funding; that currently only the decking is bad, and the structure is good, and is the reason why the bridge rating doesn't qualify for TIP consideration.

MOTION carried by a Six Yes, One No (*Cindric*) Roll Call Vote (6-1).

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Sappie, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to authorize the Borough Manager to submit the Statement of Intent binding the Borough to participate in the South Hills Council of Governments (SHACOG) Purchasing Alliance for the purchase of rock salt.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (7-0).

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Cindric, seconded by Mrs. Viola, to authorize the Borough Manager to execute an agreement with the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs, approving the Borough's participation in the CDL Drug and Alcohol Testing Program.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (7-0).

(Added to Agenda)

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Cindric, seconded by Mrs. Sappie, to authorized the Borough Manager to execute the Amendment to the PA American Water Company Performance of Billing and Revenue Collection Services Agreement, affecting Section 3B(2) – Customer's partial and overpayments.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (7-0).

COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Sappie – Mrs. Sappie reminded everyone of the upcoming Sr. Citizen dinner, scheduled for July 28th.

Mrs. Viola – Mrs. Viola noted that the Performing Arts Concerts in the Park are every Thursday night at 7:30 pm, in Crafton park.

Mr. Cindric – Mr. Cindric reminded everyone of the Rotary's upcoming RibFest, on Aug. 2nd. That the Crafton-Ingram Rotary donates to local charities and to Ingram Fire Dept. and CVFD.

Mr. Donovan – Mr. Donovan questioned the status of the street sign project. Manager Sample advised that the Crafton Historical Society, because of funding, has divided the project into three phases. They have completed Phase I and II, and soon should be completing the remainder of the signs in Crafton.

Ms. Koerbel – Ms. Koerbel noted that there is no business to come before the Planning Commission this month, so the July meeting was cancelled. She thanked Allison for all of her help with so many programs. She also noted to visit the Historical Society's website; for upcoming fundraisers and Galas.

Mr. Ogden – Mr. Ogden inquired on the status of information regarding parking meters. Manager Sample stated that he is awaiting some additional information on single meters and multiple pay stations. It was again noted that perhaps white lines can be painted on the street, in the business district, as guide to proper parking spacing.

Ms. McNamara – Stated that the next meeting would be her last meeting on Council, and she thanked everyone for the opportunity. She noted that Ms. Wooster is an excellent candidate for Jr. Council.

President Stewart – Noted that Council was fortunate to have two excellent Jr. Council persons, Ms. McNamara and Ms. Luxbacher. He commented that the Bridge situation has been quite a learning process, and has received Council's dedication and patience – they have one goal – Crafton's best interest.

ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

Fire Chief Roy Hermes – Noted traffic difficulties at certain intersections (Noble & Bradford), and requested that Council look into this problem. He also noted some problems on Church Hill (W. Crafton Avenue); possibly consider line painting to guide traffic to pullover in the event a fire truck is coming down the hill.

Regis Sunny – Mr. Sunny reiterated previous comments concerning a parking garage; adding that a fee of \$4.00 a day for each car would generate \$192,000. year. He also asked why we don't enforce the two-hour parking restrictions that are posted in the business district.

Steve Palchowski – Announced that he has been running the Sunday night Movies in the Park, and thanked the Crafton Police for their extra attention with disruptive minors. He announced that he will be working with a Crafton Celebrates fundraiser at Crafton Pool, the Dive In Movie event; swimming and a movie "Happy Feet" for a \$3.00 donation, on Tuesday, August 7th from 8pm to 10:30pm.

Bob Syzmanski – Inquired about any thoughts by Council for better traffic control/stop signs in the circle. Mr. Stewart stated that circle traffic is controlled in accordance with the motor vehicle Laws of the Commonwealth; however, Council may look into additional yield signage. Mr. Syzmanski also inquired as to why Council has approved an additional \$9,900. expense for HDR engineering for the bridge. Mr. Stewart stated that many have heard the options and details for almost a year now, and that he could not briefly answer this question. He suggested that Mr. Syzmanski visit him or the Borough Manager, at another time, and they would gladly explain Council's action.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION carried by a Unanimous Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary