

**COUNCIL AGENDA MEETING
Minutes of August 8, 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 Mr. Ogden. Roll call, by Mrs. Tremblay, recorded eight (8) members of Council present, as follows: Mr. Byers, Mr. Christman, Mr. Cindric, Mr. Donovan, Ms. Koerbel, Mr. Ogden, Mrs. Sappie, and Mr. Stewart – Also present were, Manager Sample, Mayor O’Connell, Jr. Council Miss McNamara, and Engineer Wagner. (*Absent: Mrs. Viola, No Solicitor present*)

OATH: Junior Councilperson

Mayor O’Connell perform the Swearing-In of Samantha Wooster as the new Junior Councilperson.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Ms. Koerbel, seconded by Mr. Ogden to approve the August 8, 2007 List of Bills.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Ms. Koerbel, and seconded Mrs. Sappie, to approve the July 25, 2007 meeting minutes.

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

CITIZEN’S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Larry Franklin, 615 Clearview – Mr. Franklin requested that Council consider an amendment to the proposed parking ordinance; stating that perhaps the fire hydrant in Alley A could be moved or some other parking arrangements made, so as not to eliminate two of his alley parking spaces. Mr. Sample was asked to look into this with the CVFD and water company.

Tom Griffith, 7 Stanwood – Commenced to speak on the proposed elimination of parking on the northerly side of Stanwood, but he was informed that this is no longer being considered and has already been removed from the ordinance.

Mike Hoffman, 43 Parke St. – Mr. Hoffman requested that Council reconsider the parking restriction on Parke Street; that parking is scarce in that area due to the apartments/tenant parking on-street. Mr. Stewart stated that this restriction would not be removed from the ordinance, that fire trucks would be coming up N. Linwood, the wrong way, and need that 25 ft. section at the corner of Parke Street to be clear of parked vehicles to allow the trucks to make the turn on to Parke Street.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Engineer Wagner reported that work is ongoing on the sewer defect repairs by Mongiovi. They are recommending Council approve payment to Insituform Technologies for the sewer lining work, in the amount of \$80,544.30 and to Mongiovi Excavating in the amount of \$43,209.45 Once Charwest COG finalizes the Contract with Caruso for Middle Street, Crafton’s paving program can be scheduled and a pre-construction meeting will also be scheduled.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT (*None – Not in attendance*)**OLD BUSINESS/NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a) PNC – Debt financing; Blacks Bridge – Manager Sample referred Council to his memo for the proposed \$500,000 financing of the engineering and construction costs associated

with the deck surface rehab. The proposal is for a five year term with an interest rate of 4.45%; which would equate to \$9,310.15 per month/\$111,721.80 per year. Council could consider extending the life of the loan to ten years, in order to minimize the debt impact on the budget. A ten year terms would be at approx. 4.65%, with a monthly payment of \$5,218.15/\$62,617.80 per year. Manager Sample stated that, no, these funds could not be used for any other project, in accordance with the DCED, in answer to Mayor O'Connell's question.

- b) Ordinance Amendments - Prohibited Parking - Emergency Vehicle Access – Only the removal of Stanwood Street; everything else remains the same as provided in previous reports to Council. Ordinance will be on the next meeting agenda for adoption.
- c) Parking Meters – Manager Sample referred Council to his memo, recommending pay stations rather than meters. He will be meeting with Central Parking (8/10); they can install, collect and enforce the meter activity at their cost; the borough would receive a percentage of the collections. Also, Council may want to consider making E. Crafton Avenue One-Way, with angle parking – this would provide more parking spaces. Council's input was requested, re: Collection, enforcement, parking limit/hours, permit parking-Businesses/Residents, how change will effect adjacent streets. Mr. Byers asked that we also contact Port Authority and inquire if any other approaches have been made to remedy the Park n' Ride overflow problem in other areas; expressed concerns that these vehicles will park in other areas of the borough that are not restricted; also, to consider a 10 hr. time limit in the areas of overflow (Chartiers, Dinsmore, Woodlawn). Manager Sample stated that the long term parking would provide the most revenue. Possibly consider angle parking on Chartiers. Mr. Stewart asked that Council seriously look at permit parking.
- d) Other – Mr. Stewart proposed that Budget meetings be scheduled for every Wednesday during October; to possibly finalize the 2008 Budget by the end of November, adopt it on December 12th, and, therefore, only need to have one Council meeting in December.

SET AGENDA BUSINESS FOR REGULAR MEETING (August 22, 2007)

1. Adopt Emergency Vehicle Access Ordinance
2. HDR (any HDR/bridge business), if need be.

BUSINESS AGENDA

FINANCE

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Sappie, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to authorize the proper Borough Official to execute all necessary documents to secure short term financing with PNC Bank, for the amount of \$500,000, to be used to cover costs associated with the deck surface rehabilitation of Black's Bridge.

MOTION carried by a Seven Yes, One No (*Cindric*) Roll Call Vote (7-1).

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Cindric, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to approve payment #1 to Insituform Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$80,544.30 from the PennVest funds, per the recommendation of the Engineers.

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

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Cindric, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to approve payment #4 to Mongiovi and Son Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$43,209.45 from the PennVest funds, per the recommendation of the Engineers.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Donovan – None

Mrs. Koerbel, Mr. Byers, Mrs. Sappie – All thanked Allison McNamara and welcomed Samantha Wooster.

Mr. Ogden – Announced that a new business was opening in Crafton; Big Daddy's Donuts.

Miss McNamara – Reminded everyone of the Sunday Night Movies in the park. She thanked Council, the Mayor and resident of Crafton for the opportunity to serve as a Jr. Councilperson; that it was truly a learning experience.

Mr. Christman – Announced that Crafton Celebrates held a fund raiser at Crafton Pool; Dive-In Movie – 81 persons attended. Reminded everyone that Celebrates still needs more members; the next meeting of Crafton Celebrates is Tuesday, September 11th, 7pm.

Mrs. Sappie – Announced that the Carlynton H.S. Touchdown Club will be having a Cougar Night; at the Honus Wagner field, August 16th, commencing at 6pm. The next Senior Citizen dinner is scheduled for August 25th.

Mr. Cindric – Reported that Cohen Communication met with Verizon, regarding the cable franchise agreement, on July 12th, and will be developing the negotiating strategy; noting that they already settled with the North Hills COG and Crafton should expect something similar to that. He reported that Quaker Valley has a crack sealer and may provide its use through the CharWest COG for a fee.

Mayor O'Connell – Mayor O'Connell presented flowers to Allison McNamara. She advised that the Crime Watch Opt-In problem, on the borough's website, has been corrected. A moment of silence was held in memory of the passing of a longtime-Borough crossing guard, Chuck Wolfe.

President Stewart – Mr. Stewart noted that Committee's of Council meet, and anyone on Council may attend the various Committee meetings. He reiterated the events surrounding Blacks Bridge, over the past year, repair alternatives, financing – he anticipates that the bridge will be opened this year, and the deck and super structure will age simultaneously and in 15 years or so, and we can anticipate TIP funding (80% Federal, 15% State and 5% local funds). He welcomed Samantha Wooster and offered best wishes to Ms. McNamara.

ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

Chuck Wooster, Maplewood Avenue – Stated that vehicles are parking illegally; wrong direction/flow of traffic on E. Crafton, which is an ongoing problem and should be enforced; there is selective enforcement in the Business District.

Regis Sunny – He noted that a bonded overlay repair has a 15 year life expectancy because it is a new application, and only has a 15 year experience record thus far, but can possibly expect a longer life.

President Stewart announced that Council would be adjourning to an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, and expect to take no action this evening.

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 (8-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary