

COUNCIL MEETINGS
September 12, 2007

SPECIAL MEETING (6:30 pm)

A special meeting of Council was held to discuss proposed parking restrictions, parking meters and parking permits. Individual meters vs. pay stations, possible locations, collection and enforcement, own vs. lease/outsource, business needs, Park 'n Ride needs. Mr. Chuck Wooster, E. Crafton Avenue, offered comments and concerns. Manager Sample has been working with Central Parking and is awaiting their proposal. It was suggested to look at other companies and to inquire to other municipalities.

AGENDA MEETING
Minutes of September 12, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Byers called to order the 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 six members of Council present (6), as follows: Mr. Byers, Mr. Christman, Mr. Cindric, Mr. Donovan, Mr. Ogden, and Mrs. Viola– Also present were, Manager Sample, Mayor O'Connell, Ms. Wooster (Jr. Council) and Engineer Wagner. (*Absent: Ms. Koerbel, Mrs. Sappie, Mr. Stewart*)

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Christman, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to approve the September 12, 2007 List of Bills.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mrs. Viola, to approve the August 22, and (Special) September 5, 2007 meeting minutes.

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

CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Susi Baker, 2004 Crafton Blvd. – Ms. Baker received ordinance violation notices for improper placement of trash cans. She stated that there are more serious property maintenance issues at 11 Fountain, 2015 Crafton Blvd. and other properties, yet there have been no violation notices sent to those owners.

Richard Yount, 2000 Crafton Blvd. – Mr. Yount received an ordinance violation notice for his improper placement of posts in the utility right-of-way. He complained that, since there is no parking along Crafton Blvd., delivery trucks park on the sidewalk. Previously, he had replaced his sidewalks in response to sidewalk violation notices, yet he sees bad sidewalks all over the borough. He, too, commented on selective enforcement and follow-up. He also complained about a truck that is parking on N. Linwood and hasn't been moved since December. Manager Sample stated that notices have been sent to property owners, borough-wide, due to their placement of various items in the utility right-of-ways; the ordinance permits only grass or trees. Mr. Ogden inquired if the truck had current stickers; registration or inspection – Mr. Yount did not know. Mr. Cindric commented that no one should be reluctant to call the borough manager or police, or have any concerns of being a snitch; if there are possible violations noticed in the borough, they should report them. Mr. Byers added that if there are parked vehicles of concern, call the police department or the police secretary, Barb Berkhouse

Arthur Londino, Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Mr. Londino commented on the notices sent to these two citizens. He noted that in prior years, he had cited 11 Fountain, and they did take care of those items. He remarked that there are approximately 5,000 properties in the borough, he is only one person, and he is attempting to stay on top of ordinance violations. He advised that a variety of items (large stones, bushes, etc.) are being placed in the utility right-of-ways, which present a hazard and the ordinance prohibits these items; notices have been sent to several properties. Mr. Cindric noted that abandoned vehicles should be addressed with the police department under the Motor Vehicle Code. Mr. Byers and Mr. Sample noted that the Borough has an ordinance that prohibits vehicles to be parked on the street and not moved for a period of two weeks.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Wagner reported that the sewer defect repair work is nearing completion. The change order for the additional work on Oregon and Barr Avenue requires Councils approval, and even with this additional work, the cost should remain under budget. They are recommending Council approve payment to Mongiovi Excavating in the amount of \$124,852.61. The paving program is scheduled to start on Monday.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None – Not in attendance. Mr. Byers reported that a special Executive Session of Council was held last week to discuss a personnel issue.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Sample reported that the additional sewer work on Oregon and Barr Avenue will result in a net increase of approx. \$122,404.00. Repairs and replacement to a sidewalk/driveway at a residence (Heidenreich) on 40 or 44 Oregon, resulting from a borough sewer problem, and costs incurred to the resident, was discussed and Manager Sample and Engineer Wagner were unaware of this issue; he advised that he would look into it and any borough responsibility. Engineer Wagner confirmed the location of a manhole at this property.

Mr. Sample advised that everything is completed to proceed on the \$500,000 PNC Note for the bridge rehab, and a motion has been placed on the business agenda to adopt the borrowing ordinance.

SET AGENDA BUSINESS FOR REGULAR MEETING (September 26, 2007)

1. Award contract to low bidder for bridge rehab; bid opening on Sept. 24th.

BUSINESS AGENDA

FINANCE:

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Viola, seconded by Mr. Ogden, to adopt Ordinance No. 1585 authorizing the Borough to incur nonelectoral debt in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 through the issuance of a general obligation note to be used to cover costs associated with the deck surface rehabilitation of Black's Bridge.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Cindric, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to approve payment #5 to Mongiovi and Son Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$124,852.61 from the PennVest funds, per the recommendation of the Engineers.

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

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Cindric, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to approve Change Order #2 to Sanitary Sewer Contract A for an additional 400 linear feet of work on Oregon Avenue and 215 linear feet of work on Barr Avenue resulting in a net increase of \$122,404.00. Comments: Mr. Sample confirmed that there are sufficient funds to cover this cost.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Viola – Thanked Mayor O’Connell for the presentation ceremony of the Mayor’s Community Service Award and the many residents who attended. She also noted that with the continued nice weather, residents should continue to take advantage of the borough’s park facilities, bocce ball and sand volley ball courts.

Mr. Cindric – Also thanked Mayor O’Connell. He reported that very nice letter from former Jr. Councilperson, Allison McNamara, read by her father; he asked that Manager Sample get a copy of the letter. He noted that he attended the Mayor’s Association dinner, where the topic of Regional Policing was discussed.

Mayor O’Connell – Mayor O’Connell reported that there was a very good turnout for the Award ceremony honoring a lot of hardworking volunteers in our borough, and thanked Samantha Wooster for her help. She reported that the Red Hat Ladies held an event in Crafton Park, to showcase Crafton; with a house tour on Creighton and Lincoln. This also provided a fundraiser opportunity for the Crafton Library. She also commented on the Mayor’s Association dinner and she has a few handouts and information available. She noted that a special CrimeWatch meeting is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 1st, at 7pm in the Community Center with regard to Identity Theft and a speaker will be present from the Attorney General’s office.

Manager Sample – Reported that the Sept. 17th Planning Commission was cancelled and rescheduled for Sept. 20th.

Mr. Cindric (on behalf of Mrs. Sappie) – Announced the date of the next Sr. Citizen dinner, Sept. 22nd.

Ms. Wooster – Reported Carlynton school news; upcoming Open House, no school scheduled for Sept. 14th and scheduled Carlynton Football games, starting at 7:30pm.

Mr. Christman – Reported that a Crafton Celebrates meeting was held on 9/11; small attendance but it was very productive. He encouraged volunteers to attend the next meeting scheduled for 10/9/07.

Mr. Byers – Reported that Council will be going into an Executive Session, following the Council Meeting, and no official vote of Council will take place.

ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

Brandon Wolfe, Boy Scout Troop #148 – He advised that he is working on a Merit badge Citizenship in the Community and planned to research and report on the Black’s Bridge. Mr. Sample offered to meet with him and review all reports and information with him.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary