

**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Minutes of October 10, 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 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 was Manager Sample, Mayor O’Connell, Jr. Council Miss Wooster, and Engineer Wagner. (*Absent: Mrs. Viola; No Solicitor present*)

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Byers, seconded by Mr. Ogden to approve the October 10, 2007 List of Bills.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Ogden, and seconded Mr. Donovan, to approve the September 12, 2007 meeting minutes.

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

**CITIZEN’S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Sandy Burns, 20 Lawson – Thanked the Borough for their work and assistance with the abandoned property next door to her property.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT**

Engineer Wagner reported that sewer defect repairs are being done at Oregon and Barr by Mongiovi. The paving program is nearing completion and they are recommending Council approve payment to Peter J. Caruso & Sons for the amount of \$285,221.43. Due to the poor base and soft spots in certain areas, there were additional costs; the final numbers should be available by the end of the month.

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

- a) GIS Data Exchange Agreement
- b) Penn DOT Certified Bridge Inspector – Recommending M.A. Beech; they are certified PennDot inspectors and their cost is \$5.00 less per hour.
- c) District Court – Lease Renewal; recommending an increase in monthly rent to \$1,950 for the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 years, and \$2,100. for the last 3 years.
- d) Black’s Bridge Deck Repair Contract – Change Order #1 – Hydro-demolition and latex modified concrete wearing surface, will reduce the cost by approx. \$12,000. and should allow for an earlier completion and opening of the bridge.
- e) Other – Old Business

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

- a) Oregon Avenue/Conditional Use – Public Hearing 7pm/Motion. Ms. Koerbel re-iterated the proposed use and conditions recommended by the Planning Commission.

**BUSINESS AGENDA****PUBLIC WORKS**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mrs. Sappie, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to approve the GIS Data Exchange Agreement between the Borough and Allegheny County, per the recommendation of the Engineers.

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

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mrs. Sappie, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to authorize M.A. Beech to provide inspection services for the Black's Bridge Deck Repair project at a cost not to exceed \$7,500.00.

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

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mrs. Sappie, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to approve payment to Peter J. Caruso & Sons, Inc, in the amount of \$285,221.43 for Payment #1, for the 2007 Road Resurfacing Program, as recommended by the Engineer.

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

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mrs. Sappie, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to approve Change Order #1 to the Black's Bridge Deck Repair Contract to allow hydro-demolition for the removal operations and latex modified concrete for the wearing surface resulting in a net decrease of \$12,150.00, per the recommendation of HDR Engineering, Inc.

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

**COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Mrs. Sappie** – Thanked Chuck Gigliotti and the volunteers for their work at the corner of Mildred and E. Steuben in creating a community garden. She reminded everyone of the upcoming Sr. Citizen Dinner, and noted that in November, the entertainment may be an Elvis impersonator. Also, a Santa's gift shop is also planned for November, with various vendors for early holiday shopping for the Seniors. She also expressed concerns that with the recent resignation of one police officer, and one being off sick, and officers working 12 hour shifts, how was the Chief permitted to take 4 weeks vacation.

**Mr. Cindric** – Announced that meetings are scheduled to hear ALCOSAN's plans; one is for Thursday, at 10am which may be difficult for most to attend.

**Mayor O'Connell** – Thanked Rep. Tom Petrone for the new flags; U.S. and State, for use in the community center. She commented on the Crime Watch meeting, that was held on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> with regard to Identity Theft, and has materials available for handouts.

**Ms. Koerbel** – Reminded everyone of the public hearing for the conditional use request for the First Baptist Church, being October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. She also suggested a meeting for the ordinance review for Thursday evening at 7:00 pm, with Mrs. Sappie and Mr. Cindric. She is also proposing another Clean-up Day, for November 10<sup>th</sup>; mostly for Clearview Park and other areas.

**Mr. Ogden** – Commented on the great paving job done by Caruso, particularly on E. Crafton and Grace Streets. Mr. Stewart concurred, and included Coulter, Afton and Richmond Streets.

**Miss Wooster** – Announced an upcoming Spagetti Dinner and Chinese Auction, for Boy Scout Troop #148, for Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. She also reminded everyone of Carlynton's Homing Coming.

**Mr. Christman** – Announced that Crafton Celebrates has planned several fund raisers to watch for. He also re-iterated the need for committee members to help the Crafton Celebrates committee with planning, etc. The next meeting is Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 – 6:15; being held a little earlier to accommodate the Library's Turkey Bingo event in the Community Center.

Mr. Byers – Inquired on weight restrictions for the bridge, once completed. Mr. Stewart and Manager Sample advised that there are adequate restrictions already in place with a 5 ton limit. Mr. Byers also noted that, per a resident's prior inquiry, a building permit is in place for 2015 Crafton Blvd. and the new regulations provide for a 5 year completion.

**ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary