

**REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 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 Mr. Stewart. Roll call, by Mrs. Tremblay, recorded seven (7) members of Council present, as follows: Mr. Byers, Mr. Christman, Mr. Cindric, Mr. Donovan, Ms. Koerbel, Mrs. Sappie, and Mr. Stewart. Also present were Mayor O'Connell, Manager Sample, Solicitor Ayoob, and Engineer Wagner. (*Absent: Mr. Ogden, Mrs. Viola*)

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Ms. Koerbel, seconded by Mrs. Sappie, to approve the December 12, 2007 List of Bills.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*None Available*

**CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Ryan Douglas, on behalf of Rep. Thomas Petrone and Joe Costanzo, on behalf of Sen. Wayne Fontana – Presented citations and certificates of recognition to Mr. Stewart for his 20 years of public service as Mayor and Councilman.

Monica Murphy, 87 Lincoln Avenue – Ms. Murphy reported that there are insufficient handicap curb ramps throughout the borough. Her son, who is handicapped, has difficulty traveling through the borough due to this situation.

Ruh Barezai, 162 Noble Avenue – Mr. Barezai spoke on the inaccessibility to his property at 192 Promenade, the current litigation, and his desire to have the borough help him gain access. Solicitor Ayoob stated that no promises or compromises were made by Attorney Austin on behalf of the borough, as claimed by Mr. Barezai. No further comments made since it is a matter of ongoing litigation.

**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, Animal and ~~Engineers Report~~. Ms. Koerbel moved to approve the reports; seconded by Mr. Christman. Reports were unanimously approved, by voice vote.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor O'Connell reported that the Police Department responded to 189 complaints in November; and she referred Council to the written report. She reported that the police department has updated much of it's scheduled equipment replacement with the help of various grants; car cameras, car computers and, the addition of tasers. Due to a windfall/drug bust, the department currently has approx. \$9,000 in a forfeiture fund account. The various programs have continued and a few added: A Child is Missing program, DARE program, Crimewatch meetings, and Crimewatch OPT-In program, and certification of Officer Heidenreich as a Child Safety Seat technician. Lost one crossing guard, passing of Charles Wolfe, and one Officer, Guy Kuzak, resigned from Crafton's force in September. She encouraged Council to work diligently to bring the department up to full staff.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Stewart thanked Public Works for the job the do with the ice/snow removal, leaf pick-up and maintenance of the parks. He thanked the office staff, Doug, Mary and Pat, and also thanked the past Jr. Council persons, Grete and Allison, and Chief Rost. He recalled the final resolution to the Black's Bridge

repair and it's re-opening on November 8<sup>th</sup>; and thanked the project engineers, HDR, and contractor, Swank, for their hard work and professionalism in completing this project. He thanked the members of the CVFD for their service, adding extra details for both Halloween night and Christmas.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Engineer Wagner reported that payment #2 for Caruso has been approved by Gateway for the paving project, and payment in full for the Middle Street paving project – Motions for their payment appears on this meeting's business agenda.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

None

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Manager Sample reported that the Middle Street paving project was partially funded by a COG grant in the amount of \$22,000, with the balance of only \$4,321 being due from the borough.

### **BUSINESS AGENDA**

#### **BUDGET AND FINANCE**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Cindric, seconded by Mr. Christman, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-11 fixing the Annual Salaries of Certain Employees of the Borough of Crafton, Commencing with January 1, 2008, establishing Holidays, Vacations, Sick Leave and other Benefits and providing Disciplinary Procedures for the Violations thereof; and, repealing any and all Resolutions inconsistent therewith.

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

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Cindric, seconded by Ms. Koerbel, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-12 of the Borough of Crafton establishing a General Schedule of Fees, Costs, Charges and Expenses pursuant to Borough Ordinances and repealing any and all Resolutions inconsistent therewith.

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

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Ms. Koerbel, to adopt the 2008 Borough of Crafton General Fund and Special Road Improvement Tax Fund Budget.

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

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Ms. Koerbel, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to adopt Ordinance No. 1586, amending and restating Chapter 201, Article III, of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Crafton, Emergency and Municipal Services Tax, to impose a Local Services Tax (LST).

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

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Christman, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to Adopt Ordinance No. 1587 of the Borough of Crafton fixing the Tax Rates on Real Property for the 2008 Fiscal Year at 6.25 mills for General Fund purposes and 1 mill for the Special Road Improvement Tax Levy.

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

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Byers, seconded by Ms. Koerbel, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-13 authorizing the Issuance of a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note, Series 2008; accepting the Proposal of PNC Bank at a rate of 3.59%, borrowing the sum of \$250,000.

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

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mrs. Sappie, seconded by Ms. Koerbel, that the Borough Secretary be authorized to advertise the 2008 Council Reorganization Meeting to be held at 7:00pm on Monday, January 7, 2008, and the first regular Council meeting for 2008, to be held on January 9, 2008.

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

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Cindric, seconded by Mr. Byers, to hire Richard Herman and Donald Debold as part-time crossing guards at a rate in accordance with the current wage resolution.  
**COMMENTS:** Mr. Christman inquired if one of these hirings was for the position at the elementary school. It was stated that a position at the school is the responsibility of the School District.

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

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mrs. Sappie, to approve payment to Peter J. Caruso & Sons for ~~the full and final payment~~ **estimate No. 2** in the amount of \$22,654.73, for the 2008 Road Resurfacing Project, per the recommendations of the Engineer, ~~and subject to the Borough's receipt of the Maintenance Bond.~~

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

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Ms. Koerbel, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to approve payment to Peter J. Caruso & Sons, payable to Charwest COG, for final payment in the amount of \$4,321.25, representing Crafton Borough's share for the 2008 Middle Street Reconstruction project, per the recommendations of the Engineer and Char-West COG, and subject to the receipt of the Maintenance Bond.

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

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Christman, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to approve payment to SHACOG, in the amount of \$38,194.59, for Invoice No. 1 for Year 3 - Joint CCTV Project.

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

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Byers, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to approve payment to Mongiovi & Son, Inc. for estimate #8, in the amount of \$58,833.41, per the recommendation of the Engineer.

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

**COUNCIL COMMENTS/YEAR END COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Council comments:** Wished everyone Happy Holidays, and thanked the employees and volunteers in the borough.

**Ms. Koerbel, Crafton Planning Commission Report** – Commission worked with the developers, this past year on the CVS and Family Dollar developments. Looking forward, in 2008, to working on amendments to the borough ordinances.

**Mr. Christman** – Reported that the next Crafton Celebrates meeting is scheduled for Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm in the Community Center; requesting that all Booth chairmen attend to start planning the 2008 celebration. Plans on another great 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration in 2008. He also reported on upcoming fundraisers – Valentine Package raffle and Bingo in January with help from Crafton Library.

Mrs. Sappie – Reported that the next, and final, Senior Citizen dinner is scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup>, and thanked the members of the Rec Board and the many volunteers who help with the monthly dinners.

Mr. Cindric –Commented on Mr. Stewart’s leaving office; stating it will be an empty place without him.

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Cindric, seconded by Mr. Byers, to dedicate Black’s Bridge to Mr. Stewart, recognizing him for his 16 years as Mayor, and to re-name the bridge the Edward L. Stewart bridge. COMMENTS: Mr. Stewart thanked him for his intentions, but declined the honor. MOTION was withdrawn.

**ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mary Luxbacher, on behalf of Crafton Public Library, presented a Declaration to Mr. Stewart recognizing his years of service to the community and his retirement from public office.

Marie Murphy, requested better enforcement of snow removal, with reminders to the borough residents.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

MOTION carried by a Unanimous Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary