

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF MAY 28, 2008**

President Christman 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 all (9) members of Council present, as follows: Mr. Bloom, Mr. Byers, Mr. Christman, Mr. Cindric, Mr. Donovan, Mrs. Luxbacher, Mr. Ogden, Mrs. Sappie, and Mrs. Viola. Also present were Mayor O'Connell, Manager Sample, and Solicitor Austin. *(No Engineer present)*

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Byers, seconded by Mrs. Sappie, to approve the May 28, 2008 List of Bills.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (9-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Sappie, seconded by Mr. Ogden, to approve the May 14, 2008 meeting Minutes.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (9-0).

CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

John Richnavsky, 92 Noble – Complaints concerning junk vehicles parked off-street on Noble Avenue next door to his business and his parking area.

Dolores Smiler, 23 White Avenue – Requesting a handicapped parking spot on White Avenue; Mayor O'Connell advised that she would contact Ms. Smiler and assist her with her handicapped parking needs.

Paul Bingham, Senator Fontana's Office – Noted that he would be the community liaison.

RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS

The following written reports were provided in Council's Packet: Treasurer's Report, Financial Report, Act 511 and Trash Collection Fee Reports, Property Tax Collection Report, Police Report, Ordinance Officers report, REMs Report, Animal Control and Engineers Report. **COMMENTS:** Mrs. Luxbacher, referring to Ordinance Officers Report, questioned the many properties with filthy garbage areas/alleys, and why not being cited. Manager Sample advised that such issues have been addressed in the past, and he asked that the property addresses be reported to the office so that the Ordinance Officer can follow up on them and issue violations. MOTION (Byers/Bloom) to accept the Written Reports was carried by Unanimous Voice Vote.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Manager Sample reported that the sewer defect corrections are complete and contract will be closed after street restoration work is completed. Paving contracts have not been signed yet; work should begin in about two weeks. Gateway is preparing specs to replace the borough building boiler and District Court's HVAC unit. Mr. Bloom indicated he had discussions with persons at the City of Pittsburgh regarding the shared paving; a site visit is planned for May 29th.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor O'Connell reported that the CVFD had their open house last Saturday; it was a very nice event and a fantastic turnout. Thanked Bill Morford for the new American flag and POW flag. She reported attendance the Allegheny County Mayor's Association Dinner; Crafton was a spotlighted community. She referred Council to the written report; department responded to 214 complaints for the month of April. DARE graduation ceremony was held last week with refreshments; Capt. Tolkacevic taught the program to 60 students from Crafton Elementary School; it's a good community-oriented program. Three essay contest winners were acknowledged and awarded Savings bonds. Lastly, she reported that a

resident had written a letter of thank you, acknowledging her appreciation of the Police force and particularly Officer Breeden, with regard to an incident. She noted that he is an asset to the community and she feels safe in Crafton.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Sample reported that he had spoken to a Port Authority representative who advised that the Port Authority will be conducting a public meeting, regarding Connect '09, Tuesday, June 17th, 6-8pm at the Carnegie Borough building. A forum for Council and residents to speak about the bus service in our area, and an opportunity to discuss the Park 'n Ride parking problems.

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS

- a. Proposed Ordinance Amendments
 1. **Enacting Stricter UCC Requirements** – *Discussed during Public Hearing; Motion/Ordinance #1589 to be withdrawn pending additional Council review.*
 2. Automatically Adopt Amendments to the UCC – *Motion/Ordinance #1590 on Business Agenda. Updating from the 2003 code to the 2006, and subsequent updates.*
- b. **Police Officer Hiring** – *Motions appear on Business Agenda to hire two officers from the eligibility list provided from the Civil Service Commission.*
- c. **EBS Electronic Payment Processing Agreement** – *Several questions were raised, concerning chargebacks, fees, who would be data imputer, residency verification for pool pass purchasing, etc. The Solicitor had additional questions and concerns and suggested that action be postponed until next month pending additional Council and Solicitor review. Mrs. Viola noted that the agreement can be terminated within 30 days.*
- d. **Salt Contract; First Option Year** – *ShaCOG purchasing Agreement; requirement to exercise 2008-2009 option by June 15th. Rate would be based on CPI and fuel surcharge increase; ShaCOG and Manager Sample recommend approval.*

BUSINESS AGENDA

ADMINISTRATIVE

~~**MOTION:** I move to approve the electronic payment processing agreement with Educational Billing Services, LLC (EBS) for the sale of pool passes, and authorize the proper borough official to execute the required documents.~~ **MOTION WITHDRAWN; requires additional Solicitor review and comment.**

CODE ENFORCEMENT

~~**MOTION:** I move to adopt Ordinance No. 1589 amending the Chapter 90 Code Enforcement of the Borough Code of Ordinance, Section 90-3 Part B, modifying the Uniform Construction Code to require building permits for certain accessory structures and alterations.~~ **MOTION WITHDRAWN; requires additional Council review.**

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Byers, seconded by Mr. Bloom, to adopt Ordinance No. 1590 to automatically adopt amendments to the Uniform Construction Code.

MOTION carried by a Seven Yes, Two No (Byers, Ogden) Roll Call Vote (7-2).

PUBLIC SAFETY

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Sappie, seconded by Mr. Byers, to authorize a conditional offer of employment for the probationary period required by the Civil Service Rules and Regulations to Daniel J. Berry for the position of patrolman with the Crafton Police Department, to be effective as soon as possible, subject to satisfactory completion of a physical examination and psychological evaluation.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (9-0).

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Viola, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to authorize a conditional offer of employment for the probationary period required by the Civil Service Rules and Regulations to Steven Spaniol for the position of patrolman with the Crafton Police Department, to be effective as soon as possible, subject to satisfactory completion of a physical examination and psychological evaluation.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (9-0).

PUBLIC WORKS:

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Bloom, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to authorize the proper Borough Official to exercise the First Option Year with Cargil, Inc. for Rock Salt, in accordance with the requirements of the SHACOG joint purchasing agreement.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (9-0).

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Cindric, seconded by Mr. Byers, to approve payment #11 to Mongiovi and Son Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$22,591.00, per the recommendation of the Engineers.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (9-0).

COUNCIL COMMENTS/ COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mrs. Sappie – Reminded everyone that the Sr. Citizen Dinner is this Saturday, May 31st

Mrs. Luxbacher – Reported that the Library’s Book & Bake Sale is scheduled for June 6th and June 7th. Also, a “Wall Breaking” Ceremony is planned, for the public, at 12:00 noon on June 7th for the library expansion project; refreshments will be provided; construction should begin on June 9th. She reminded everyone that the swimming pool has been opening at 4pm on school days, while school is still in session, and pool passes are available at the borough building office.

Mr. Cindric – Thanked Mr. Bingham for attending; acting as a liaison to Senator Fontana. He noted that Mr. Bingham was the borough manager for Kennedy Twp for 7 years and, therefore, is very familiar with local government.

Mr. Donovan – Reminded everyone to support their local fire departments.

Mrs. Viola – Noted that the Ordinance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wed. June 4th at 6:30pm, and the Finance Committee meeting at 7:30pm.

ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION carried by a Unanimous Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary