

COUNCIL AGENDA MEETING
Minutes of June 11, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

President Christman called to order the Agenda Meeting of Crafton Borough Council, in Council Chambers of the Community Center. Flag Salute led by Mr. Ogden. Roll call, by Mrs. Tremblay, recorded seven members of Council present (7), as follows: Mr. Bloom, Mr. Byers, Mr. Cindric Mr. Donovan, Mr. Ogden, Mrs. Viola and Mr. Christman – Also present were Mayor O’Connell, Manager Sample, Solicitor Austin, and Engineer Minsterman. (*Absent: Mrs. Luxbacher, Mrs. Sappie*)

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Bloom, to approve the June 11, 2008 List of Bills. **COMMENTS:** Mr. Bloom questioned charges on the Campbell, Durant legal invoices; particularly charges for the attorney’s inter-office discussions with each other. Mrs. Viola questioned charges for Giant Eagle; Mrs. Tremblay explained that flowers were purchased for the borough flower beds, purchases for the Sr. Citizen Dinner and purchases for the pool and pool concession stand. She also inquired of the check payable to Mary Tremblay; it was explained that the reimbursement to petty cash is made payable to the secretary; expenses were (3) downtown parking fees (Manager), extra postage (Civil Service), light bulbs, etc.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote, (7-0), exceptions noted (*Bloom #404.31, Viola #404.31 – Campbell Durant invoice*).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Byers, to approve the May 28, 2008 Meeting Minutes and May 28, 2008 Public Hearing Minutes.

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

CITIZEN’S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Brandon Wolfe, BSA #148- Brandon Wolfe reported that he will be performing the recycling pickup and removal of the 20 oz. plastic bottles during the Crafton Celebrates festival as an Eagle Scout Project.

Amanda Ulakovic, 114 Chartiers Avenue – Expressed concerns with neighbor; property maintenance issues and installation of a swimming pool. Manager Sample advised that he would look into it.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Engineer Minsterman reported that the concrete contractor has started the work at the bridge approaches /concrete curbs, and should be completed by the end of the month. At that time, the asphalt contractor will complete the remainder of the paving in asphalt; should only take a day or less. Mr. Bloom expressed concerns with the heavy equipment on the bridge; Mr. Minsterman advised that it would be okay, and that the equipment was rubber-tired. There is still no time table or definite answer from the City of Pittsburgh.

OLD BUSINESS and NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. CFVD Aerial Replacement – Chief Hermes and CVFD President, Mike Crown, presented Council with various information concerning ISO ratings/lower residential insurance premiums, NFPA standards, the need to spec. and authorize purchase of a new truck now at approx. \$650,000. to avoid inflation increases over the next few years. The sale proceeds for the old aerial, and CVFD loan proceeds would be applied to the purchase price, leaving the balance to be financed by the borough; existing budget CVFD (#411) funds and equipment sinking funds (Crafton, Thornburg and Rosslyn) would take care of 2009 and 2010, then additional Crafton funds would be needed starting in 2011. Current debt service

(paving & bridge) would be paid off at that time. Mayor Stover, Rosslyn Farms, noted that he may be able to do a capital project campaign to raise funds. It was proposed to transfer title of the old aerial to the fire dept. to sell it through the industry and hopefully get a better price.

- b. Proposed Ordinance Amendments
 1. Enacting Stricter UCC Requirements – Ord. #1589; Language corrections made.
 2. 2 Hour Parking at Municipal Lot, No Parking Zones (Bradford, Crafton Blvd. at Baldwick), Stop Intersection (Stotz @ Bradford) – Ordinance #1591; Motion on Agenda to advertise.
- c. Police Officer Hiring – Candidate #2 and #3 on the Eligibility List have withdrawn their names, and therefore, a motion to hire/conditional offer of employment for Candidate #4, Jason Chedwick, is on the Agenda.
- d. EBS Electronic Payment Processing Agreement – Final draft of the agreement, approved by the Solicitor, has been provided to Council for consideration and approval. Borough will be ultimately responsible for fees and charges; unless and until a two-tiered rate could be adopted in the 2009 Rate Resolution.

Manager Sample reminded everyone of the Port Authority meeting on June 17th, from 6-8pm at the Carnegie Borough Building.

BUSINESS AGENDA

ADMINISTRATIVE

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Viola, seconded by Mr. Byers, to approve the hiring of Emanuel Murphy as summer public works laborer and Jennifer Klimek as a lifeguard for 2008 Summer Employment. **COMMENTS:** Manager Sample advised that they did have a guard shortage at the pool, and he has lost two public works laborers, so this additional hiring was necessary, and provides alternates.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Bloom, seconded by Mr. Donovan, 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. **COMMENTS:** Page 2, Non-Qualified Charge Fees – this section is to be removed. Date and Contact person/information to be inserted, and on Page 5, Directors would be replaced with “Borough Council”.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Byers, seconded by Mr. Cindric, to adopt Ordinance No. 1589 amending the Chapter 90 Code Enforcement of the Borough Code of Ordinance, Section 90-2, modifying the Uniform Construction Code to require building permits for certain accessory structures and alterations.

MOTION failed by a Four No, Three Yes (*Bloom, Byers, Cindric*) Roll Call Vote (4-3).

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mrs. Viola, to authorize the advertisement of an ordinance, amending Chapter 214 of the Crafton Borough Code of Ordinances, establishing additional parking restrictions on certain streets in the Borough.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Cindric, seconded by Mr. Byers, to authorize a conditional offer of employment for the probationary period required by the Civil Service Rules and Regulations to Jason Chedwick 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. **COMMENTS:** Mr. Bloom expressed concerns that an actual date needs to be inserted for a

hire date rather than “as soon as possible”, for longevity and other reasons, and that would be different from the actual work start date.

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

SET AGENDA BUSINESS FOR REGULAR MEETING (June 25, 2008)

Action: Motion for Manager to proceed with Penndot to perform a traffic survey for installation of a stop sign on Bradford @ Crafton Blvd.

COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Byers – Library wall-breaking ceremony a good event.

Mr. Ogden – Thanked CVFD for their presentation and explanation, concerning status of the old aerial and purchase of new equipment; and for their efforts to save the Borough money.

Mr. Cindric – Obtained a copy of Dormont’s Resident Parking permit application as a sample/reference for our use.

Mr. Donovan – Reminded residents to support local fire departments.

Mrs. Viola – Looking for volunteers to help at the Celebrates festival; ticket booth and other areas. Also, 5K Run & Walk on the 4th of July; \$10 pre-registration and \$15 same day registration.

Mr. Bloom – Reiterated that bridge will open as quickly as possible; possibly by July 1st.

Mayor O’Connell – Commented that the department is ready and waiting to start the new-hire patrolmen. Credited the Library board for making the library expansion project possible through their fundraising efforts and through grant funding.

Solicitor Austin – Challenged Mr. Ogden to compete in the 5K Run.

Mr. Christman – Thanked Brandon Wolfe for his efforts to recycle plastic bottles in the park during the festival; and he noted that festival set-up is on Saturday, at 9am – volunteers welcome. He also noted that a community food drive and donation drop off is planned for July 4th, at Crafton Park during the festival.

ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary