

COUNCIL AGENDA MEETING
Minutes of August 13, 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 Mrs. Luxbacher. Roll call, by Mrs. Tremblay, recorded eight members of Council present (8), as follows: Mr. Bloom, Mr. Cindric, Mr. Donovan, Mrs. Luxbacher, Mr. Ogden, Mrs. Sappie, Mrs. Viola and Mr. Christman – Also present were Manager Sample, Solicitor Ayoob, and Engineer Minsterman. (*Absent: Mr. Byers, Mayor O'Connell*)

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Viola, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to approve the August 13, 2008 List of Bills. **COMMENTS:** Mrs. Viola – #438.22; locations hot patch used – Mr. Sample stated that hot patch was used for repairs on Mueller and various alleys; would need to check daily work logs for exact locations.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Luxbacher, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to approve the July 23, 2008 Meeting Minutes.

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

CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Minsterman reported that design estimates were received from HDR and submitted to contractor for bid, and also sent to fabricator to make the expansion dams; should have bid/cost next week. Specs have been prepared and sent to contractors for bid for demo of 192 Promenade; 8/26 bid opening scheduled. Specs out to bid for boiler and hvac contracts; 9/9 bid opening scheduled. Mrs. Viola inquired to review specs; will be made available in the office for Council review. Mr. Bloom inquired on the salvage rights regarding the demo of 192 Promenade. Solicitor Ayoob stated that the contract is only for demolition, and contractor will remove any materials that cannot be left at the site as proper fill.

OLD BUSINESS and NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. **CFVD Aerial Replacement** – CVFD President, Mike Crown, provided information and answered Council questions. It was stated that the cost, at this time, is \$700,000+, but after 9/14 there is a scheduled increase of 3%, which would increase the cost approx. \$23,000. It would be prudent to place the order now, instead of waiting a few years, as costs continue to increase for this equipment. The current truck is over 25 years old, and updates to the current equipment, to comply with NFPA 2009 standards, would be costly (ladder replacement, seat belts, closed canopy, exhaust system, etc.). The purchase could be made through a State piggyback program (Co-Stars), as a Lease/Purchase over so many years, and the Borough would not begin to make payments until 2011, when much of it's debt obligations are paid off. Sale of the old truck is estimated at \$5,000-\$25,000, mainly for parts. The CVFD would apply for a 2% PEMA loan for \$160,000., and would also contribute \$35,000. The equipment sinking fund (from annual contributions from Crafton, Thornburg and Rosslyn Farms) has \$50,000 available funds, plus next year's contributions of \$21,000. Also, until 2011, the CVFD would forego it's major equipment budget line item, as they have no immediate needs, nor do they anticipate any major equipment needs

for about the next ten years. Concerns were that if the CVFD could not obtain the \$160,000., that the Borough would then be obligated to raise these funds. Mr. Crown was certain that obtaining this loan would not be a problem, that the Fire Loan program is under-utilized, and criteria exists to easily qualify. Estimated timeline would be a Pre-Construction meeting (4 wks), commence ordering parts, with actual building to start around the 1st of the year, taking approx. 10-12 months to build. The new equipment would have a 30 year life expectancy. Mrs. Luxbacher noted that she attended the equipment demonstration and now has a better understanding of the upgrades, and she thanked the CVFD for a wonderful job researching all aspects of this purchase; they were very thorough.

- b. Parking changes – Ordinance – Manager Sample reported that measurements have been taken of East Crafton Avenue, from Stotz to Station; 390' x 30' wide. Angle parking would only increase number of parking spaces by 3 or 5 spaces, and based on dimensions needed for angle parking, both 45 and 60 degree angles, there would be an insufficient cartway.
- c. Athletic Field – Carlynton Use Policies – This matter was first discussed in Executive Session, due to a threat of litigation and potential legal actions. The specific groups, Little Cougar Football, St. Philip Soccer, CIT, are the intended beneficiaries of the 1998 Agreement by and between Carlynton and the Borough of Crafton, for use of the Athletic Field (which negated older agreements from 1978, 1981). These groups have requested that the Borough initiate legal action against the School District to enforce their legal rights under the agreement to use the field at no charge. It was agreed by Council, that these groups could pursue legal action in the name of the borough or on behalf of the Borough, at their own expense, and the Borough has no objections.

BUSINESS AGENDA

ADMINISTRATIVE

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Viola, seconded by Mr. Cindric, to appeal the Board of Viewers' Award for the Duncan Property Condemnation. **COMMENTS:** Mr. Bloom asked how long of a period for the appeal. Solicitor Ayoob advised that this could result in a number of different scenarios and multiple appeals, in multiple courts, so it could take a few years.

MOTION carried by a Five Yes, Three No (*Donovan, Ogden, Sappie*) Roll Call Vote (5-3).

PUBLIC WORKS

~~**MOTION:** I move to authorize Change Order No. 2, to Michael Facchiano Contracting, for the Blacks Bridge Expansion Dam (Repair) (Replacement), in the amount of \$ _____, per the recommendation of the Engineers.~~ **MOTION WITHDRAWN**

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Cindric, seconded by Mrs. Viola, to approve payment #1 to Michael Facchiano Contracting, in the amount of \$23,470.96, per the recommendation of the Engineers.

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

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Cindric, seconded by Mr. Donovan to approve payment #12 to Mongiovi and Son Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$ \$40,620.64, per the recommendation of the Engineers. **COMMENTS:** Manager Sample advised that this is not the final payment; that some final restoration work is to be completed on Crotzer Avenue.

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

President Christman advised that an Executive Session will follow the meeting to discuss the Conditional Use that was granted with regard to a front yard parking pad and the Duncan property litigation matter.

SET AGENDA BUSINESS FOR REGULAR MEETING (August 27, 2008)

1. Sale of 1982 Seagrave Ladder Truck
2. New Aerial Truck purchase; Financing Commitment, Out Provision
3. Amendments to Parking Ordinance; Motion to Advertise
4. Bid Results; Award Contract – 192 Promenade Structure Demolition
5. Review and Approve Facchiano Contracting Change Order; Expansion Dams

COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Ogden – Thanked the CVFD members for attending the meeting, and for all of their hard work and dedication. He acknowledged the professionalism displayed even though they are only volunteers; and thanked Mr. Crown and Chief Hermes for all of their time and effort in their presentation of information for both the equipment and the financing.

Mrs. Sappie – Reported that the Senior Citizen bus trip to the Meadows is planned for Thursday, August 14th, and the next Senior Citizen dinner is scheduled for August 23rd.

Mrs. Luxbacher – Anticipates the work on the library expansion to be completed shortly after Labor Day.

Mr. Donovan – Reported that the new street sign was installed on his street; one of the last ones to complete the project. He again reminded everyone to support their local volunteer fire departments.

Mrs. Viola – Thanked the CVFD for their proactive efforts, and for all of the information provided to Council. She reminded everyone that the Performing Arts stage concerts are still going on, and that this Thursday, the Crafton United Methodist Church would be sponsoring its Peach Festival prior to the concert, at a cost of \$3.00 per person.

Mr. Bloom – Acknowledged Public Works repair of a sinkhole problem at Crafton Blvd. and Johnston Street; good job and completed the job in one day. He inquired on the status of paving Ewing Road. Manager Sample advised that the gas company is still completing gas line replacements along Ewing, and once completed, they will take care of the paving work. He noted that the new traffic signals are in place at Steuben and Foster, and West Crafton.

Mr. Cindric – Also thanked the CVFD. He acknowledged that greater demands are placed on these volunteers, in both knowledge and training; they are tasked with greater requirements with limited resources. He asked that Council consider the CVFD's needs, but also consider the Borough's financial position as well.

Mr. Christman – Reported that Crafton Celebrates had a fundraiser at the pool, last evening; a pool party and movie, which due to the cooler weather, was not too well attended. The next Crafton Celebrates meeting is scheduled for Sept. 9th, and Celebrates is working on a joint fundraiser with the CVFD.

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 (8-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary