

**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Minutes of March 24, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Cindric called to order the Meeting of Crafton Borough Council, in Council Chambers of the Community Center, at 7:47pm. Flag Salute lead by Mrs. Viola. ROLL CALL, by Mrs. Tremblay, recorded eight (8) members of Council present as follows: Mr. Grapes, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Pellegrino, Mr. Phillips, Mrs. Sappie, Mr. Stewart, Mrs. Viola and Mr. Cindric – Also present were Mayor Bloom, Manager Sample, Engineer (Jason) Jesso, and Solicitor Ayooob. (*Absent Council: Mr. Donovan.*)

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Viola/Stewart*), to approve the March 24, 2010 List of Bills. **QUESTIONS:** Mrs. Viola - #438.38, Rental Equipment – inquired on the costs for the snow removal. Manager Sample noted that the majority of the costs are on the last bill list.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

March 10, 2010 – Not available.

**CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

April Weitzel, 60 Grace Street – Commented on the recent School Board meeting/Feasibility Study. She encouraged residents to be aware of the upcoming meetings, March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 14<sup>th</sup>, at the high school auditorium. She noted a new website for information: [carlyntonsos.org](http://carlyntonsos.org). (Mrs. Sappie noted that a special meeting of Council is scheduled for the 31<sup>st</sup>, which would prevent members of Council from attending both meetings. It was suggested to move the special Council meeting to Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.) Manager Sample reported that the special meeting requested by Council with the school board, etc. would not be permitted due to the Sunshine Law.

**RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS**

Treasurer's Report, Financial Report, Act 511 and Trash Collection Reports, Property Tax Collection Report, Police Report, Ordinance Officer's report, ~~Fire Department's Report~~, NorthWest EMS report, Animal Control Report and Engineer's Report. Mr. Stewart inquired on any bridge funding, referencing the Engineer's report. **Motion** (*Johnston/Grapes*) to accept the Reports carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (8-0). Mr. Stewart inquired if the bridge repair costs will be solely paid for by the Borough without any outside funding sources. Manager Sample stated that there are no contributing funds; it will be at the Borough's sole cost and expense; estimated cost is \$250,000-\$300,000., which includes the rocker bearings.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Engineer Jesso referred Council to projects noted in the written report: 1. Sewer Defect Correction Contract; pre-bid meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am, Bid Opening date April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am. 2. Emergency Contractor Specifications – Bid opening date on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am. 3. Black's Bridge specifications/bidding – Notice to bidders advertised on March 24<sup>th</sup> & March 31<sup>st</sup>. Mandatory pre-bid meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup>, and bid Opening date on April 13<sup>th</sup>. 4. Station Street Retaining Wall project: Currently preparing plans, survey, specifications for the repair of

the retaining wall – Base bid for replacement of damaged portion only, and alternate bid for entire retaining wall – Survey work and bid documents should be completed by the end of April.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Bloom referred Council to the Police Department written report for February; responding to 222 calls, including 2 drug arrests. He reported that the new police car is in and in service; and came in under budget. He reported on his day of volunteering for Meals On Wheels and noted their need for volunteers. He reminded everyone of the Document Shredding program on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> behind Giant Eagle in the shopping center – which is a fund raiser for the Crafton-Ingram Food Pantry.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Cindric reported that an Executive Session of Council was held prior to the meeting to discuss the Emergency Medical Services Contract, a Civil Service issue, the Collective Bargaining Agreements (Police & Public Works), and a couple of police personnel issues. He reported on the recent CharWest COG meeting; guest speaker – Brad Penrod, Airport Authority Director. He noted the upcoming Annual COG dinner on April 15<sup>th</sup>, at Juniors Restaurant in Coraopolis, with guest speaker, Stephen Zappala, and also the upcoming COG Golf Outing on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Manager Sample reported that he will be attending the PELRAS conference in State College

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS and NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **a. Administration**

1. **PSAB Conference** – Three Day program being held at the William Penn; either the three day program, or daily rates available (4/25-4/28/10). Funds are available in the budget; cost is \$80. per person, per day.

#### **b. Finance and Grants**

1. **Resolution No. 2010-04 – DCNR Grant** – On Agenda; discussed previously – matching grant, for Parks & Rec Comprehensive Plan. Mrs. Viola noted that the net income was a negative \$45,676., however, real estate tax revenue has not yet begun to come in.

#### **c. Insurance**

1. **Pension Advisory Committee** – Manager Sample noted that no one from Council has been appointed to the Pension Advisory Committee yet, and by Resolution, two members of Council are to be represented.

- d. **Parks and Recreation** – Mrs. Sappie noted that the Rec Board will holding it's first Senior Citizen Dinner for the year on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### **e. Planning**

1. **Commission Vacancy** – Manager Sample noted that the seat currently held by Bill Ogden will expire on April 13, 2010, and he is not seeking re-appointment. He asked for Letters of Interest be provided to the office for consideration.

#### **f. Public Safety**

1. **REMS Contract** – Special Meeting of Council; Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 7:15pm, to vote on the final contract. Original Motion on Agenda is withdrawn until that time. He also commented on various information requested from REMS under the

Right to Know laws, and noted that REMS is not an agency that must comply with the Right to Know act/laws.

**2. Letter of Intent; CVFD Study** – Following discussion and questions concerning board representation, scope of work preparation, participating communities and inclusion of the EMS - Motion on Agenda to be Withdrawn at this time..

Mr. Stewart noted that the Civil Service Commission will be testing 47 applicants for the police hiring, with written exams on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> and oral exams being completed on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**g. Public Works**

**1. Sale of Truck #109** – Manager Sample noted that there were three bids received to buy Truck #109. A Resolution and Motion are on the Agenda authorizing the sale to the highest bidder; William Yarnot for \$3,775.

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

**FINANCE:**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Viola/Pellegrino*) to appoint Douglas Johnston and Edward Stewart to the Pension Advisory Committee.

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Viola/Phillips*) to submit a letter to the Governor’s Center for Local Government Services withdrawing the Borough’s support of the previously submitted Letter of Intent requesting technical assistance to assess the operations of the fire and emergency service providers of Crafton Borough.

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

~~**MOTION:** I move to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to serve as Crafton Borough’s representative on the steering committee to prepare the scope of services to evaluate the current Fire and Emergency Service Delivery systems and to determine the most appropriate action for the potential consolidation of those services. WITHDRAWN~~

~~**MOTION:** I move to approve the Emergency Medical Service Agreement between Robinson Emergency Medical Service, Inc. and the Borough of Crafton. WITHDRAWN~~

**RECREATION:**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Stewart/Sappie*) to adopt Resolution 2010-04 authorizing the execution of the DCNR Grant application titled Master Site Plan for Crafton Park Lands and Pool Feasibility Study.

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

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Phillips/Sappie*) to adopt Resolution No. 2010-05 authorizing the proper Borough Official to proceed with the sale of the 1997 Ford Dump Truck to William J. Yarnot/J & M Cusano, Inc for the high bid amount of \$3,755 .

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

**Motion Added to Agenda:**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Pellegrino/Stewart*) to approve the joint request to hold in abeyance the Pension Appeal of Donnie Breeden pending the outcome of Mr. Breeden's court appeal of the decision of the Crafton Civil Service Commission.

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

**ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary