

**COUNCIL AGENDA MEETING**  
**Minutes of May 13, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Helen Fromholzer, former Councilwoman, and resident, Eleanor Gaitens.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** President Christman reported that an Executive Session of Council was held prior to the meeting to discuss a potential litigation matter concerning a Thomas Street Property.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Bloom, seconded by Mrs. Sappie, to approve the May 13, 2009 List of Bills, as presented. **QUESTIONS:** None.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mrs. Sappie, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to approve the April 22, 2009 meeting Minutes. **COMMENTS:** None

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

**LED Lighting Presentation**

NFF Electronics – Reprs. Provided actual LED street light demonstration. LED lighting provides more directional lighting, less spherical light, and are more efficient; electric cost savings. Location mounting may be an issue. Can be either controlled on/off cycles or motion detector activation (parks, similar areas). Solar battery life approx. five to six years; lamp life approx. 50,000-100,000 hrs. Grant opportunities for energy efficiency and conservation are available to help fund LED lighting projects.

**CITIZEN’S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Robin Koffler, W. Crafton Avenue – Expressed concerns over recent gun shooting incidents at the American Legion and Knights of Columbus halls. Legion Officials are working on the problem; she is requesting possibly more police patrol in the area during rentals, particularly after 11pm.

Doug Johnston, 25 S. Emily – Noted community meeting held with area residents with regard to speeding and amount of traffic on S. Emily. Ask Council to consider 15 mph or One-Way traffic pattern. He presented a petition, signed by approx. 95% of occupied homes on S. Emily. Mr. Cindric suggested that a Traffic Study may be necessary to change to a One-Way street; Mr. Bloom asked if a Traffic Study would be required for enforcement even with an ordinance. This matter will be looked into further, and discussed at the next meeting.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Engineer Minsterman reported that the milling of Crafton Blvd. is complete, and the guide-rail installation, by Public Works, has also been completed. Paving is scheduled for Friday, and should be completed in one day. He noted that soft spots were not as bad as expected, so anticipate a cost under-run.

**OLD BUSINESS and NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- a. Federal Stimulus Review
  1. PA Harvest Grant -- LED Lighting for Street Lamps – Reiterated comments from presentation.
  2. Community Center Project – Energy Conservation funds for renovations available (windows, HVAC, other renovations).
- b. CDBG Year 36 Projects – Reviewed three projects; handicapped curb ramps/sidewalks, handicapped access doors for community center, and handicapped access doors for library.
- c. Part Time Summer Help – Two additional, alternate, employees for hiring list – Chris Broglie/Public Works and Adam Kastle, Pool Concession Stand.
- d. Resolution 2009-09 – Concession Stand Manager: Need an adult to manage the Pool Concession Stand; with number of hours involved and responsibilities, and desire to make a profit, Motion placed on the Agenda to amend the Wage Resolution and pay a salary, for the season, of \$5,000. to the Concession Stand Manager.
- e. Insurance Quotes – Various comments heard; main issues - Less upfront premium with PIRMA with higher liability coverage (\$10 million), no deductible; vs. Higher premium and lower liability coverage (\$5 million), with a deductible with HDH, but potential to receive dividend check, based on loss experience, after two 1/2 years which will offset premium cost. Mrs. Viola noted that Mr. Lutz, of PIRMA, stated that the largest liability claim paid by them, since established in 1987, was a little over \$2 million. Mr. Bloom, Mrs. Sappie and Mrs. Luxbacher expressed financial concerns for the potential of a Public Official or Police Liability claim in excess of the \$5 million coverage provided by HDH; Mr. Bloom referenced a recent State Police liability claim/Federal lawsuit in excess of \$12 million.
- f. Salt Contract – Second Year Option. This is the usual option renewal procedure, through SHACOG, however, the current Contractor, Cargill, has the ability to withdraw from the contract and SHACOG will then need to be rebid, and more than likely at a much higher price per ton.
- g. 3RWW – Flow Monitoring Summary Report. This is an administrative matter, giving 3RWW the approval to submit flow monitoring reports on behalf of Crafton; otherwise, we would incur an expense to have Gateway Engineers prepare and submit these reports.
- h. Pavement Technology Inc. Proposal -- Reclamite Program. Streets have been designated and contract should be under \$10,000., which has been budgeted. Bidding requirements do not apply since this is an exclusive application. It will be a two-day process. A three-plan has also been prepared, designating newly repaved streets in chronological order for the reclamite process.
- i. Ordinance Changes - Manager Sample noted that following the next meeting of the Ordinance Review committee, a more complete, comprehensive list of ordinance amendments and recommendations can be provided for Council's review and consideration.
- j. South Emily Street – One Way in Southerly Direction. Additional information will be provided to Council on what is required to make S. Emily a one way street.
- k. Pool Renovations – Chemical Storage Building. Pool chemical storage is in the old concession stand building; access is inconvenient from the pool side. Presently a counter and half garage door is in place, on the pool side, and a man door beyond the pool fencing. For convenience and safety reasons, prices were looked into to install a full garage door, this year, at a cost of approx. \$,1800, with a lot of demolition and framing being done by Public Works, or defer this work to Spring of 2010. – a Motion will need to be voted on to approve this work for this year.
- l. EMS Negotiations/REMS change - Manager Sample reported that he has met with Northwest and are negotiating terms. Mr. Cindric noted that REMS had recently placed an ambulance and EMT in the borough building from 11pm to 7am; Manager Sample reported that he had not been informed of that change.

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mrs. Sappie, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to approve submission of the Pre-Application to the CharWest COG, for a Year 36 CDBG grant for the following projects: 1) Community Center/Municipal Building ADA Accessibility Improvements, 2) Library ADA Accessibility Improvements, and 3) the installation of handicapped curb ramps.

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

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mrs. Luxbacher, seconded by Mrs. Sappie to approve the hiring of Adam Kastle as an alternate concession stand worker and Chris Broglie as an alternate summer public works laborer. **COMMENTS:** Manager Sample confirmed that both are alternates and will be brought in to work as the need arises.

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

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Bloom seconded by Mrs. Sappie to adopt Resolution 2009-09 to amend Wage Resolution 2008-11, making the position of Concession Manager a salaried position with a salary of \$5,000.00 per season.

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

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Bloom, seconded by Mrs. Luxbacher, to approve the annual insurance policy renewals with PIRMA for property and liability insurance coverage per the specifications of their proposal at a cost of \$52,849.66. **COMMENTS:** Mr. Cindric noted that he will be voting against this motion; he believes the borough will be passing up an opportunity to receive dividend revenue by voting for this motion, and chances of having a large liability claim is extremely slight. Mrs. Luxbacher added that she feels the additional \$5 million liability coverage, in this day and age, is practical and necessary protection.

MOTION carried by a Four Yes, Three no (*Christman, Cindric, Viola*) Roll Call vote (4-3).

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Bloom, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to authorize the proper Borough Official to exercise the Second 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 (7-0).

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Cindric, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to approve payment to SHACOG, in the amount of \$3,609.60, for Invoice No. 1 for Year 5 - Joint CCTV Project per the recommendation of the Engineer.

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

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Cindric, seconded by Mr. Bloom, to authorize the Borough Manager to execute the agreement letter with 3 Rivers Wet Weather authorizing them to submit the flow monitoring summary report on the Borough's behalf to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. **COMMENTS:** It was confirmed that this is at no cost to the borough.

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

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mrs. Sappie to authorize the Borough Manager to execute the agreement with Pavement Technology Inc. per the specifications of their proposal at a cost not to exceed \$9,500.00.

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

**MOTIONS ADDED:**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Bloom, seconded by Mrs. Sappie, to authorize the Borough Manager to make application to the PA Conservation Harvest Program for a Steuben Street LED lighting grant and Community Center renovations grant. **COMMENTS:** Mrs. Luxbacher asked that LED lighting also be submitted for the park.

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

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mrs. Sappie, seconded by Mrs. Viola, to authorize the Borough Manager to make necessary repairs and install a full garage door at the pool chemical building at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.

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

**SET AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING OF May 27, 2009**

1. Ordinance Review Recommendations
2. South Emily Street
3. Mrs. Sappie inquired on the status of ordering recycle lids for the trash containers at the park and pool – inquired if this needs to be on the Agenda. Manager Sample said it did not need to be placed on the Agenda, and that he will make contacts to get them ordered.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Mr. Bloom** – Commended Public Works for the good job and timely installation of the guiderails on Crafton Blvd./Backbone Road. He inquired on the maintenance status of the vacant, fire-damaged properties on Steuben Street. Manager Sample advised that violations have proceeded to court; had problems getting good mailing addresses for property owners. He advised that there are liability issues with the borough going on to private property to perform maintenance, under certain circumstances there are procedures where we may to so, and could back-charge the property owner for costs involved.

**Mrs. Sappie** – Reported that, during Clean-up Day, comments were made that the borough needs to place out more garbage cans, especially along Steuben Street, and replace the many deteriorated ones in the park. She also noted that, during Clean-up Day, drugs were found in the park behind the pavilion near the playscape. She reminded parents to talk to their kids and warn them against touching or picking up drugs, etc., that they would find on the ground. She reported that a Rec Board meeting was held and a couple, who previously addressed Council, is planning a work party day for sometime in June to clean up the playscape area; looking for volunteers and will have refreshments available. The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 5pm. She noted that a report was prepared by her and Manager Sample, listing various grant opportunities available in conjunction with the American Recovery & Investment Act, and asked for Council comments. The next Sr. Citizen Dinner will be held on May 30<sup>th</sup> – She thanked members from the His Disciples Church for their help with the dinners. She also thanked Betsy Martin for all of her work, pulling out weeds all over the borough and in the circle; she did a fantastic job and it's a lot of work.

**Mrs. Luxbacher** – Also reported on Clean-up Day, noting participation of 40-50 volunteers – school students, families, Girl Scouts, etc.-there was a lot of garbage. She noted that planting of

the borough flower beds is scheduled for Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – volunteers meet at the borough building for assignments and locations. A Sprout Fund meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Library with regard to the wall mural. She noted that the borough Newsletter will be sent out soon, volunteers worked on them last evening at the Community Center. Pool Pass purchases are available On-Line at [www.crafton.org](http://www.crafton.org), or in the borough offices – pool opens Memorial Day weekend.

Mr. Cindric – Reminded everyone that Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> is Primary Election Day, polls are open 7am to 8pm, and to get out and vote.

Mr. Donovan – Also, commended Public Works for the great job on the guide-rail installation, and he reminded everyone to support the volunteer fire departments.

Mrs. Viola – Reported that the next meeting of the Ordinance Review Committee is scheduled for Wed., May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Manager Sample – Reported that Aldi's will be presenting revised plans at the Planning Commission meeting, scheduled for Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Mayor O'Connell – Proclamation for Peace Officer's Memorial Day; Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> - flag in circle will be lowered in honor of officers fallen in the line of duty. Blue ribbons will be on the door handles of the police cars acknowledging this day during National Police Week. She noted that State Rep. Deasy is looking for World War II – Korean War Veterans to honor them at meetings; one scheduled for Crafton's Frank Kirk American Legion Post on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. A Crime Watch Alert was issued today reporting a robbery at the Dollar Bank in Crafton Shopping Center; a photo of the suspect was also made available. Memorial Day parade is May 25<sup>th</sup>, starting in Ingram at 11am, ending at the Crafton borough building/memorial at approx. noon or 12:30pm. She commented that, in her opinion, the EMS/Veto issue has not been resolved, and considering that REMS is now providing 24-7 service, she asked that, as a compromise, the borough engage both REMS and NorthWest EMS in negotiations and present the terms and conditions of each to Council for consideration.

Mr. Christman – Reported that the Crafton Celebrates program was being mailed, and to consider making a donation for the Fireworks in the envelope provided. Crafton Celebrates fund raiser Bingo was held last week; thanked the volunteers and those who attended. Another fund raiser is planned for early June – a Flick & Float (pool and movie event).

#### **ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mike Nemec, REMS – Announced that next week is National EMS week. Local regional Council has a website, dourealize.com.

Doug Johnston – Thanked Council for their efforts with regard to S. Emily Street.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary