

**COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of May 26, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Stewart/Phillips*), to approve the May 26, 2010 List of Bills.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Pellegrino/*) to approve the May 12, 2010 Meeting Minutes. **COMMENTS:** Mr. Stewart requested his statement with regard to access roads /Third Ward – Fire Training Area, be rephrased and additional language added; no objections by Council.

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

CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None.

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. **Motion** made, seconded (*Stewart/Grapes*), unanimously accepting the written reports.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Minsterman reported that Mongiovi & sons is scheduled to begin work on the Sewer Defect contract on June 1st, and the work is expected to continue for several months. The Sewer Lining contract bids were reject, and the project rebid – Bid opening is scheduled for June 17th. CharWest COG opened bids for the ADA Curb Cut, Phase IV, project – upon Gateways' review of the bids, recommendation will be made to the COG and Borough for consideration. The low bidder, Foresite Resources, for the Station Street Wall project, has requested withdrawal of his bid, citing a bidding error. A hearing was held by the Borough, with the contractor, and Gateway is awaiting direction from Council and the Solicitor on how they should proceed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bloom deferred his report until the end of the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cindric reported that an Executive Session of Council was held prior to the meeting to discuss Labor Contracts, a potential litigation matter and personnel matters. He reported that he attended the recent CharWest COG meeting, and commented on the possibility of establishing a joint fire training facility through the COG. The idea was well received and the COG, and a committee comprised of five fire companies within the CharWest COG, will investigate possible locations and meet with the 19 COG communities and their fire departments for input. He also reported that the COG, through the CITF grant program, is replacing the vacuum on the sewer cleaner. And, lastly that the COG golf outing is on June 21st at the Fort Cherry golf course.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Sample reported: 1. the road Salt provider, Cargill, has declined the 2nd option year of the contract, and SHACOG will rebid. He will submit the required quantity estimate at 700 tons, which means a minimum of 560 tons and maximum of 875 tons, could be purchased at the bid price. He reported that the ADA Curb Ramp low bid was approx. \$17,800, which is higher than anticipated, and bids are being review by Gateway for recommendations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS and NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS**a. Administration**

1. **Resolution 2010-11 – Crafton Elementary School:** Provided in Council's packet for review; Council consensus to approve (on Agenda).

b. Finance and Grants

1. **CDBG Year 35:** Manager Sample reported that the Pre-applications have been submitted to the COG for the CDBG grants for Phase I ADA projects; Final applications are due in July.

c. Parks and Recreation

1. **Pool:** Pool opens Memorial Day Weekend; weekends only until June 11th. Pool passes cannot be purchased at pool, only at the Borough Office or On-line (Borough Website: crafton.org). Newsletters are finished and include Crafton Celebrates program insert; residents should begin receiving in the mail by the weekend.

d. Ordinance and Planning – Mr. Johnston referred Council to language change provided, regarding site lines at intersections.**e. Public Safety**

1. **Police Chief Agreement:** Appointment of Mark Sumpter and Employment Agreement is on the Agenda for Council's approval; he will be sworn in as Chief as soon as possible; and a formal swearing-in and reception is planned for the next Council meeting on June 9th.
2. **Police Officer Hiring:** Top five candidates were very good; top two candidates are provided for Council's conditional hiring on the Business Agenda.
3. **CVFD Training Facility:** Additional information was provided to Council with regard to the location near the Public Works facility. Mr. Pellegrino noted that Crafton can still proceed on it's own, however, to include additional participating fire departments would help financially and share in the expenses. With more fire departments, use and availability of the facility may become an issue. Mr. Cindric suggested that they wait for a report from the COG, and the Committee working in conjunction with the COG

f. Public Works

1. Station Street Retaining Wall: Discussion regarding the bids, Contractor’s attempt to withdraw his bid, and recommended Council options- to accept or reject the withdrawal request, and further, accept the low bid and proceed.

Other: It was noted that Public Works repaired potholes last week, will be doing crack-sealing this week, and will continue pothole patching next week. Manager Sample advised that he would look into the time table and status of the work being done off of Sterrett Street, by an outside contractor.

Part-timers have started; looking to hire one full-time employee, and the new truck has been ordered.

BUSINESS AGENDA

ADMINISTRATIVE

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Johnston/Stewart*) to adopt Resolution No. 2010-11 opposing all efforts and actions by the Carlynton School Board to close the Crafton Elementary School.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Phillips/Donovan*) to approve the Police Chief’s Agreement, and accordingly, appoint Mark Sumpter, to the position of Chief of Police of Crafton effective May 26, 2010.

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

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Stewart/Viola*) to authorize a conditional offer of employment for the probationary period required by the Civil Service Rules and Regulations to Frank A. Scatena 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 (8-0).

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Johnston/Donovan*) to authorize a conditional offer of employment for the probationary period required by the Civil Service Rules and Regulations to Stephanie E. Irwin 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 (8-0).

ADDED MOTIONS:

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Pellegrino/Grapes*), to reject the attempt of Forsite Resources to withdraw its bid for the Station Street Retaining Wall project.

COMMENTS: Solicitor advised that there are certain allowable reasons to permit withdrawal of a bid, however, it appears that the error cited is in the add alternative bid, not the base bid.

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

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Phillips/Johnston*) to accept the base bid of Foresite Services and to reject all add alternative bids for the Station Street Retaining Wall Project.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Bloom referred Council to the written report; 185 complaints for the month of April. He thanked the Civil Service Commission, and Borough Council, for their efforts in appointing a new Chief of Police and the hiring of two probationary patrol officers; including the hiring of the Borough's first female officer. Mr. Cindric added that a news article noted that less than 4% of the police officers in the County are female, and with us have one female of nine total, puts Crafton at 10%, well above that average..

ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Stewart/Donovan*), that this meeting be adjourned.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary