

COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of June 9, 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. Pellegrino. ROLL CALL, by Mrs. Tremblay, recorded nine (9) members of Council present as follows: Mr. Donovan, Mr. Grapes, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Pellegrino, Mr. Phillips, Mrs. Sappie, Mr. Stewart Mrs. Viola and Mr. Cindric – Also present were Mayor Bloom, Manager Sample, Solicitor Ayooob and Andrew Sheariss, Jr. Council (*Engineer not in attendance*).

SWEARING IN OF POLICE CHIEF MARK SUMPTER

Mayor Bloom performed the swearing in of Mark Sumpter as the new Chief of Police for Crafton Borough. An informal reception will follow the meeting in the Community Center room. Former Chief, Harold Rost, was present; congratulated him and passed on to him a ceremonial badge that was passed on to him by the former Chief Jack Daniels.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Cindric announced that he was in receipt of a resignation letter from Douglas Sample, Borough Manager; reading part of his letter aloud.

President Cindric reported that an Executive Session of Council was held prior to the meeting with regard to a potential litigation issue and several personnel issues.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Sappie/Stewart*), to approve the June 9, 2010 List of Bills. **QUESTIONS:** Mrs. Viola questioned line item numbering for the borough gardens expense; #455.46.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (9-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Grapes/Stewart*), to accept the May 26, 2010 meeting minutes.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (9-0).

CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Josey Byrns, 8 Cross Street - Ms. Byrns thanked the CVFD for their quick rescue response and aid to her mother who was caught up in rising water in her vehicle at the underpass near Chartiers Avenue.

Selene and Calib Richardson, 78 E. Crafton Avenue – Regis Sunny, 123 E. Crafton Avenue, Linda Binek, 92 E. Crafton Avenue, Frank Cimino 94-96 E. Crafton Avenue, Dave Lefcakis, 92 E. Crafton Avenue, John Pelesky, 17 Maplewood Avenue, Ken Arbuckle, 59 Maplewood Avenue – Residents complained of serious water runoff problems, property damage and the deteriorating, undriveable, condition of Franklin Way. Mr. Sunny noted that basement flooding and sewer backups may have been created/worsened due to conditions caused from the break

and repair of a water main by the PAWC. It was noted that the storm sewers seem to be inadequate; water skips over two inlets in Franklin Way – Manager Sample would inspect them and have Public Works clean them out with the sewer jetter, if necessary.

Susan Mucha, 401 Clearview Avenue and Greg Takac, Clearview Avenue – Residents complained of stormwater runoff problems in the alley behind their home. Mrs. Mucha was advised by the Borough that it does not own, or maintain, that alley. She explained that it is a utility right-of-way, and utility trucks travel it; that it is not a paperstreet – wants to know who is the owner/responsible party. Serious stormwater runoff and flooding has caused property damage, including the total collapse of a retaining wall

President Cindric advised that the Consent Order requirements do not include any rebuild of any sewers; only repairs or lining of existing sewer lines. He, and Mr. Phillips, also noted that the Borough has been looking into purchasing a small paver to do a lot of the alley repairs in-house, and would like to acquire a paving machine through a joint purchase with neighboring communities. Manager Sample noted that he would review these alleys and report back to Council at the next meeting. Although no alley paving/repairs are planned, work on Franklin Way will be on the top of their list. Mr. Cindric added that the Engineer will be contacted and will look at the alleys and provide specs and cost estimate to include any sewer/drainage work and paving.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

None (*not present*)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS and NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Administration/Personnel

1. Resolution 2010-12 – Wage and Benefit Amendments. It was explained that this amendment would provide a 3% raise for the three administrative employees; their last pay increase was two years ago. It also amends the health care contribution from 20% to 15%, which is equal to the contribution stated in the labor contracts for all other Borough employees.

b. Parks and Recreation. Mrs. Sappie reported that Little Cougars have decided not to operate the miniature golf this year, but would still like the facility to be made operational and available for party rentals. She also noted that the Library is cleaning and working on the facility with hopes to operate it during the five day Crafton Celebrates festival. She also reminded everyone of the Senior Citizen Dinner on June 26th. Mrs. Viola reminded everyone that the Crafton Celebrates festival starts on June 30th with the Parade. The 5K Race will be held on July 4th; and a Youth Triathlon – also, donations are needed to help fund these events. The booth setup is scheduled for Saturday, June 12th –Crafton Park – Volunteers needed, with cordless drills. Mr. Cindric added that a Talent event will also take place on stage.

c. Public Safety – Mr. Pellegrino reported that the pump test on the Rescue truck failed and it will need valve replacement. He also noted that he had heard from a Mrs. Bomeli of 46 Dinsmore contacted him, making him aware of similar water runoff problems in Oak Alley.

d. Public Works

1. ADA Curb Ramps – Contract Award – Manager Sample referred Council to the motion on the Agenda; approx. 11 ramps and various cross streets along North Linwood.
2. Approval of Public Works Contract – Mr. Pellegrino advised that the final contract was received at 3:30, and provided to Council, with only minor corrections necessary. A motion to approve is on the Agenda.

BUSINESS AGENDA

ADMINISTRATION/PERSONNEL

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Sappie/Grapes*) to adopt Resolution 2010-12, amending Wage Resolution 2009-19, to include pay increases for administrative personnel and adjusting health benefit contribution in accordance with all union and contract employee contributions, effective June 9, 2010.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (9-0).

PUBLIC WORKS:

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Donovan/Sappie*) to award the ADA Curb Ramp project to Bioni Drilling per the CharWest COG Bid process and per the recommendation of Gateway Engineers, for an amount not to exceed \$17,764.20

QUESTIONS: Mrs. Viola inquired as to whether Bioni Drilling had ever bid a job with Crafton before – Manager Sample said he did not know of any, but the bidding process and review was conducted by the CharWest COG.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (9-0).

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Phillips/Donovan*) to approve the Public Works Contract, for a for a five (5) year period effective April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2014.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (9-0).

MOTIONS ADDED:

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Stewart/Phillips*) to approve the Workman’s Compensation settlement for Sergeant Thomas Owens as set forth in the letter from Attorney Robert Keenan, dated May 24, 2010. **COMMENTS:** Solicitor Ayoob advised that Attorney Keenan representing MRM/Workers Compensation for the Borough provided a proposal that was worked out with the Worker’s Comp Judge, and reiterated some of the terms and conditions that were stated in the letter and recommended by Attorney Keenan. It was confirmed that if accepted, Sergeant Owens would retire and receive his pension.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (9-0).

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Viola/Stewart*) to accept the resignation of Douglas Sample, as Borough Manager, effective July 7, 2010.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (9-0).

ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Stewart commented on the state of finances in our borough; the cost for bridge repairs to date, loans and debt service, the Consent Degree for the sewer repairs and upgrades. He noted that there are no federal/state funds or stimulus money being provided to the communities to take care of these infrastructure repairs. The burden falls on our residents and taxpayers.

Mr. Sheariss, Jr. Council, reported that Carlynton School is done on June 10th. It was also noted that he was Class Valedictorian.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION carried by a Unanimous Voice Vote (9-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary