

COUNCIL AGENDA MEETING
Minutes of June 10, 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 eight members of Council present (8), as follows: Mr. Bloom, Mr. Cindric, Mr. Crown, Mr. Donovan, Mrs. Luxbacher, Mrs. Sappie, Mrs. Viola and Mr. Christman (*Absent: Mr. Byers*) – Also present were Manager Sample, Mayor O’Connell, and Solicitor Brown.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Sappie, seconded by Mr. Crown, to approve the June 10, 2009 List of Bills, as presented. **QUESTIONS:** None

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Sappie, seconded by Mr. Bloom, to approve the May 13, 2009 and May 27, 2009 meeting Minutes. **COMMENTS:** None

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

CITIZEN’S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Manager Sample reported that the bids will be opened by the COG on June 17th for the CDBG – ADA curb ramp project. The paving of Crafton Blvd. (Backbone Rd) is complete with the exception of a few punchlist/restoration items – Motion to approve payment, per Engineers Recommendation, is on the Agenda. Elmwood paving was completed today. Haldane manhole work is planned; raising it even with road surface.

OLD BUSINESS and NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. **Federal Stimulus Review** - Mgr. Sample reported that the grant application date will open up mid July, or by the end of July, rather than June 15th. Two projects looking at:
 1. **PA Harvest Grant -- LED Lighting for Street Lamps** – Mgr. Sample reported that Duquesne Light owns the poles and the LED lighting cannot be placed on their poles; to proceed with this project, the borough would have to provide and install its own poles, and other installation problems (height of poles, etc.). Mayor O’Connell and Mrs. Luxbacher noted that this is still a very worthwhile project and we should continue to look into LED street lighting; similarly to the street sign project, in phases. They agreed to work on this project further and will report back to Council.
 2. **Community Center Project** – Manager Sample noted that the air conditioning units are in need of replacing, and when completed will provide a 25% cost savings. He recommends that Olander perform a study; two units for the community center and four units for the borough building. Mrs. Luxbacher inquired about Green Roof systems. It was reported that this would be very costly, would involve gutting of existing roof and

would require additional support and reinforcement of the structure to handle the weight of a green roof (grass). Mr. Cindric recommends further investigation; he will look into it further and report back to Council. Kathy Robinson, at Crafton Library, also has information on this subject and may be able to assist.

- b. Salt Contract – Second Year Option** – Mgr. Sample reported that a salt requirement estimate must be provided to the SHACOG; must purchase at least a minimum of 80% of the estimate, and any amount purchased that exceeds 125% of the estimate will not be at the contract price; will be at current market/higher price (i.e., 560 min. tons, 875 max. tons). Usual estimate is 700 tons, which varies depending on the winter. Cost will possibly increase from approx. \$40,000. per year to \$70,000. Mrs. Luxbacher asked about alternative applications (beet juice, cinders, etc.) – Manager Sample noted that we do not have the equipment to use any other application, and cinders are very dirty and clog up the sewers. Mr. Bloom suggested looking into changes in the procedures for salting/plowing. Mr. Crown suggested looking into the DCED and/or City for studies, etc. to improve road salting/plowing/maintenance and training. Mr. Cindric also suggested LTAP for assistance. Manager Sample stated that he would provide the estimate to SHACOG using the amount of 600 tons.
- c. Miniature Golf Course** – Mr. Crown noted that every year, the old miniature golf course property is an eyesore, needing maintenance, weeding, etc. He asked what the Borough's intention is for this location; will it be cleaned up before Crafton Celebrates/Parade? Mrs. Sappie noted that the Rec Board has done some cleanup, planting, etc. the past two years, but there is a lot of work to be done. Also, some of the miniature golf features were placed in the property, last year, to possibly make it available for use by pool pass holders. It was suggested that perhaps some non-profit organization, such as Boy Scouts, etc. may want to fix it up and provide a miniature golf facility, at their own cost, as a fundraiser. It was also suggested that perhaps the Shade Tree Commission can remove some of the plants and bushes, to transplant in other areas of the borough. The only lighting is a spot light from the little building and a street light at the Linden Street side of the property. Additionally, many properties on West Steuben Street, being the main street leading into the borough, need to be cleaned up – high weeds, grass, etc. – two properties in particular are abandoned/fire-damaged; need for a positive public image as people enter Crafton.

BUSINESS AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Bloom, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to approve the Payment No. 1 to A. Folino Construction in the amount of \$75,436.94, for the 2009 Road Resurfacing Program, as recommended by the Engineer. **COMMENTS:** It was noted that the paving project did come in under budget. Project was approved at \$97,714.80 The 10% retainage amount is still due Folino upon completion of punchlist/restoration items. Cost of guiderail installation was discussed; Manager Sample estimated that the material cost came in just under \$14,000. Mr. Cindric noted that the April 8th approval motion stated the cost was not to exceed \$10,000.

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

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Bloom, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to approve the final estimate to MARC Service, Inc., in the amount of \$1,890.00, for the Crafton Boiler/Roof Top Unit Replacement Project.

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

SET AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING OF June 24, 2009

1. Stimulus Grant
2. Paving/Folino – Balance Due/Punchlist Items
3. Ordinance Review Committee – Recommendations
4. Planning Commission Report – W. Steuben Street rezoning Request

COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Bloom – Requested that W. Crafton (Church Hill) be considered for paving in this years budget. Its condition is getting worse; suggests brick removal and road bed work be done in-house by Public Works, and contract out for asphalt paving. Estimated to be a three week project with detour to Noble Avenue. He also requested that the traffic barrel be removed at Crafton Blvd. and Johnston, since the sinkhole has been fixed/manhole rehabbed.

Mr. Crown – Commented on paving of W. Crafton Avenue; due to certain conditions it would need to be paved in concrete, not asphalt – current pricing almost similar. Manager Sample noted that it would require preparation of specs and bid out since it would be more than \$10,000. He suggested it be put on next years paving plan, early, with the Blacks bridge work for better pricing. Mr. Crown asked if someone from the borough had contacted the Fire Commissioner's Office; he contacted them and he was told that someone from the Borough had contacted them. Mr. Cindric noted that he had spoken to them and provided them with the borough's fax number for submittal of the approval letter, to expedite the DCED process with the Solicitor. Loan approval is scheduled for the June 24th meeting of the Commission.

Mrs. Sappie – Reported that the Rec Board met on June 1st and reviewed the Park & Rec surveys received thus far. She noted that the springs had to be replaced on the seesaw at Noble Park, twice already this year, and reminded everyone that these are for small children. Asked residents to please report questionable activity and vandalism of park equipment, picnic tables, etc. A family from Oregon Avenue recruited church members to do restoration work on the playscape in Crafton Park on June 19th and 20th, with hot dogs and refreshments afterwards on Saturday. The next Senior Citizen Dinner is scheduled for June 27th. There will be no Finance Committee meeting scheduled for June.

Mrs. Luxbacher – Expressed concern for the condition of Chartiers Avenue, on the city side, as it appears to be breaking away; requested this be followed-up with the City of Pittsburgh. With regard to the Sprout Fund, she reported that the Mural/Artist has been selected, being the library fantasy submission; work on the mural will start in July. Many liked the Crafton historical mural and she suggested this be looked at next year and submitted to the Sprout Fund in the Borough's name; perhaps for the busway underpass wall.

Mr. Cindric – Also, spoke about paving of West Crafton; noting that, previously, it was the Engineer's recommendation that it be paved with concrete to withstand the heavy traffic. Similar to Mainsgate at Berry in Ingram; it also required concrete paving rather than asphalt.

Mr. Donovan – He reminded everyone to support the local volunteer fire departments.

Mrs. Viola – Noted that with the newly paved Backbone Road, there are speeders; she has seen around 8:30-9:00 at night. New garage door has been installed at the Pool chemical room. Reported that the next meeting of the Ordinance Review Committee is scheduled for Wed., June 17th, at 7:00 pm.

Mayor O'Connell – Reminded everyone of Capt. Sumpter's participation in the MDA lockup; June 24th – Donations requested to get him out of jail. Police force has completed firearms qualification. Reported that the two new officers are doing fine; presently only foot patrol, no bike patrol yet.

Mr. Christman – Reported that a Crafton Celebrates fund raiser is planned for June 14th at Crafton Pool; \$3.00 per person (swimming and movie – “Twilight”). Festival setup in the park is scheduled for Sat. June 13th, 9:00 am – Volunteers needed for setup and in the booths during the festival.

It was noted that a new Junior Councilperson, from Carlynton, would be appointed in September; Andrew Shearis.

ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Bloom, seconded by Mr. Donovan, that this meeting be adjourned.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary