

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF AUGUST 26, 2009**

President Christman called to order the Regular Meeting of Crafton Borough Council, in Council Chambers of the Community Center. Flag Salute was led by Mrs. Luxbacher. Roll call by Mrs. Tremblay recorded eight (8) members of Council present as follows: Mr. Bloom, Mr. Cindric, Mr. Crown, Mr. Donovan, Mrs. Luxbacher, Mrs. Sappie, Mrs. Viola and Mr. Christman. Also present were Mayor O'Connell, Manager Sample, Engineer Minsterman and Solicitor Ayoob. (*Absent: Mr. Byers*)

JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON APPOINTMENT

Dr. Panza, Superintendent of Carlynton School District, introduced Andrew Sheariss. Swearing in of Carlynton Student, Andrew Sheariss – Oath by Mayor O'Connell.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Luxbacher, seconded by Mr. Crown, to approve the August 26, 2009 List of Bills as presented for payment. **COMMENTS:** None

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (8-0), with exception noted by Mrs. Viola (#411.70).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded, to approve the August 12, 2009 Meeting Minutes.

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

CITIZEN'S DESIROUS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None

RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS

The following written reports were provided in Council's Packet: Treasurer's Report, Financial Report, Act 511, Property Tax and Trash Collection Fee Reports, Police Report, Ordinance Officers Report, CVFD Report, Animal Control and Engineers Report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Minsterman noted their recommendation to award the ADA Curb contract to Palombo; motion is on the Agenda; a preconstruction meeting will be scheduled. Marion Street – Recommend awarding the contract to Michael Facchiano Contracting, per motion on the Agenda. It was noted that \$4,000. for point defect repairs was in the specs, however, this work has already been done by Public Works, which will reduce the expenditure for this project. Also, \$4,100 has been included in the contract for soft spot repair, which may or may not be needed. Engineer will need to begin the specs to bid the next round of sewer defect repairs. A draft report was prepared for the Clearview Drainage and infrastructure improvements; a presentation meeting has been scheduled for Sept. 9th, at 6pm. Consent Order Feasibility Study – Alcosan has stepped up the deadlines due to conditions of their Consent Decree; so the Feasibility Study is now required sooner than originally planned, and will need to meet the 2010 deadlines to be in compliance with our Consent Order.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor O'Connell reported that the department responded to 256 calls during the month of July, and referred Council to the written report. She noted that the purchase of one vest was cancelled, leaving additional available funds in the Forfeiture account, which will cover the unexpected cost for recertification of two taser instructors, at a cost of \$125 each (Tolkacevic/Harvison). She reminded everyone of the upcoming Community Service Awards ceremony, Wed., September 2nd. at 7pm in the Community Center. A confab of the various emergency heads was requested with regard to the upcoming G20 Summit. A meeting was held to discuss various information; attended by Chief Rost, Chief Hermes, EMC Mark Sumpter, President Christman. Also, she, Manager Sample and Chief Rost participated in a conference call coordinated by County Executive, Dan Onorato. Chief Rost said, at this time, there are still a lot of questions that can't be answered. They reviewed the borough's Emergency Management Plan and Mutual Aid plans. Additional officer training and updates will be available for the officers. There will be additional officers available from other agencies, if the need arises. Manager Sample noted that a link will be added to our Website for resident information – www.pittsburghg20.org Chief Rost reminded everyone if they see anything suspicious to please call 911 and report it. Mayor O'Connell noted that all of our emergency personnel are very well equipped, trained and prepared.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Christman welcomed Junior Councilperson, Andrew Sheariss.

MANAGER/SECRETARY'S REPORT

None. Mr. Cindric noted some items with regard to the garbage contract; that cans and lids are to be put in place with their lids, which is not being done. Also, the current contract provides for a dumpster at the Athletic Field, which is no longer needed. Mrs. Tremblay noted that it had been pulled, and replaced with one under the School District's contract, with BFI. Waste Management has provided an additional dumpster to the borough in another location to replace that one.

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS**a. Committee Reports**

1. **Finance** – Budget projections for 2009 have been provided to Council. All is tracking well, with the exception of pool revenues. Budget meeting schedule was reported; Sept. 30, Oct. 7, Oct. 21, Nov. 4 and, if necessary, Nov. 18, at 7pm, open to the public. Salt Bin grant update: Received rejection letter; changed the guidelines and no longer meet eligibility requirements.
 2. **Ordinance Changes** – A summary of suggested recommendations and comments have been provided to Council. Mrs. Sappie noted that she believes the A-Frame signs are used by many businesses in the Borough and are a necessary advertising tool. Manager Sample noted that there are some safety concerns with the A-Frame signs. Mrs. Viola noted that strollers, etc. may not have enough sidewalk clearance. It was noted that our current ordinance does not allow them, so it is an issue of enforcement at this time. Manager Sample advised that the next meeting for ordinance review, discussion and input is Wed., Sept. 16th, 6pm.
- b. **Marion Street Paving Contract** – Discussed during Engineer's Report. Mr. Bloom inquired on brick removal/time table. Manager Sample advised that this will be discussed during the preconstruction meeting; Public Works will be doing

the brick removal, which is estimated to be a 2 – 3 day project, and retain all of the reusable bricks.

- c. **Consent Order Feasibility Study** – Discussed during Engineer’s Report.
- d. **Act 32 Tax Collection Committee Delegates** – Act 32 Tax Collection Informational sheets provided to Council. Need to appoint someone by Sept. 15th. Have received a letter of interest from Crafton resident, Mark Schuster.
- e. **G20 Summit** – Discussed during Mayor’s Report.
- f. **Rock Salt Contract** – Official letter provided, to enter into the contract. Per ton price is quite less than anticipated.
- g. **Winter Maintenance Contract/ PennDot** – Winter maintenance/salting of State roads (Rte 60) is reimbursed to Borough, based on road mileage; first year reimbursement is set at \$5,586. The contract is for a five year period.
- h. **Civil Service Commission/Eligibility List** – Memo provided to Council from Commission inquiring on reasons to void list with four viable candidates. Reiterated that it is the Mayor and Council’s desire to prepare and certify a new list. Solicitor Ayoob added that it is the decision of the Commission, not Council, to void their list.
- i. **Black’s Bridge/ HDR** – Manager Sample noted that a motion is on the agenda to affirm the work to be done by HDR, in preparation of putting specifications out to bid early next year.
- j. **Reclamite Program Update** – Manager Sample noted that they may be doing this work next week, weather-permitting. They will be scheduling this in coordination with other area contracts.
- k. **South Emily Street/Traffic Study** – The Trans Associates Traffic Study conclusion letter was provided to Council; conclusion was that S. Emily could be made one-way in a southerly direction, from Crafton Blvd. to Ewing Road.

BUSINESS AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Cindric, seconded by Mr. Bloom, to award the Marion Street Road Resurfacing Contract to Michael Facchiano Contracting, Inc. for the amount of \$54,212.50, per the Engineer’s recommendation.

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

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Luxbacher, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to authorize the Borough Manager to execute the Scope of Work and Budget Estimate for the 2009 Consent Order Feasibility Study with the Gateway Engineers at a cost not to exceed \$21,096.00.

MOTION carried by a Seven Yes, One No (*Cindric*) Roll Call Vote (7-1).

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Crown, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to approve the rock salt contract with Cargill, Inc., in accordance with the SHACOG Joint Purchasing bid award, at a price of \$52.75 per ton through June 30, 2010, with an option to renew the contract for a period of three (3) additional years, and authorize the proper borough official to execute the required documents.

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

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Bloom, seconded by Mrs. Sappie, to authorize the Borough Manager to instruct HDR Engineering to begin the design specifications as outlined on the Construction Cost Estimates dated June 23, 2009 per the cost schedule outlined in the April 29, 2009 agreement between the Borough and HDR.

MOTION carried by a Seven Yes, One No (*Cindric*) Roll Call Vote (7-1).

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Sappie, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to adopt Resolution No 2009-14 authorizing the Council President to execute the Winter Snow Agreement with PennDot, for a five (5) year program, commencing October 15, 2009.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Donovan – Reminded everyone to support their local Volunteer Fire Department.

Manager Sample – Meet & Eat meeting for Municipal Officials Sept. 10th, 8am-9am.

Mr. Bloom – Chartiers Avenue flooding. Still occurring despite the City's recent dredging. Manager Sample noted that the problem is the pipe that runs under the Port Authority property; they still need to get that pipe cleaned out. Also, the City of Pittsburgh has plans to place a grate at the site to catch a lot of the debris.

Mr. Crown – Thanked both Rep. Dan Deasy's office and Pittsburgh Public Works for the work done thus far, and planned work, to resolve the Chartiers Avenue flooding problem.

Mrs. Sappie – Welcomed Jr. Councilperson, Sheariss. Senior Citizen dinner scheduled for August 29th. Members of DOXA Church will be sponsoring a park event, free to the residents, on Saturday, Sept. 5th; Back to School Bash, featuring a bouncy house and fun activities. Rec Board is planning a Crafter/Vendor Show for November 7th, as a fund raiser to offset some of the Sr. Citizen Dinner expenses.

Jr. Councilperson, Sheariss – Thanked Council for the opportunity.

Mrs. Luxbacher – She also welcomed Jr. Councilperson, Andrew Sheariss, and noted that he is an employee and volunteer at the Crafton Library, and is interested in government. Library will have a book & bake sale that coincides the the Craft/Vendor Show on Nov. 7th. Sprout Fund/Library mural is progressing; final unveiling ceremony will be scheduled for early October. Pool is open weekdays, from 4-7pm this week, while school is in session. Not sure about adequate staffing for next week, but will be open normal hours on the weekend.

Mrs. Tremblay – Reported that a Bus trip is being offered by State Rep. Deasy to Harrisburg; visit the State Capital Building, including two meals and a stop at the Hollywood Casino; cost \$60. per person – info. available on our website.

Mr. Christman – Crafton Celebrates fund raisers: Tailgate party, food, big screen TVs – Steeler / Bengals game to be held at the fire department; \$20. per person. Also, have joined the Fire Department in their Monte Carlo/Night at the Races fund raiser-October 10th; selling tickets, horses, etc.; \$15 per person/\$25 per couple.

ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mrs. Luxbacher, and seconded by Mrs. Sappie, that this meeting be adjourned.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Tremblay
Borough Secretary