

**COUNCIL AGENDA MEETING**  
**Minutes of April 8, 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. Byers, Mr. Cindric, Mr. Donovan, Mrs. Luxbacher, Mrs. Sappie, Mrs. Viola and Mr. Christman (Mr. Crown arrived late; approx. 7:35pm) – Also present were Manager Sample, Mayor O’Connell, and Solicitor Ayoob.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Fallen Pittsburgh Police Officers Eric Kelly, Paul Sciullo, II and Stephen Mayhle; killed in-service on Saturday, April 4, 2009.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** President Christman reported that an Executive Session of Council was held prior to the meeting to discuss interest in the purchase of a property and two zoning cases; Kessler and Ciotti.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Byers, seconded by Mr. Cindric, to approve the April 8, 2009 List of Bills, as presented. **QUESTIONS:** Mrs. Viola - #454.25 Pitt Chemical – Paper products for park bathrooms, Shemin Nursery – Topsoil, seed for park restoration/tree removal sites.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Bloom , seconded by Mrs. Sappie, to approve the March 25, 2009 meeting Minutes. **COMMENTS:** Mr. Cindric – Spelling name/correction-Mike Nemec.

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

**MAYOR’S VETO**

Mayor O’Connell presented her VETO; attached to and made a part of the record – Stating her objections to Council’s actions taken at the Regular Meeting of March 25, 2009: Motion authorizing the One Hundred Twenty Days written notice to REMS, terminating the service agreement, and Motion to authorize Borough Manager to begin negotiations with NorthWest EMS. She noted that the residents comments were not considered, that there were no valid reasons to terminate the agreement with REMS, and she expressed concern on the affect this will have with the relationship with Thornburg with regard to other shared emergency services. Solicitor Ayoob advised that it is his opinion that the actions of Council, taken at the March 25, 2009 meeting, are not subject to a Mayor’s Veto – Terminating an existing contract in accordance with the terms of that contract and authorizing negotiations with a new service provider; neither action was legislative and, therefore, it was his belief that the Mayor’s Veto is invalid. Mayor O’Connell stated that she was confident that these are legislative actions and is, therefore, exercising her Veto powers in accordance with the Borough Code.

**CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Thomasine Damits, Crafton Plaza – Read a prepared statement on behalf of residents (*below*) from the Crafton Plaza; resident of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward and voter, disturbed by Council ignoring their opinions and comments to retain REMS; request that their input and comments be considered and vote to retain REMS.

Evesta Williams, Dorothy Little, Ann Sharra, Margaret Morris, Mary Broglie, Marlene Gruzewski, Jean Zola and Lucretia Ziegler, Crafton Plaza Residents – All reported that they are 1<sup>st</sup> Ward residents and voters, and agree with the comments read by Ms. Damits.

Mike Snizik, S. Grandview Avenue – Questioned why this process began, to change EMS providers; that he has heard comments that proposals for new providers were being sought in advance of Council's decision and request for proposals, and want more facts. As a Moon Run firefighter, he had worked with REMS, and noted that Crafton is lucky to have them. He requested that Council reconsider this matter.

Crystal Boehm, Belvidere Avenue – Very pleased with her REMS experiences, on two occasions. She wants to hear the resident's opinions, both good and bad, and would like more facts; questioning if this service change is something political.

Tom Mackin, Mayor of Thornburg – Spoke in support of the Mayor's Veto and asked that Council reconsider their decision. Thornburg is very happy with REMS and the other emergency services provided by Crafton.

Tom Gerlowski, Lincoln Avenue – Spoke in support of the Mayor's Veto, adding that the voice of the constituents, who appeared and spoke at the last meeting, was ignored. He asked what incentive is there in making this change; is it financial or for better service? He has not heard these arguments and feels the public needs more facts to understand why certain Council persons have voted to change the EMS provider

Tom Phillips, Fountain Street – Inquired on the petition form necessary to request resident permit parking on his street. Mrs. Tremblay advised that they did not have a form readily available yet, but has prepared one, and just recently mailed one to him. He also noted that he works at Crafton Plaza, and stated that the Plaza residents have come to know the REM'S emts, and are very comfortable with them, and do not want a change in providers.

**OLD BUSINESS and NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- a. 2009 Paving Program - Guide Rail along Crafton Boulevard: Manager Sample reported that the guide rail along Crafton Blvd. is the old cable type, and also due to the height, they do not meet PennDot standards. The COSTARS price, is \$6,900. which is substantially lower than the estimate provided by Allegheny Fence – same quantity and specs; W-beam, 12 ½ ft. sections, 6 ft. posts. Public Works would do the installation; using an auger and very little hand digging. Consensus to leave motion at \$10,000 to allow for any necessary changes to the quantity.
- b. COPS Grant – Mr. Bloom and Mayor O'Connell noted that the terms and conditions of the grant would not be favorable, as, under certain conditions, it may require the borough to maintain a staff of ten officers, which financially, outweighs the benefits of the grant.
- c. HDR Proposal – Black's Bridge Repairs: A quote was provided to Council from HDR, to prepare the specs and bid documents. Manager Sample questions the increase in the amounts quoted last year, in comparison to this recent quote, with regard to the rocker bearings; and plans to inquire on this to HDR. Mrs. Luxbacher inquired on any responsibility to the City of Pittsburgh. Manager Sample noted that approx. ¼ of the bridge is in the City of Pittsburgh, but noted that, in the past, the City would only get involved if the work met with their specs, and to do so would substantially increase the total cost of the project. Mrs. Viola noted that some of the work in item #3 for deck

repairs, sidewalk and barrier walls, was previously done, and possibly the cost of \$7,150 should be reduced. She also asked that cost estimates be provided for each task, and then prioritize what work should actually be considered. It was noted that HDR's proposal is only for engineering-related work, and not construction.

- d. Resolution 2009-05 – Sale of the 1962 Seagrave Engine: Manager Sample referred Council to Solicitor Austin's opinion letter, noting that the sale to the fire department was appropriate and in accordance with the borough code, and does not require an appraisal of the equipment. Mrs. Viola noted that her original concern was not the procedure, but the sale price. That this equipment has value, even scrap value, and the Borough should be looking to get more than a \$1. Manager Sample noted that it is an operable piece of equipment and can still be used by the fire department in fighting fires, the borough will no longer carry the insurance expense of approx \$600. per year, or maintenance costs, and, therefore, this transaction would be to the benefit of the borough. Mr. Crown noted that each piece of equipment, including the 1962 Seagrave, has different specialized equipment, some used more than others, depending on the situation. He also reminded Council that, during budget talks, Council was looking to eliminate the cost of maintaining this older piece of equipment, and it was suggested by Council that the equipment be transferred to and maintained by the fire department; used for specific firefighting purposes, parades and for sentimental reasons. Mr. Bloom reminded everyone that Council doesn't have to sell it; they can continue to keep and maintain it, that transferring it to the fire department was Council's suggestion.
- e. Resolution 2009-06 – DCNR Grant: Manager Sample reported that this application would be for financial assistance in preparing a comprehensive parks and recreation plan. It would provide 50-50 matching funds; total cost approx. \$60,000, Borough's obligation (50%) would be \$30,000, with possibly funds being provided by other sources of approx. \$10,000 to offset the borough's cost. This amount would need to be budgeted in 2010, as a first phase-planning stage; subsequent years (2011, 2011) funds would need to be made available for the second phase; construction and rehab – including pool repairs, filtration system, and replastering of the pool, alone, would cost in excess of \$100,000., multi-use fields, and utilization of green spaces. Mr. Cindric noted that if nothing is done with the study, it will be a waste of funds. If the borough does move forward, the borough would then be obligated to fund the additional costs and expenditures for the next phase. He felt the borough's current, and possibly future, financial position, needs to be seriously considered before obligating borough funds for these projects. Mrs. Luxbacher commented that these improvements will attract people to Crafton, it is an improvement for the future for Crafton residents and youth, and you have to start sometime; plan now. She referred Council to the DCNR website for more information; noting that Rosslyn Farms had recently received a grant in the last cycle. Having this study and comprehensive plan is the first step; having this plan is a necessary step that will help the borough with future applications for other funding and grants. She also felt that community fund raising efforts could play an important part in obtaining matching funds; recalling the fund raising efforts for the playscape project. Mayor O'Connell noted that the last pool renovation work was through a Keystone Grant in the early '90s. Mrs. Sappie added that the Rec Board has already prepared a resident survey for input and request for volunteers, which will be available soon. She also noted that the Rec Board has surveyed all of the parks and provided a list to Manager Sample for some required maintenance and repair items. The study would include the current facilities, parklets and future proposed sites. Mr. Byers suggested that the scope be limited; eliminating valley/creek area for now, due to the condition of Ewing Road and property issues, the need for trail-head access and

restrooms. Mr. Crown noted that the whole scope should be considered now, as a plan, a feasibility study, for both immediate and future needs; he recalls that the original ideas for the Hickling property were for passive recreation, more adult use of trails, etc., possible dog park, fishing and dock area. Mr. Bloom agreed that Council needs to look to the future, to the needs of the residents and children, years down the road.

- f. Public Works Part Time Employment / Grass Cutting RFP: Manager Sample recommended that Council keep the grass cutting work in-house; that the cost comparison is basically a wash, but the borough would have more control over when and where needed, and assign the work accordingly, if using part-time employees. He is in receipt of four applications for part-time summer workers. Mr. Byers recalled that the past attempt to contract the grass cutting work out was a disaster, and he, too, recommends that the work remain in-house. Mrs. Sappie noted that this idea was being looked at to insure that the skilled, full-time employees, are freed-up and are not being used for grass cutting and supervision, and can perform other necessary work.
- g. Planning Commission Vacancies: Manager Sample reported that no letters of interest have been received to fill these vacancies, but both Mr. Bogats and Mr. Meighan have requested they be considered for re-appointment to the Planning Commission.
- h. Destruction of Voice and Video Recordings of Council Meetings: Manager Sample reported that, in light of the changes in the Right To Know act, Council should consider a policy with regard to maintaining or destroying both audio and video tapes of the Council meetings. A sample resolution has been provided by the Borough's Association for Council's consideration.
- i. Spring/Summer Newsletter: Manager Sample noted that, although funds were eliminated in the budget, certain requirements were not considered; such as requirements for Recycle Grants and the Nine Minimum Controls (COA-Sewers), requiring the Borough to educate the residents – mailings, brochures, etc. The Spring/Summer newsletter provides a lot more information to the residents, rather than a Fall/Winter newsletter, and also, the Crafton Celebrates program is provided inside the Spring/Summer newsletter. The cost for one newsletter, printing/postage, is approx. \$1,700. Will need input from Council and various borough organizations for newsletter articles.
- j. Updates – Salt Bin Funding, Fire Grant: Manager Sample reported that the Salt Bin project was on the County's January agenda, but was removed – County rep has been contacted, and has no update yet, but it will be slated for a future agenda. Everything is complete for consideration. Fire loan – A review meeting is scheduled for mid April. Mr. Crown noted that usually they are reviewed in April, stipulations are provided in May, and if clarified, it is considered for approval by the commission at their May meeting. Mr. Crown also stated that the funds are directly paid, in advance, to the fire department or to the manufacturer. The fire department will secure a short term loan; presently through PNC, and would then be reimbursed and repay the loan.
- k. Police Training: Mr. Byers suggested that with the change in times, and in light of the recent tragedy involving the deaths of the three City of Pittsburgh police officers, our police officers should avail themselves to, and be provided with, active shooter training, domestic dispute training, more defensive tactic training, etc. for their protection. Mrs. Luxbacher agreed, and said we need to be proactive, nip minor crimes in the bud now in the borough, people shouldn't feel threatened and should feel safe, even if it means to provide extra staffing. Mayor O'Connell noted that the police will do all that they can, but residents need to call 911, and report suspicious activities – anything amiss, or just not

right or out of the usual. Police are on patrol, but can't be everywhere, and they need the help of citizens and for them to call a report these activities.

## **BUSINESS AGENDA**

### **PLANNING**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mrs. Viola, seconded by Mr. Bloom, to re-appoint John Meighan to the Crafton Planning Commission, for a term which shall expire on April 13, 2013.

**COMMENTS:** Mr. Cindric, being on the Planning Commission, noted his support for the re-appointment of both Mr. Meighan and Mr. Bogats

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

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mrs. Viola, seconded by Mrs. Sappie, to re-appoint Andrew Bogats to the Crafton Planning Commission, for a term which shall expire on April 13, 2013.

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

### **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Crown, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to adopt Resolution 2009-05 authorizing the sale of the 1962 Seagrave Engine Truck to the Crafton Volunteer Fire Department for the amount of \$1.00, and authorize the Borough Secretary to represent the Borough in completing the title transfer; and in the event of disposal, the equipment would revert back to the Borough of Crafton. **COMMENTS:** Mrs. Viola requested an amendment to the original motion to add a condition that the equipment would revert back to the borough. Mrs. Tremblay noted that this is also a requirement stated in the Borough Code.

MOTION carried by an Eight Yes, One No (*Cindric*) Roll Call Vote (8-1).

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Bloom, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to authorize the Borough Manager to submit the COPS grant application requesting funding for one full time police officer.

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

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Byers, seconded by Mr. Bloom, to authorize the Borough Manager to have Public Works install guide rail along Crafton Boulevard from North Grandview Avenue to Broadhead Road for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. **COMMENTS:** Mr. Crown suggested that, with the \$3,000. buffer, he doesn't feel the Manager needs to come back to Council for approval for additional costs which may be incidental to the actual installation or involve the need for additional, unanticipated, footage, etc.

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

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mrs. Sappie, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to accept the grass cutting Proposal of City Limits Landscaping & Garden Center, for the 2009 seasonal contract in the amount of \$15,977.00, in accordance with the specifications of the Proposal. **COMMENTS:** Mrs. Sappie reiterated that, during the budget talks, it was said that Council should look at all contracts and request proposals, and look at other ways to save money for the borough,

to be more financially prudent, for Council to be more hands-on. That, even with contracting out this service, we would still need part-time help, so, financially, it would be a wash.

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

### **RECREATION**

**MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mrs. Luxbacher, seconded by Mrs. Sappie, to adopt Resolution 2009-06 authorizing the execution of the DCNR Grant application titled Master Site Plan for Crafton Park Lands and Pool Feasibility Study. **COMMENTS:** Mr. Cindric reiterated prior comments that, given the current financial situation of the borough, this is not a wise move to spend money for a plan that will further encumber the borough with even greater debt right now. Mr. Bloom noted that this is just authorization to make application, and this doesn't cost the borough anything. Manager Sample confirmed that, but it does potentially commit the borough to provide matching funds for the project of approximately \$30,000. He also added that, in the past, we have applied for and were awarded grant funds, and turned them back; we do not want to have a reputation for such repeated actions, as this could have an adverse affect on the borough's future requests and grant applications. Mrs. Luxbacher felt that the whole scope, including the valley, should be included in the application, that green space could be the selling point in awarding this grant.

MOTION carried by Five Yes, Four No (*Byers, Cindric, Viola, Christman*) Roll Call Vote (5-4).

At this time, Mr. Cindric requested that Council act on the Mayor's Veto and her stated objections. Mr. Luxbacher felt this whole procedure was very confusing; and asked whose opinion does Council rely upon? **MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Cindric, seconded by Mrs. Viola, that Crafton Council overturn Mayor O'Connell's Vetoes of Council's motions #1, #2, and #3, as presented in her statement of objections to these three motions, dated April 8, 2009. **COMMENTS:** Mr. Crown requested the Solicitor's opinion on this action. Solicitor Ayoob stated that it is his belief that the Mayor has no basis to issue a Veto on those particular actions of Council. The motions of Council that were passed at the last meeting were not legislative, and as a result, does not grant the Mayor the ability to veto those motions. He added, that if his opinion is correct, under the law, the Mayor's Veto is a nullity, and therefore, any motion attempting to overturn, if unsuccessful would also be a nullity, and if successful, renders moot the whole dispute. Nullity meaning it has no force or effect. Mrs. Luxbacher noted, in response to comments made, that there has been no cavalier attitude, and the matter has been extremely thought out, and Council was just reacting to REMS request to negotiate renewal of their contract. As previously discussed, concerning all contract renewals, requests for proposal would be requested, reviewed and considered. That it came down to one item, having an EMS provider in the borough 24 hours a day/7 days a week, and also, not paying for fuel. She has no political agenda, she wants the best service for her family and this community, seconds count, quality of life and survival rate diminishes, and is not satisfied with knowing the national average response time – she wants someone responding in a minute or two. Mrs. Sappie agreed, that there was no political agenda. That when sitting through budget meetings, comments were made, such as: Need to be more hands-on with the operation of this borough, should know where our tax dollars are going, need to be careful of spending, need to watch the budget and budget line items, need to look at all contract services, need to save on insurance, need to shop around, need to get the biggest bang for our buck. Council did not go to REMS, a year before their contract was up, seeking proposals for EMS service. REMS came to the Borough; it was presented to Council at a

meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>, by the Mayor, whereas she said she was given a contract, by REMS, for an extension of three years – for a contract that wouldn't expire until the end of this year. As done for the lawn cutting services, proposals were requested; not that REMS was doing a bad job, but to see if a better service could be provided and at a savings to the borough, by the reduction of \$3,000 for fuel costs. There was some confusion on the proposed motion; Mr. Cindric went on to clarify the resulting affect of a Yes vote vs. a No vote. Solicitor Ayoob referred Mr. Cindric and Council to the appropriate method of acting on a Mayor's Veto; Section 1007 of the Borough Code. If the Veto is given validity, Council must reconsider the vote, remake those original motions, exactly as stated at the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, and this time, it would require a 2/3 vote of all members to pass the motion (6-3) and it shall be of full force and effect as if it had the Mayor's approval. Mrs. Sappie asked if they do not agree to proceed on reconsidering these motions, should they then just abstain. Solicitor Ayoob said that he could not advise Council on how they should vote. Mayor O'Connell stated that after a lot of deliberation and research, she has presented her Veto of these motions, and believes them to be legislative in nature, and therefore, subject to the Mayor's authority to Veto under certain circumstances. Mr. Cindric's motion was withdrawn, seconded by Mrs. Viola. He went on to restate the original motions, for reconsideration, being the subject action which was objected to by the Mayor's Veto.

**#1. MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Cindric, seconded by Mrs. Viola, to authorize the Borough Manager to execute the one hundred twenty (120) day written notice terminating the service agreement between the Borough and Robinson Emergency Medical Services per the conditions of the agreement.

MOTION failed by a Five Yes, Four No (*Byers, Cindric, Viola, Christman*); needing a Six Yes, Three No (2/3) vote to carry.

**MOTION #2** was considered a moot point, with no need to reconsider.

**#3. MOTION:** It was regularly moved by Mr. Cindric, seconded by Mrs. Viola, to authorize the Borough Manager to begin negotiations with NORTHWEST EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES to provide the Borough with Emergency Medical Services. **COMMENTS:** Solicitor Ayoob, again, stated that it is his opinion that the 120 day notice to terminate and this motion to begin negotiations are not legislative actions; they are administrative, and therefore, are not subject to a Mayor's Veto. The 120 day notice to terminate is a provision in an existing contract, which, administratively, Council can act on and it is not subject to a Mayor's Veto. Likewise, authorizing the Manager to negotiate with NorthWest is also administrative and is not subject to a Mayor's Veto.

MOTION failed by a Five Yes, Four No (*Byers, Cindric, Viola, Christman*); needing a Six Yes, Three No (2/3) vote to carry.

Mr. Bloom asked "where are we", what next? Solicitor Ayoob advised Council that they have gone through an exercise which is an illegal nullity, and he will provide that opinion in writing, as well as recognizing the fact that there is a need to undertake the task of appointing a new EMS provider within 120 days.

### **SET AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING OF April 22, 2009**

1. Summer Employment Hiring
2. Spring-Summer Newsletter

3. HDR Proposal
4. Resolutions (2) – Audio/Video Tape destruction, Buy American

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

All Councilmembers and Mayor O'Connell expressed their sympathy and condolences to the families of the fallen Pittsburgh Police Officers.

Mr. Donovan – Requested that everyone support the volunteer fire companies.

Mrs. Viola – Wished all a safe and blessed Easter and Passover. Reminder for the upcoming Ordinance Review Committee Meeting on Wed. April 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm.

Mananger Sample – Reported that Crafton has been awarded Tree City USA status for the 20<sup>th</sup> year. An Arbor Day celebration and tree planting is planned for April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2:00pm, at the Crafton Elementary School.

Mayor O'Connell – Reported that Capt. Sumpter and Officer Harvison would be representing the borough at the funeral procession for the three fallen officers. The department is considering the purchase and upgrading of new bullet proof vests; the current vests have expired. Some newer vests are made to defuse the affects of a taser. Purchase would be made from the Police Dept's forfeiture fund, which will pretty much empty out that account.

Mr. Bloom – Noted that when he ran for Council, he ran on a platform for common sense. With regard to this decision, it was business, taken very seriously – not personal, not Willy-Nilly. People were given false information and were not given all of the facts; blaming a particular member of Council – this is not true. Mr. Bloom's decision was based on common sense; he reviewed the proposals, and based on that information, he voted for what he felt was best for the entire community.

Mr. Crown – Reported that in July, he and Chief Hermes were part of a Committee of Council discussing ideas on funding the new aerial truck. As a result of these discussions, he was given the approval by Manager Sample and President Christman, to gather EMS information; he did not go out on his own. He had a good meeting with REMS, and they wanted something in writing for consideration; which he provided to them. There were no negotiations going on. When he was asked to cease talks with other EMS providers, he did so. He also mentioned that one of the members of the CVFD joined the Pgh. Police force, and knew and trained with one of the fallen officers very well; and he is extremely upset

Mrs. Sappie – Rec Board met and provided list of park maintenance and repair items, to Manager Sample. She noted that the Finance Committee will meet on April 15<sup>th</sup>, at 5pm, and again, requested input from the Council committee chairs and departments, whether or not budgets are on target or any unanticipated expenditures. She also reminded everyone of the Senior Citizen dinner on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Luxbacher – Reminded everyone of the April 25<sup>th</sup> Grand Opening of the Childrens' Room of the Library – all types of activities and refreshments – it's free, and is scheduled whether rain or shine. A basket raffle is planned to help fund a puppet theatre; donations for the basket can be dropped off a the Library.

Mr. Cindric – April 25, 9-12, collection of tires - \$2.00 per tire, additional 2.00 on rim, at Finlay Twp, public works in Clinton, sponsored by Independence Conservancy. Mr. Cindric confirmed that the CVFD's QRS was omitted from the PA Health Dept. website; upon calling them and inquiring, it was corrected. Mrs. Sappie inquired about any upcoming hazardous waste drop-offs – not certain; perhaps May 2<sup>nd</sup> at North Park.

Mrs. Tremblay – Reminder to provide article ideas and information for the Newsletter.

Mr. Christman – Reminder of the upcoming Crafton Celebrates meeting; on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm

**ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Larry Kerstetter, Belvidere Street – After hearing resident and Council comments, he supported an EMS provider that would be stationed in Crafton 24/7. He also noted that Council has only heard the support for REMS from a small group of residents at the meeting; less than 50, and Council has not heard support from the other 5,000 or so residents in the borough. Mr. Christman clarified that with REMS, the borough does have 24 hour service; 16 hours parked in Crafton and 8 hours from up the road near Robinson.

Crystal Boehm, Belvidere Street – May have misspoke earlier; feels she may not have had all of the facts, and has now heard both sides of the issue. She agrees that seconds matter in emergency responses. She would like the opportunity to review the EMS proposals, to be better informed, or even hear the EMS providers presentation again. Mrs. Sappie noted that NorthWest is a backup to REMS, so they are familiar with the streets in the area. She also questioned inspections or estimates being considered for Black's Bridge – Manager Sample explained that HDR is our bridge engineer and will be providing a proposal to prepare specs and bid documents for the necessary bridge repairs, for public bid.

John Zeigler, Crafton Plaza – Stated he is a 1<sup>st</sup> Ward resident and voter, and supports retaining REMS.

Doug Johnston, - Requested that perhaps the meeting Agenda could be posted on the borough's website a few days before the Council meeting; Mrs. Tremblay advised that they are posted, just started this approx. two meetings ago. He also expressed his disappointment in Councils comments and personal attacks displayed at the last Council meeting.

Harry Meredith, REMS – Reported that REMS will have a motorcycle present and participating in the funeral procession for the three fallen police officers.

**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 (9-0).

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary