

Borough of Crafton
Thursday, May 9, 2024

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1. CALL TO ORDER

President Oliverio called to order the Regular Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 7:07 PM.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Manager Price recorded seven (7) Members of Council present as follows: Ms. Bollenbacher (Via Zoom), Mr. Chandler, Ms. Compitello, Mr. Hough, Mr. Oliverio, Ms. Pulkownik, and Mr. Ridilla. Also present were Mayor Perry, Solicitor Korbel, Engineer Keenan and Engineer Minsterman.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the consent agenda for May 9, 2024, including:

1. Meeting Minutes – April 25, 2024.
2. Bill List – May 9, 2024.

MOTION #1: It was moved and seconded (*Bollenbacher/Pulkownik*) to approve the May 9, 2024, Consent Agenda, pending bill approval of the President, Manager, and Treasurer.

MOTION #1 carries by a Unanimous Vote (7-0).

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Charlene Krenke, 800 Clearview Ave, inquired about the paving of Middle Street.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Oliverio had nothing to report.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Perry had nothing to report.

8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- ***Executive Session*** - Solicitor Korbel announced that Council will hold an executive session following the meeting to discuss collective bargaining matters.

9. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Keenan gave an update on the following projects.

- ***Broadhead Project*** – Bid specifications are being updated to include the added alternatives. Planning to go out in the next few weeks.
- ***Stairs Improvement Project*** – On site pre-construction meeting will be held tomorrow. There will be a press release regarding the project pushed out.
- ***2024 Road Paving Plan*** – Bids were advertised and will be opened on May 30th. Bid award is expected tentatively on June 13th.

Engineer Keenan stated in response to Ms. Krenke's question regarding Middle Steet. He stated that surveying showed a poor grade as well as cracking in the asphalt on Middle Street. He gave a brief explanation of how the surveying software works.

- ***Pool Bathhouse Renovation*** – Ribbon Cutting ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 5:30PM. A press release will also be pushed for this project.
- ***P.A.W.C. Water Main Replacements*** – Sterrett, Crafton Blvd, and Parkview are complete, and Union is ongoing. Final restoration will be completed later in the summer.
- ***C-20 Update*** – Design work is ongoing, there are some changes to the design plan. ALCOSAN accepted the larger projects but had rejected the green infrastructure. The green infrastructure projects can be amended and resubmitted for the next grant cycle.
- ***Linden & Steuben Signal Improvement*** – Advertisements will go out on June 4, 2024, with an expected award date of June 13, 2024. This project is 100% funded through grant funds.
- ***EV Charging*** – Grant through Duquesne Light's Electrify Allegheny. Waiting for the final report from Duquesne Light Co. letting Crafton know what has been approved.

10. MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Price spoke on the following items.

- ***2023 Service Tax Credits*** – Volunteer Service Tax Credits for the tax year 2023.

MOTION #2: It was moved and seconded (*Ridilla/Compitello*) to approve the 2023 Volunteer Service Tax Credits in the amount of \$2,264.82 as presented, and certified by Jordan Tax Service, Inc.

Mr. Oliverio stated that any volunteer firefighter that lives in Crafton can take advantage of a 20% credit on their Property Taxes and, those who pay Crafton Earned Income Tax, can receive up to \$150.00 back on their EIT taxes.

MOTION #2 carries by a Voice Vote (7-0).

- ***Waste Collection RFP Process*** – The RFP has been sent to the solicitor for legal review.
- ***Community Funding FY25, Chris Deluzio*** – Crafton has applied for funding for the Crafton Boulevard Streetscape, in front of Crafton Elementary School. Project cost is estimated at 1.54 million, and Crafton has asked for 1.38 million in grant funds. Funds are based on a 20% match. Thank you to those who submitted a letter of support for this project.
- ***Planning Commission*** – Accept Matthew Greiner’s verbal resignation.

MOTION #3: It was moved and seconded (*Ridilla/Pulkownik*) to accept Matt Greiner’s resignation from the Planning Commission.

MOTION #3 carries by a Voice Vote (7-0).

11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, & SUSTAINABILITY

Ms. Perry had no update for this meeting as the Committee meets on Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

INFRASTRUCTURE & LAND USE

Ms. Compitello gave an update on the following projects.

- ***Multi-Municipal Zoning Update*** – Zoning Update is in its final stages. Drafts were received by the consultant and were reviewed by the Borough Staff. Steering Committee met yesterday, May 8, 2024, to review the drafts and will have time to submit comments. The consultants will have until the end of June to complete the documents and then the Borough will put them through Public Review before going to Council.
- ***Safe Streets for All Federal Grant*** – Crafton will apply for funding to create an action plan and is preparing for a May 16, application. This application can be pushed to the August due date if the timeline is not manageable. Funding included activities such as bike lane demonstrations. Crafton is seeking interest from other municipalities to strengthen the application.

Manager Price stated that he met with Thornburg and will meet with Rosslyn Farms. He added that Ingram and Carnegie were both also interested.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mr. Ridilla was not in attendance at the last meeting.

Manager Price stated that there was not a quorum so they will reconvene at their next meeting on May 28, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

COMMUNICATION & RECREATION

Ms. Bollenbacher gave an update on the following items.

- ***Upcoming Events – Save the Date***
 - Senior Dinners – Derby Dinner was a success. Thank You to Hanlon's for the catering.
 - Upcoming Dates
 - August 3, 2024 & November 2, 2024
 - Doors will open at 5:00 PM.
 - Music Festival
 - June 1, 2024
 - Line up is as follows:
 - 11:30 AM -1:00 PM - Shady Mugs – Southern Classic
 - 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM - Science Exhibit
 - 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM - Gary Prisby - Rock & Blues, 90's Music
 - 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM - The Honey Earners – 60's to Now
 - 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Jess Slides – Acoustic
 - Other Attractions: 15ft. Inflatable Slide, Spin Art, Food & Drinks.
 - Still accepting vendors and food trucks.
 - Independence Day Celebration
 - July 4, 2024
 - Still looking for non-profit booths.
 - Fall Fest
 - September 28, 2024
 - Still looking for vendors and food trucks.
 - Trunk or Treat
 - October 19, 2024
 - Crafton Park
 - Haunted Crafton
 - October 19, through October 31, 2024
 - Celebration of Lights
 - December 7, 2024
 - Holiday House Tour
 - December 15, 2024
 - More detailed information is to come on these events. Those wishing to volunteer should go to the website for more information.

- **Newsletter** –The next issue is planned for August. With the new format and publishing company, groups and individuals can expect to receive article and information requests very soon.
- **Crafton Logo** – Council will narrow the selection down to three and then send those out for public review and comment.

Manager Price gave a visual presentation of the remaining logo selections and added that the taglines can be interchangeable and are not specific to each design.

Council Members reviewed each of the logo's and discussed the meaning and reasoning for each design.

COMMISSION VACANCY

Ms. Pulkownik made the following appointments.

- **Civil Service Commission** – Change the status of Ms. O'Connell's appointment from an alternate position to a full voting member due to the resignation of Emily Babyak.

MOTION #4: It was moved and seconded (*Pulkownik/Ridilla*) to appoint Susan O'Connell to a term as a Civil Service Commission Alternate for a current term that will expire on July 1, 2028.

MOTION #4 carries by a Unanimous Vote (7-0).

MOTION #5: It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Ridilla*) to appoint Mercedes McCormick-Karl to a term as a Civil Service Commission Alternate that will expire on February 1, 2029.

MOTION #5 carries by a Unanimous Vote (7-0).

MOTION #6: It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Hough*) to appoint Mary Gild to a term as a Civil Service Commission Alternate that will expire on May 20, 2026.

MOTION #6 carries by a Unanimous Vote (7-0).

- **Zoning Hearing Board** – Appointing Cory Roma to the Zoning Hearing Board.

MOTION #7: It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Bollenbacher*) to appoint Cory Roma to the Crafton Borough Vacancy Board for a term to expire on December 21, 2025.

MOTION #7 carries by a Unanimous Vote (7-0).

- **Current Open Vacancies**

1. Planning Commission
2. Upcoming in 2024

- Civil Service Commission
- Planning Commission
- Recreation Board
- Zoning Hearing Board

** Interested candidates should apply on the Borough's website at www.craftonborough.com/commissions.*

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

Ms. Bollenbacher announced that the next COG meeting will be held Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 6:30 PM at North Fayette.

12. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Upcoming Council Meeting** – Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 7:00 PM.
- **Photo Contest – Due July 1st**. Winner will be photo printed in a large format and hung in the Borough Building or the Community Center. You can find the details at www.craftonborough.com.
- **Pool Passes** – Passes are available now at www.craftonborough.com/crafton-pool. You can complete your application and purchase your passes online.
- **Pool Bathhouse Ribbon Cutting** – May 23rd, at 5:30 PM at the Pool House. Representative Dan Deasy and Senator Wayne Fontana will be joining the Borough Council to open the new Pool Bathhouse.
- **Crafton's First Annual Music Fest** – Saturday, June 1st, 11 AM to 7 PM in Crafton Park. Come and listen to some local, awesome bands and talented artists playing throughout the day! Shop at the vendor market and enjoy some delicious food and drinks from the food trucks! Get a thrill on the inflatable 15-foot slide and enjoy other fun activities like yard games, spin-art, and an exciting science show! It is an event you do not want to miss.

Ms. Bollenbacher noted that there is a community organized yard sale for Saturday, May 11th, from 8AM to 2PM, in the areas of Hawthorne, Ewing, and Linwood.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

James Mangan, 96 Sterrett Street, spoke regarding his concerns about vehicles constantly running the stop sign near his home on the Pittsburgh side. He added that there are many kids out playing and riding bikes.

Greg Wozniak, 1773 Barr Avenue, spoke regarding the multiple projects ongoing in Crafton and asked if there were resources available online or that can be placed online for the public to review.

Cory Roma, 264 W. Steuben St, Apt D, thanked Council for appointing him to the Zoning Hearing Board. He inquired about the cameras on the Traffic Signals on Steuben Street.

Mr. Oliverio responded to Mr. Roma and stated that they are only motion cameras.

Mr. Oliverio also responded to Mr. Wozniak and stated that Crafton has a “Placemat Sheet” that tracks the projects. He noted that they will discuss if and what information can be shared.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary