

Borough of Crafton
Thursday, February 24, 2022.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

President Oliverio called to order the Council Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 7:15 PM.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Pledge of Allegiance

3. ROLL CALL

Interim Manager Sample recorded four (4) Members of Council present as follows: Ms. Compitello, Mr. Marks, Mr. Oliverio, and Mr. Ridilla. Also present were Mayor Perry and Solicitor Korb. Absent were Ms. Bollenbacher, Mr. Chandler, and Mr. Levasseur.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #1: It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Ridilla*) to approve the February 24, 2022, Consent Agenda (including the Meeting Minutes dated February 10, 2022, and the Bill List dated February 24, 2022).

MOTION #1 carries by a Unanimous Vote (4-0).

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Andrea Marquis, 38 Marion Street, spoke on behalf of the Library Board of Trustees and suggested that the Trustees and Council Members open a line of communication regarding the two Council appointed vacancies. She added that there are a few interested candidates.

Mr. Oliverio stated that the appointment process will be discussed during the Committee Reports.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS

Mr. Oliverio acknowledged the receipt of the following written reports for January 2022, including the Financial Statement, Act 511 and Trash Collection and Property Tax Collection, Police, EMS, Building Inspection, and Code Enforcement.

7. PRESIDENTS REPORT

Mr. Oliverio acknowledged the continuing work by the Council Committees on all of the ongoing projects.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Perry gave an update on the Perrine Street traffic concerns from the previous meeting and noted that the Chief of Police and the Interim manager have met with the Contractor to resolve the issues.

9. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Korbel had nothing to report.

10. MANAGERS REPORT

Interim Manager Sample stated that his written report was available for review on the OneDrive.

Interim Manager Sample noted that he is in contact with PennDOT and State Representative Deasy regarding the Steuben Street roadway conditions left by the Contractor for the Gas Company.

Interim Manager Sample announced that the demolition of 52 Baldwick Road will begin in the next few weeks. He added that there will be intermittent closures of ten minutes, two to three times daily, to allow for debris removal and added that traffic control measures will be in place.

11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Perry stated that the Organizational Assessment is underway and stated that an update will be forthcoming.

Mayor Perry added that the 2021 Financials will be available for review at the March meeting.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Ms. Compitello gave an update on the Master Site Plan and noted that a draft report will be available for Council in March. She noted that there are several projects regarding the Trails and Parks up for consideration. Ms. Perry added that, depending on the speed of the process, these projects would be included in the 2023 or 2024 budget.

Ms. Compitello noted that the Joint Zoning RFP has been published and bids are due on March 15, 2022. She discussed the interview process and stated that, if Ingram Borough agrees, the Planning Commission could have recommendations of a consulting firm at the April meeting.

Ms. Compitello added that Crafton Borough will enter into a joint municipal agreement with Carnegie Borough regarding the CDBG Year 47 Funds. She noted that due to the higher-than-expected bids for the Duncan Drainage Improvement project, Carnegie has offered to forward their funds to Crafton for this year and Crafton will forward its funds to Carnegie next year.

MOTION: #2: It was moved and seconded (*Ridilla/Compitello*) to award the Duncan Avenue Drainage Project to the low bidder Soli Construction with a base bid of \$52,680.

Interim Manager Sample noted that this is an ongoing issue that effects several residences in the project area.

MOTION #2 carries by a Unanimous Vote (4-0).

MOTION: #3: It was moved and seconded (*Ridilla/Compitello*) to direct the Interim Manager to execute the Mutual Agreement between Crafton and Carnegie Borough to reallocate funds between CD Year 47 and 48.

MOTION #3 carries by a Unanimous Vote (4-0).

MOTION: #4: It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Marks*) to adopt Resolution No. 2022-003 designating John Oliverio as the Attesting Official for the Borough of Crafton regarding the Public Works Building Complex Project.

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

Ms. Compitello stated that the Borough hires up to eight seasonal workers to aid the Public Works Department with the upkeep of the various Borough properties throughout the summer.

MOTION: #5: It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Marks*) to direct the Interim Manager to advertise and hire the Public Works Summer Help.

MOTION #5 carries by a Unanimous Vote (4-0).

COMMUNICATION, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mr. Marks noted that the newsletter is near completion.

Ms. Perry added that there will be a feedback survey regarding the newsletter for resident to submit.

MOTION: #6: It was moved and seconded (*Marks/Compitello*) to direct the Interim Manager to advertise and hire the Pool Manager and Staff for the 2022 pool season.

MOTION #6 carries by a Unanimous Vote (4-0).

COMMISSION VACANCY

Interim Manager Sample gave an update on the vacancy application process and added that there is an electronic application on the website that candidates can complete and submit, the deadline for submissions will be March 21, 2022. He added that in total there are twenty-one vacancies which are all listed on the website under Boards & Commission. Ms. Compitello requested that the applications also be available in the Borough Administrative Office.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

Mr. Ridilla spoke regarding the items discussed at the Char-West COG meeting, including a presentation by State Representatives Gaydos and Kulik about redistricting and the annual COG Banquet. He also noted that Mr. Nucci of Ingram Borough brought up the possibility of a multi-municipal order for Reclamite, a product that extends the life of asphalt roadways. Interim Manager Sample noted that the Borough has utilized this product in the past.

MOTION: #7: It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Ridilla*) to engage the services of the Cohen Law Group to assist in a franchise fee audit and cable franchise renewal negotiations with Comcast of Pennsylvania II, Inc.

Council discussed the process and fees associated with the renewal of the Franchise Fee contract.

Solicitor Korbel stated that he strongly recommends Cohen Law Group.

Ms. Compitello also added that the attorney fees will include an audit of prior year receipts.

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

12. BUSINESS AGENDA

Mr. Oliverio spoke in response to Ms. Marquis comment earlier in the meeting and reiterated the appointment process for the vacant board positions.

Mayor Perry stated that the Borough subsidized funds to the Crafton Public Library and added that in previous years, one of the appointed members has been a sitting Council Member. She added that this helps facilitate financial information from the Library to the Borough Council.

Mr. Oliverio also reminded Council Members that they can serve on these various Boards & Commission, with exception of the Zoning Hearing Board.

13. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Upcoming Council Meeting – Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 7:15 PM.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no citizen comments on non-agenda items.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary