

Borough of Crafton
Thursday, January 28, 2021.

(Meeting was held via Zoom Communications Webinar)

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Levasseur called to order the Regular Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 7:17 PM.

2. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mr. Levasseur.

3. ROLL CALL

Interim Manager Sample recorded six (6) members of Council, present as follows: Mr. Alo, Mr. Amendola, Mr. Crouse, Mr. Levasseur, Ms. Perry, and Mr. Saba. Also present were Mayor Bloom and Solicitor Korbel. Absent was Mr. Crown.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #1: It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/Alo*) to approve the January 28, 2021 Consent Agenda (Including the Meeting Minutes dated January 14, 2021 and the Bill List dated January 28, 2021).

MOTION #1 carries by a Unanimous Vote (6-0).

5. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS

Mr. Levasseur acknowledged the receipt of the following written reports for November and December 2020. Treasurer's Report, Financial Report, Act 511, Trash and Property Tax Collection Report, Police Report, EMS Report, Code Enforcement Report, Building Inspection Report and Library Report.

Mr. Amendola stated for the record that there have been no Fire Department or Public Works Department Reports submitted in the past several months.

Interim Manager Sample noted that he will work with the Public Works Forman on a format for reports going forward.

6. CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL/Agenda Items Only:

No one in attendance requested to speak.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Levasseur thanked Ms. Perry, Interim Manager Sample and everyone involved, for their assistance with securing the bonds and gave a brief update on the Borough status of receiving funds. He announced that the Borough of Crafton was given a double A minus (AA-) rating.

Mr. Levasseur also announced that the Planning Commission will be hosting a Community Visioning Workshop where they will discuss the progress on the Crafton Boulevard project.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bloom stated that there is an urgent need for Crossing Guards in the Borough. He added that anyone who is interested should reach out to the Borough Office to obtain an application.

9. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Minsterman was not in attendance.

10. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Korbel announced that Council held an executive session last evening to discuss real estate and litigation matters as well as to obtain legal advice.

11. MANAGERS REPORT

Interim Manager Sample noted that he has reached out to the surrounding south hills Managers to discuss the opening of pools for 2021. He also noted that there were two additions to the Agenda for this evening of which both are formalities needed to apply for grant money for the potential addition to the Public Works Facility and the Crafton Boulevard Streetscape project.

12. BUSINESS AGENDA

MOTION #2: It was moved and seconded (*Saba/Alo*) to instruct Gateway Engineers to prepare and advertise the bid for the 2021 Road Paving Program.

MOTION #2 carries by a Voice Vote (5-1). *AMENDOLA - NO*

MOTION #3: It was moved and seconded (*Saba/Alo*) to approve the lease between the Borough of Crafton and the Crafton Borough Public Library in a form acceptable to the Solicitor and President of Borough Council.

Mr. Amendola inquired about the wording of the motion that excludes the Borough Council as a whole.

Solicitor Korbel noted that this is typical wording that allows for nonmaterial changes if need be.

MOTION #3 carries by a Unanimous Vote (6-0).

MOTION #4: It was moved and seconded (*Alo/Perry*) to authorize the Interim Borough Manager to request a waiver from DCNR to use Environmental Planning and Design for the Community Parks and Master Site Plan.

Interim Manager Sample noted that this step, as recommended by DCNR, will save the Borough funds citing that Environmental Planning and Design had completed the Recreation

Comprehensive Plan in 2013 and has prior knowledge of the Boroughs past comprehensive plans.

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

MOTION #5: It was moved and seconded (*Saba/Alo*) to authorize the Interim Borough Manager to advertise for the hiring of two Full-Time Public Works positions.

Interim Manager Sample noted that these wages are budgeted in the 2021 Budget.

MOTION #5 carries by a Unanimous Vote (6-0).

MOTION #6: It was moved and seconded (*Perry/Saba*) to approve Resolution 2021-01 authorizing the Borough to submit a CITF Grant Application for the Public Works Facility Addition.

Mr. Levasseur noted that the opportunity to apply for these grant funds became available in the past week.

Ms. Perry also added that this project has been planned and discussed and will reduce the out-of-pocket expense for the Borough.

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

MOTION #7: It was moved and seconded (*Saba/Crouse*) to approve Resolution 2021-02 authorizing the Borough to submit a CITF Grant Application for the Crafton Boulevard Streetscape Project.

Mr. Amendola noted, it was his understanding, that Council agreed to focus solely on the Public Works Facility and to wait on the Streetscape project. He also inquired about the total amount of funds being applied for.

Interim Manager Sample clarified that both applications will be applied for the maximum amount of funds at \$250,000 for each project and noted that the Streetscape project is an alternate project in the chance the Public Works Facility project is not approved.

Council continued discussion on the level of priority of these projects and the timetable of gathering documents for these application deadlines.

MOTION #7 carries by a Voice Vote (5-1). *AMENDOLA - NO*

14. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Borough Office will remain closed to the public; however, staff is available during normal business hours and can be reached via telephone or e-mail. There is a drop-box in the rear of the building for any written correspondence. Any changes to this action will be posted on the Borough website and Savvy Citizen.

- CelebrateTheVotePA will be dropping a podcast on February 1st, to get the information out to the community regarding the timing and requirements to run for local office. Look for it at CelebrateTheVotePA.com and in posts on community Facebook Groups.

Mr. Levasseur thanked Ms. Herring for her service as Chairwoman on the Planning Commission. He also urged residents to apply for the various board and commission seats that are available.

Mr. Saba announced that he will be resigning from the Borough Council and moving from Crafton in order to focus his attention on his family. He thanked Council and the Community for their support.

Mr. Levasseur thanked Mr. Saba for his service on Council and gave condolences on his family's loss.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one in attendance requested to speak.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary