

Borough of Crafton
Thursday, May 23, 2024

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1. CALL TO ORDER

President Oliverio called to order the Regular Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Manager Price recorded six (6) Members of Council present as follows: Ms. Bollenbacher, Mr. Chandler* (via Zoom), Ms. Compitello, Mr. Hough, Mr. Oliverio, and Ms. Pulkownik. Also present were Mayor Perry, Solicitor Korbel and Engineer Keenan. Absent was Mr. Ridilla. *Mr. Chandler arrived via Zoom 7:03 PM.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the consent agenda for May 23, 2024, including:

1. Meeting Minutes – May 9, 2024,
2. Bill List – May 23, 2024,
3. February Reports – Manager’s Report, JTS Tax Collection Report, Community and Economic Development Report, Police Report, and Northwest EMS Report.

MOTION #1: It was moved and seconded (*Bollenbacher/Hough*) to approve the May 23, 2024, Consent Agenda, pending the bill list approval by the President, Manager, and Treasurer.

MOTION #1 carries by a Unanimous Vote (5-0). *Mr Chandler arrived during public comment.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no citizens requesting to speak on agenda items.

* Mr. Chandler entered the meeting via Zoom.

6. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Oliverio had nothing to report.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Perry had nothing to report.

8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Korbel made the following announcement.

- ***Executive Session*** – Council will hold an executive session following the meeting to discuss personnel matters and to seek legal advice.

9. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Keenan gave an update on the following projects.

- ***Broadhead Project*** – progressing as expected.
- ***Stairs Replacement Project*** – Promenade Street to Fountain Street stairs construction began this week.
- ***2024 Road Paving Plan*** – Pre-bid meeting was held last week.
- ***Pool Bathhouse*** – Ribbon cutting was held prior to the Council Meeting. Thank you to those who attended and to DCNR, Public Works, Seasonal Staff, and the Administration for working together to make this project a success.
- ***PAWC Water Main Replacements*** – First phase is complete; restoration will take place later in the summer.
- ***C-20 Update*** – Gateway continues to work on the design portion of the separation project and will be ready to submit to ALCOSAN by the end of June.
- ***Linden & Steuben Light Improvement*** – Project bid specifications have gone out for advertisement.
- ***EV (Electric Vehicle) Charging Stations*** – Site locations have been finalized and fleet assessments have been completed.

10. MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager price spoke on the following items.

- ***Eminent Domain*** – Ordinance authorizing the condemnation by eminent domain of real property for municipal purposes.

MOTION: #2: It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Bollenbacher*) to approve Ordinance #1678 condemning portions of lot 69-R-222 and 69-R-220 by eminent domain for municipal purposes.

MOTION #2 carries by a Unanimous Vote (6-0).

- ***Police Contract Extension*** – Crafton Borough will extend the Police Union Contract agreement by one year to allow the new Chief of Police to be involved in the negotiations.

MOTION: #3: It was moved and seconded (*Pulkownik/Compitello*) to approve a one-year extension of the Crafton Police Union Contract.

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

- ***Waste Collection RFP Process*** – Draft RFP has been sent out to the Finance Committee.
- ***Community Organization Meeting*** – A meeting was held to invite the community organizations, boards, and commissions to help coordinate events and to discuss how the Borough can assist.

11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, & SUSTAINABILITY

Ms. Perry gave an update on the following.

- ***Budget vs Actual*** – Unemployment Compensation is going to be over budget, otherwise the year-to-date budget vs. actual is looking good.
- ***Bond Sheet*** – Project sheet has been updated and is now available on the website.

INFRASTRUCTURE & LAND USE

Ms. Compitello gave a quick update on the following.

- ***Multi-Municipal Zoning Project*** – Drafts continue to be reviewed for edits.
- ***Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Federal Grant*** – Application is planned for an August submission. Crafton is hoping to partner with a few local municipalities on this application.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Manager Price stated that the next meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

COMMUNICATION & RECREATION

Ms. Bollenbacher made the following event announcements.

- ***Upcoming Events – Save the Date***
 - Music Festival
 - June 1, 2024 – 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM
 - Full day of music, food vendors, crafters, and free attractions.
 - Independence Day Celebration
 - July 4, 2024
 - Looking for Food Vendors and Non-Profits.
 - Senior Dinner Dates
 - Doors will open at 5:00 PM
 - August 3, 2024
 - November 2, 2024
 - Fall Fest
 - September 28, 2024
 - Looking for Food Vendors, Crafters, and Non-Profits.
 - Trunk or Treat - Kickoff
 - October 19, 2024
 - 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.

- ***Logo Update*** – Survey has gone out for public input.

- ***Newsletter*** – The next issue, under the new publisher, is planned for August 2024. Article requests are due by June 17, 2024, at 4:00 PM.

VACANCY COMMITTEE

Ms. Pulkownik gave an update on the current vacancies.

- ***Current Open Vacancies***
 1. Planning Commission 4/15/2025
 2. Upcoming in 2024
 - a. Civil Service expiring 7/1/2024
 - b. Recreation Board expiring 9/30/2024
 - c. Recreation Board expiring 9/30/2024
 - d. Zoning Hearing Board expiring 12/31/2024
 - e. Zoning Hearing Board expiring 12/31/2024
 - f. Zoning Hearing Board (alternate) expiring 12/31/2024

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

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

Ms. Bollenbacher stated that the next COG meeting will be June 20, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

12. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Upcoming Council Meeting** – Thursday, June 13 at 7:00 pm
- **Photo Contest** – Due July 1st. The winner will have a photo printed in a large format and hung in the Borough Building or the Community Center. You can find the details at Craftonborough.com.
- **Pool Passes** – Available now at craftonborough.com/crafton-pool. You can complete your application and purchase your passes online.
- **Memorial Day Ceremony** - Monday, May 27 at 12 Noon on the Brough Building lawn. Each year since 2005, the Brough has honored Crafton residents that gave their lives while serving in the US Military.
- **Crafton's First Annual Music Festival** – Saturday, June 1st 11:00 am – 7:00 pm in Crafton Park. Come and listen to some local 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!
- **Fourth of July Celebration** – Thursday, July 4th 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm in Crafton Park. More details to come!

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ben Valimont, 270 W. Steuben Street, spoke regarding the increased safety when implementing roundabouts and asked Council to consider including them in future projects.

Greg Wozniak, 1773 Barr Avenue, inquired about a timeline for the restoration of Sterrett Street from the Water Company line replacement.

James Mangan, 92 Sterrett Street, inquired about improving safety on Sterrett Street as driver continue to ignore the stop sign at Hall Avenue.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary