

Borough of Crafton
Thursday, June 12, 2025

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President, Mr. Oliverio, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Manager Price recorded five (5) Members of Council; present as follows: Ms. Bollenbacher, Mr. Chandler (via Zoom), Mr. Hough, Mr. Oliverio, and Ms. Pulkownik. Also present were Mayor Perry, Solicitor Korbel, Director Tedesco and himself. Absent were Mr. Choate, Ms. Compitello, and Engineer Keenan.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the consent agenda for June 12, 2025, including:

1. Meeting Minutes – May 22, 2025;
2. Bill List – June 12, 2025;

MOTION #1: It was moved and seconded (*Pulkownik, Bollenbacher*) to approve the June 12, 2025, Consent Agenda, pending the bill list approval by the President, Manager, and Treasurer.

MOTION #1 carries by a Unanimous Vote (5-0).

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Dave Supertzi, 61 Duncan Avenue, spoke regarding concerns with the restoration of Duncan, vehicles running the stop sign and speeding, poor signage, and the need for speedbumps.

Manager Price noted that the speed detection sign can be posted on Duncan which should help calm the speeding concerns and collect data on passing vehicles.

Mayor Perry stated that she will request that the Police Department spend additional time overseeing this area.

Faith Murphy, 107 ½ W. Steuben Street, spoke regarding the lack of availability of free events and public Wi-Fi at the Borough's parks and recreation facilities.

Manager Price stated that there are security protocols that are required to have a public Wi-Fi.

Ms. Bollenbacher noted that the Recreation Board is planning a swap-meet later in the fall. She also mentioned that there are a variety of free events available at the Library.

Mayor Perry added that the Crafton Public Library does have free Wi-Fi available in and around the facility.

Sandy Morris, 1781 Barr Avenue, spoke regarding the flooding on Perrine Street from the last major rainstorm.

Emily Fisher, 1785 Barr Avenue, also spoke regarding the flooding on Perrine Street and noted that she often will clean out the storm drains to help improve the water flow.

Steve Crescenzo, 79 Duncan Avenue, spoke regarding the restoration of Duncan Avenue and the vehicles speeding through. He also requested that the Borough consider installing speedbumps.

Greg Wozniak, 1773 Barr Avenue, noted that when Rush Alley was paved the contractor paved over an old inlet/catch basin contributing to the flooding of Perrine Street.

Debbie Reagan, 84 Duncan Avenue, also spoke regarding the paving on Duncan Avenue and expressed the need to have the full street restored once construction is completed.

Mr. Oliverio, read the following statements that were received via email.

Richard Suchant, 67 Duncan Avenue, expressed his support for full length paving of Duncan Avenue.

Phillip Petrie, 65 Duncan Avenue, also expressed his support for full length paving of Duncan Avenue.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Oliverio had nothing to report but asked residents to remain patient with all of the ongoing construction.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Perry spoke regarding the rising concerns surrounding the attempted kidnapping of a Borough resident on May 15, 2025. She noted that at that time mutual aid was brought in, and searches were underway but were unsuccessful. Mayor Perry stated that on the evening of Saturday, June 7, 2025, Allegheny County Swat Team responded to a request for assistance by the Crafton Police Department, by use of less than lethal munitions and a taser to apprehend a

suspect believed to be hiding inside of a home on Parkview Street. She noted that the individual was not the intended target; however, the individual identified as Richard Graham, was found to have multiple outstanding warrants in Pennsylvania and California. She expressed her concern that premature disclosure of information involving sensitive information, specifically on Social Media, can infringe upon the rights and confidentiality of all involved.

8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Korbel announced that on May 29, 2025, Council held an executive session to discuss property matters and to seek legal advice from the Solicitor.

9. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Manager Price gave an update on the Borough's ongoing projects in the absence of Engineer Keenan.

- **Broadhead Project** – A presentation of the Broadhead Sewer Separation Project was shared. The bids have closed, and we received notice that A. Merante was the lowest bidder out of four total bidders at \$6,154,811.25. This is \$100,000 less than what was budgeted for the Broadhead Portion of the project and it is entirely supported by three grants. A 3.74-million-dollar grant from ALCOSAN, a 2.3-million-dollar grant from the Commonwealth, and a 990-thousand-dollar grant from the Federal Government. The project total includes the base bid and alternates as follows:
 - i. Base Bid - \$5,582,872.00
 - ii. Belvidere – full sidewalk and curb replacement - \$97,602.50
 - iii. Rebecca – mill and pave - \$41,350.00
 - iv. Coulter – full sidewalk and curb replacement - \$268,500.25
 - v. Parke – full sidewalk and curb replacement - \$83,356.00
 - vi. Warren – full sidewalk and curb replacement - \$81,130.50
- **Perrine Street** – Originally to be done with Broadhead project. Setbacks with property permissions have caused delays. Presentation to Council showing timeline of events, project costs, grant details, process, city resolution, and ordinance.

Council Members had no objections to continuing the progress of the Perrine Street project.

- ***Ewing Road*** – Received updated estimates for additional options. Next step - Seeking feedback from Public Works and the property owners in the immediate area.
- ***C-20 Sewer Separation*** – Project is scheduled to move work onto South Linden Avenue beginning June 10th with temporary road closings and is scheduled to take twenty-six working days weather permitting. South Linden will be reopened to traffic at the end of each day. Mill and pave are scheduled for mid-June and include Duncan Street, Duncan/Steuben intersection and Steuben St. up to Crafton Park. **Night work is expected in July on Steuben St. from S. Linden intersection to W. Crafton. Night work on high volume roads significantly reduces the time required to complete the work.**

- i. Project impacted roads include Steuben St. (W. Crafton to Duncan), Linden Ave. (Maxwell to Steuben), and Duncan Ave. (Maxwell to Steuben).
 - ii. Expected completion: 11/12/25.
- ***Duncan Avenue Paving*** – An opportunity to completely restore the paving along Duncan Avenue within the work area (Maxwell to Steuben) from curb to curb is available. PA American water will be covering the cost of the asphalt restoration from their repair laterals and the areas in between. The remaining areas to fully pave curb to curb include a 3’-4’ width section from Maxwell to Steuben and the remaining end sections beyond PA American Water’s repairs at an estimated cost of \$17,250. Some contracted items are expected to be used little or not at all where this cost can be absorbed.

MOTION #2: It was moved and seconded (*Bollenbacher/Pulkownik*) to approve paving the additional areas mentioned above along Duncan Avenue beyond the contracted trench width and within the work area between Maxwell Street and Steuben Street including a total area of 750 square yards (SY), at the estimated cost of \$17,250.

Manager Price responded to Mr. Hough and explained that Tedesco is onsite right now, and this would be considered a change order. He added that the paving is expected to be completed mid-June.

Council Members discussed the original cost estimates, out of pocket expenses and where the project falls in the budget.

MOTION #2 carries by a Unanimous Vote (5-0).

- ***Crafton Boulevard Paving*** – Council has an additional opportunity to include Crafton Boulevard (near Duncan Avenue) in the change order for paving. It is recommended, due to the cost savings and current condition of the roadway, to include this in the change order at a cost of \$15,000.

MOTION #3: It was moved and seconded (*Pulkownik/Bollenbacher*) to approve paving large patches in areas of Crafton Boulevard near Duncan Avenue for the amount of \$15,000.

Mr. Oliverio noted that he drove by this area and the patches did not seem that bad and questioned if it would be more fiscally responsible to wait and add this to the paving program for next year.

Manager Price added that after further review, this section of Crafton Boulevard will be paved as part of the C-20 Sewer Separation road restoration.

MOTION #3 WITHDRAWN: It was moved and seconded
(*Pulkownik/Bollenbacher*) to withdraw the motion for paving of Crafton
Boulevard.

- ***DPW Building*** – Initial pay applications have been received and will be used towards the first grant reimbursement request due at the end of the month. General Contractor M A Dunn has requested to begin work and start delivering materials on Monday, June 16th.
- ***Steuben/Linden Intersection Improvements*** – New traffic signals have been switched over. A traffic signal pole on the Northwest corner remains and waiting to hear back on any other outstanding items. The grant reimbursement request has been submitted and verified.
- ***Linwood & Noble Park Survey*** – Both Linwood and Noble Park are currently in the design stage.
- ***2025 Road Paving & Brick Plan***
 - i. Brick road assessment planning has begun and site visits to the Borough streets will begin this later this month. The ongoing process will take several months.
 - ii. Road paving as part of the Broadhead Sewer Separation Project
 - Belvidere St
 - Broadhead Ave
 - Coulter St.
 - N. Emily St
 - Parke St.
 - Warren St.
 - Crennell Ave – Brick trench repair
 - N. Linwood Ave – Brick trench
- ***Permit Applications*** – Newly received permit applications for street utility work.

Road Construction & Excavation:

Applicant: Pennsylvania American Water
Location: 424 Mueller Avenue – 6' x 6'

Applicant: Pennsylvania American Water
Location: 165 Promenade Street – 15' x 4'

Applicant: Pennsylvania American Water
Location: 77 Taylor Street – 10' x 4'

Applicant: Pennsylvania American Water
Location: 92 Sterrett Street – 3' x 3'

10. MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Price gave a report on the following items.

- ***Trail Study Committee***
 - i. Public Engagement Session - Monday, June 23rd at 6:00 pm in Community Center.
 - ii. Survey - Residents should complete the online survey by July 1st at Craftonborough.com/trails.
- ***Safe Streets for All Grant*** – Applications are open now and due by June 26, 2025. Waiting to get confirmation from Carnegie Borough.
- ***Rental Inspection Safety Ordinance*** – Consideration of Resolution 2025-09, establishing a general schedule of fees, costs, charges, and expenses pursuant to Borough Ordinances, for the Rental Inspection Fee. It is recommended to lower the fee to \$55.00, with a re-inspections fee being waived, and a third inspection fee of \$50.00. Bulk inspections of five or more units at \$45.00. The registration fee will be 0.00; however, there will be a late fee assessed at \$20 for submitting a late registration.

MOTION #4: It was moved and seconded (*Hough/Pulkownik*) to Adopt Resolution 2025-09 establishing a general schedule of fees, costs, charges, and expenses pursuant to the updated Rental Inspection Ordinance.

Mr. Hough inquired about management of the registration, the stated language of a “third inspection,” and when the new fees go into effect.

Director Tedesco stated that the Borough will notify all property owners of the requirement and from there on, each property will be responsible to submit this annually by the deadline.

Solicitor Korbel suggested amending “third inspection” with each subsequent inspection.

Manager Price stated that these fees would go into effect immediately, but the inspections would start at the beginning of the year.

Ms. Bollenbacher spoke to clarify that the biggest change in the rental inspection ordinance is that inspections are required every three years, as opposed to when there is a change in tenants.

Director Tedesco stated that implementation and compliance would begin in January.

Manager Price stated that the current new code only requires landlords to have rental inspections every three years and with implementation beginning in the new year there would be no rental inspections.

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

- **11 Fountain Street** – Attempts to obtain the Administrative Search Warrant has been denied by the local Magisterial Judge, resulting in an appeal through the Court of Common Pleas.

Manager Price stated that this is a vacant and rebuildable home and Crafton would like to consider this home for conservatorship but must be able to gain access to for inspection first.

- **Clearview Trail** – The upper portion of the Clearview Trail has been opened. There are still one pole and cables that have not been cleared by Duquesne Light as of yet.

Manager Price added that there will be a motion on the next agenda for an unpaid internship for a resident who would like to do a project on historic signage. More information will follow as it becomes available.

11. COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Tedesco gave an update on the following items.

- **Ewing Road Lot Line Revision** – A brief presentation of the lot line revision request was given along with explanation of how the process will work. Planning Commission has passed the application, with conditions that the applicant must follow the recommendations by Gateway Engineers, which at this time the applicants have complied with this request.

MOTION #4: It was moved and seconded (*Pulkownik/Hough*) to approve the Heather Papinchak & Becky Bickford lot line revision application submitted by Tait Engineering, Inc, located on Ewing Road, as reviewed by Gateway Engineers in their letters dated May 21, 2025, and April 25, 2025, and recommended for approval by the Planning Commission on April 29, 2025.

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

- **Business Development Subcommittee** – Met this evening at 6:00 PM; The committee will host a mixer on July 24, 2025, at Fig Tree Coffee. Subcommittee continues to work on the shop local campaign and has discussed window decals to support this project. Their next formal meeting is not yet confirmed.
- **New Website** – Website is live currently for the testing stage. The .com website will remain up during the transition.
- **Planning Commission – Zoning Update**
 - **Next Meeting** – Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 6:30 PM – Council Chambers. Commission members will consider approving the Zoning Code Draft, which will then go on to the Borough Council.

- **82 Belvidere Conservatorship** – Estimates are being accepted for clean out of the property. RFQ's for construction will be the next step.

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, & SUSTAINABILITY

Mr. Hough will have an update at the next meeting.

INFRASTRUCTURE & LAND USE

Mr. Price gave a brief follow-up on the current grants.

- **Energy Audit** – Audit is in progress, no additional updates at this time.
- **DCED \$325,000 Grant** – Grant for multi-model pedestrian improvements in the downtown area. No match is required for this grant. The Business Development Subcommittee will be assisting with selection of the infrastructure projects.

COMMUNICATION & RECREATION

Ms. Bollenbacher gave an update on the following events.

- **Upcoming Events – Save the Date**
 - **Independence Day** – Friday, July 4, 2025.
 - Friday, July 4, 2025 – 4:00 PM to Dusk.
 - Entertainment: Inflatable Obstacle Course, Face Painting, Petting Zoo, Spin Art, Balloon Animals, Food Trucks and More!
 - Music: Smoke & Mirrors
 - Chief Ford will be in attendance for a meet and greet.
 - **Fall Fest** – Saturday, September 27, 2025.
 - **21+ Halloween Mini-Golf Event** – Tentative Date, October 11, 2025.
 - **Celebration of Lights** – Saturday, December 6, 2025.
 - **Holiday House Tour** – Sunday, December 14, 2025.
 - Interested in listing your house on the house tour? Reach out to the Recreation Board.
 - **Ongoing Library Events:**

- ***Coffee, Community & Creativity @ the Library*** – Saturdays from 12:00 to 3:00PM. Organized by the Crafton Recreation Board & the Crafton Public Library.
 - ***Yoga in the Park*** – Every Saturday (June through August) at 10PM. This is a free event!
 - ***Mini-Golf Course*** – Open for the season, every Friday & Saturday through August, 7PM to 9PM, \$2 per person to play.
 - ***Aqua-Robics Classes*** – Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00 PM, June through August, \$5 per class.
 - ***Group Swim Lessons*** – Crafton Pool offers swim lessons, at all levels, for ages 4+. Register at the Crafton Pool.
- ***Volunteers*** – Anyone who would like to volunteer for any of the Recreation Board Events can submit an interest form at www.craftonborough.com.
- ***Summer Newsletter*** – Newsletter should be hitting mailboxes next weeks.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS RECRUITING COMMITTEE

Ms. Pulkownik gave an update on the current and upcoming open seats.

- ***Current Vacancies*** –
 1. Civil Service Commission Alternate (1), six-year term, expiring 2/1/2029.
- ***Upcoming Vacancies*** –
 1. Zoning Hearing Board – (1), 3-year term, beginning 1/1/2026.
 2. Zoning Hearing Board Alternate (1), 3-year term, beginning 1/1/2026.

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

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

Ms. Bollenbacher noted that the next meeting will be held Thursday, June 19, 2025, at 6:30 PM, in Carnegie.

13. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Upcoming Council Meeting** – Thursday, June 26, 7:00 pm
- **Pool Passes** – Available now at craftonborough.com/crafton-pool. **The Pool is open for the season.** Passes are available for Crafton residents (Resident rate) and Carnegie,

Ingram, Rosslyn Farms, and Thornburg residents (Non-Resident rate). Rates are for Child, Adult, Senior, or Family.

- **Fourth of July Celebration** - Friday, July 4, 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM in Crafton Park. Enjoy music from a live band, food trucks, and free activities for the whole family that includes an inflatable obstacle course, inflatable basketball, petting zoo, balloon artist, and face painting! We will also be celebrating Chief Sumpter's retirement and swearing in new Chief Ford at 6:00 pm just before the Bands start. To end this fun family event, there will be a beautiful fireworks display at dusk!

Mr. Oliverio reminds residents that the Borough has an ordinance that restricts the rules around setting off fireworks.

Solicitor Korbel stated that there is no area within the Borough that falls under the "permitted" definition.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

James Mangan, 96 Sterrett Street, expressed his concerns for the safety of the children that reside on Sterrett and surrounding streets due to speeding cars and those not stopping at the stop signs. He inquired about having better patrol and installation of speedbumps.

Mayor Perry noted that she would request increased patrol from the Police Department.

Manager Price stated that he will ensure that the stop bar be painted as soon as possible.

Ms. Pulkownik inquired about posting a child at play sign.

Ben Valimont, 270 W. Steuben Street, suggested painting "CAUTION" on Sterrett Street.

Karen Tomcik, 50 Parke Street – inquired about replacement of the curbs for the Broadhead Separation restoration plans. She also inquired about the issues at the pool that had been mentioned earlier.

Manager Price stated that curbs are included in all "full-reconstruction." He noted that the pool failed the initial electrical inspection but added that all issues have been resolved and we have since passed the inspection.

Sandy Morris, 1781 Barr Avenue, noted that Crafton Boulevard was not listed as a roadway for paving in the Broadhead Project.

Greg Wozniak, 1773 Barr Avenue, spoke in support of Mr. Mangan's efforts to get some form of traffic calming measures done on Sterrett Street. He also inquired about recent discussions with the School Board in regard to the Linden Avenue property.

Manager Price stated that speed bumps are typically used when speeding is an issue. He added that, with use of the speed detector, it was determined based off of collected data that speeding is not the issue in this area.

Mayor Perry stated that the Borough received multiple requests for speedbumps and noted that this location does not warrant the need for a speedbump and would not benefit from it.

Mr. Oliverio stated that communications with the School District at this point are just to create a relationship with the board members.

Cody Sheets, 152 Promenade Street, spoke in regard to the traffic calming measures and inquired if the speed detection sign detect if vehicles are running a stop sign. He also inquired about the cost of installing a speedbump.

Manager Price noted that the sign cannot detect if vehicles are running a stop sign. He added that a speedhump or speed table would cost the Borough 5-7K.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary