

Borough Council Meeting — September 24, 2026 | 7:00 PM

*Budget Workshop @ 6:00 PM | Council Chambers, 140 Bradford Ave | Zoom available at craftonborough.gov
Timestamps link directly to the [YouTube recording](#). Click any ► timestamp to jump to that moment.*

CALL TO ORDER / FLAG SALUTE / ROLL CALL

► 0:00

Present: Bollenbacher, Compitello, Marks, Pulkownik, Oliverio, Wozniak. Absent: Mr. Hough.

CONSENT AGENDA

► 1:10

- Approval of Council Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2026 (*held for revision; see note below*)
- Bill List – September 24, 2026
- Reports – Manager's Report, Treasurer's Report, JTS EIT Collection Report, Library Report, Code Enforcement Report

MOTION: *To approve the September 24, 2026, Consent Agenda pending bill list approval by Borough President, Manager, and Treasurer, with exception of the September 10, 2026, meeting minutes. ✓ Motion passed.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

► 5:11

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

► 12:39

Construction Projects ► 12:39

Asking for patience with road closures, detours, and delays associated with several infrastructure projects throughout the Borough.

MAYOR'S REPORT

► 13:15

No report this evening.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

► 13:17

No public report this evening.

MANAGER'S REPORT

► 13:26

Salt Contract thru SHACOG – 81% Price Increase ► 13:29

Char-West COG has gone out to bid for salt; Crafton has joined that effort. One alternative bid already received; awaiting others. Decision required by October.

New Staff Members ► 14:29

Two new hires joining the Borough:

- Corey Chrisman – Director of Borough Services
- Bethani Cameron – Community and Economic Development Director

2027 Budget Schedule ► 14:57

Budget Workshops – 6:00 PM

- October 8
- October 22
- November 12
- November 23
- December 10 – Final Workshop

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Presented by Manager Price (Engineer Baker absent). [▶ 16:59](#)

Broadhead Sewer Separation Project [▶ 16:59](#)

- Paving – Broadhead Ave. and N. Emily remain to be paved; bulk paving may be complete as of this week.
- Lawn restoration continues.
- Large punch list of items under review.
- Expected project completion – October 2026.

Perrine Street Sewer Project [▶ 20:02](#)

Bid opening October 15.

2026 Crafton Sewer System Repairs (Operations and Maintenance) [▶ 20:02](#)

- Contract B – MH to MH Lining – Working on punch list items.

Noble and Linwood Parks – \$500K Project (\$250K grant / \$250K match) [▶ 20:02](#)

Plans finalized. Cost estimates under review.

People's Gas Line Replacement – West Steuben Street [▶ 21:30](#)

Work ongoing; 8 AM–4 PM Monday–Friday. Detours to be posted as work nears the Thornburg Bridge.

2026 Road Paving and Brick Plan [▶ 21:37](#)

- Brick Street Repairs – Change order accepted for Crennell Ave. repairs (Cilenti); work expected October.
- Road Paving – Alex Paris Contracting milling and paving started this week.
 - Fountain Street (portion)
 - Linwood Park Alley

Broadhead Sewer Separation Project paving status:

- Crafton Blvd — complete
- Broadhead Ave. — base layer paved
- Warren St. — complete
- Parke St. — complete
- Coulter St. — complete
- Crennell Ave. — complete
- N. Linwood Ave. — complete
- Rebecca St. — complete
- N. Emily St. — partially complete
- Belvidere St. — complete
- Street Permits Received – Utility work:
 - PA American Water – 436 Mueller Ave; Crafton Blvd at Hawthorne
 - Peoples Gas – 321 Clearview Ave

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

[▶ 24:06](#)

82 Belvidere Conservatorship RFP – Update [▶ 24:06](#)

Imagine Linden Engagement Schedule – OHM Advisors [▶ 24:06](#)

- Focus Groups – October
- Interviews – October
- Open House – November/December

STANDING COMMITTEES

[▶ 24:53](#)

Finance, Administration & Sustainability — Mr. Marks (acting) [▶ 24:58](#)

Public Works CBA [▶ 24:58](#)

Awaiting actuarial review of retirement plans.

August Financials – Budget vs. Actual [▶ 24:58](#)

General Fund	Budget	Actual	% Over/Under	Last Year
Income	\$6,789,206	\$5,200,793	76.6%	\$5,010,460
Expense	\$6,804,206	\$4,330,823	63.6%	\$4,096,525
Net Income		\$869,969		\$913,936
Road Fund*	Budget	Actual	% Over/Under	Last Year
Income	\$407,000	\$14,600	3.6%	\$30,601
Expense	\$407,000	\$140,357	34.5%	\$13,152
Net Income		(\$125,757)		\$17,449
Sewer Fund	Budget	Actual	% Over/Under	Last Year
Income	\$2,898,436	\$2,028,659	70.0%	\$2,069,771
Expense	\$2,898,436	\$1,185,010	40.9%	\$1,195,591
Net Income		\$843,649		\$874,180

*Road Fund will receive a scheduled \$400K transfer from reserves at end of calendar year.

Infrastructure & Land Use — Ms. Compitello [▶ 25:31](#)

DCNR/GEDTF Pool Area Improvement Grants (total \$404,700) [▶ 25:31](#)

Updating cost estimates and determining what work beyond the water slide can be completed within the \$500,000 budget.

DCED \$325,000 Grant – Pedestrian & Business District Improvements [▶ 27:57](#)

Design review ongoing. Working with lighting consultants on samples, pricing, and new pole installation.

Communication & Recreation — Ms. Bollenbacher [▶ 28:15](#)

2026 Community Events

- 🎉 Fall Fest – Saturday, September 26 | 12–6 PM | Crafton Park *Mingo Creek Band, face painting, balloon artist, axe throwing, kids' crafts, food and beer vendors, craft vendors, pony/horse rides, cornhole tournament, arcade games. Pup Parade (benefiting Animal Lifeline Pittsburgh) and Little Pumpkin Baby Crawl. All details at craftonborough.gov.*
- 🌱 Native Plant & Seed Swap and Audubon Bird Walk – Saturday, October 3 | Crafton Park
- 🎃 21+ Halloween Mini Golf – Saturday, October 17 | 7–10 PM | \$10, BYOB, food truck
- 🎃 Kids Halloween Mini Golf – Friday, October 30 | 6–7 PM
- 📚 Community Free Swap – Saturday, November 21 | Community Center
- 🎄 Crafton Holiday Celebration – Saturday, December 5
- 🏠 Holiday House Tour – Sunday, December 6

Ongoing Events

- 🎃 Spooktacular Mini Golf – Fridays & Saturdays | October | 7–9 PM | \$2/round
- 🧘 Yoga in the Park – Saturdays | 10 AM | Through September
- 📧 Newsletter – Early February, June, October
- 👋 Volunteers needed – craftonborough.gov

Boards & Commissions Recruiting — Ms. Pulkownik [▶ 35:39](#)

Recreation Board – Elizabeth Doering Reappointed [▶ 35:39](#)

MOTION: To reappoint Elizabeth Doering to the Recreation Board for a term that will expire on September 30, 2030. ✓
Motion passed.

Current Open Positions — apply at craftonborough.gov/boardscommissions

- Recreation Board – 4-year term (1) | expires 9/30/2030
- Civil Service Commission – 6-year alternate seat (2) | terms expire 2/1/2029 and 5/20/2032

Upcoming Positions in 2026:

None.

Char-West Council of Governments — Mr. Wozniak ▶ [35:44](#)

COG meets the third Thursday of each month. Next meeting October 15. Agenda and minutes posted to OneDrive.

** COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

▶ [36:31](#)

-  Next Council Meeting – Thursday, October 8 @ 7:00 PM; Budget Workshop @ 6:00 PM
-  Employment Opportunities – Substitute Part-Time Crossing Guard for Crafton Elementary | craftonborough.gov/employment
-  Spooktacular Mini Golf – Fridays & Saturdays | October | 7–9 PM (\$2). 21+ Halloween Mini Golf October 17 | 7–10 PM (\$10, BYOB, food truck, entertainment). Kids Halloween Mini Golf October 30 | 6–7 PM.
-  Halloween – Trick or Treating: Saturday, October 31 | 6–8 PM. Police and VFD on patrol.
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** PUBLIC COMMENT**

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■ ADJOURNMENT

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