

## Borough Council Meeting — October 22, 2026 | 7:00 PM

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

### CALL TO ORDER / FLAG SALUTE / ROLL CALL

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### CONSENT AGENDA

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- Approval of Council Meeting Minutes – October 8, 2026
- Bill List – October 22, 2026
- Reports – Manager's Report, Code Enforcement Report, Library Report, Treasurer's Report, Police Department Report, Northwest EMS Report, Building Inspection Report, Borough Services Report, Mayor's Report

**MOTION:** *To approve the October 22, 2026, Consent Agenda pending bill list approval by Borough President, Manager, and Treasurer.* ✓ **Motion passed.**

### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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#### **Construction Projects** ► [3:12](#)

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

### MAYOR'S REPORT

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### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

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### MANAGER'S REPORT

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#### **Rental Inspection Ordinance** ► [5:22](#)

Drafting exception language for units already inspected through HUD's annual NSPIRE inspection process.

#### **Verizon Franchise Fee Audit – Cohen Law Group** ► [5:32](#)

Audit identified an underpayment by Verizon of \$25,486.74.

#### **2027 Budget Schedule** ► [6:00](#)

##### **Budget Workshops – 6:00 PM**

- November 12
- November 23
- December 10 – Final Workshop

### ENGINEER'S REPORT

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#### **Broadhead Sewer Separation Project** ► [8:05](#)

- Punch list work to continue in November.
- Main project work is complete.

#### **Perrine Street Sewer Project** ► [9:10](#)

Lowest responsive and responsible bidder: Independent Enterprises, \$369,870 (estimated: \$475,000).

**MOTION:** To accept Independent Enterprises' bid of \$369,870 for the Perrine St. Sewer Separation Project as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder as recommended by Gateway Engineers. ✓ **Motion passed.**

#### **Noble and Linwood Parks – \$500K Project (\$250K grant / \$250K match)** [▶ 11:17](#)

Plans finalized. Extension request submitted to DCNR. Going out to bid when DCNR confirms contract.

#### **People's Gas Line Replacement – West Steuben Street** [▶ 11:17](#)

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

#### **Stop Signs – Warren, Parke, Coulter at Broadhead Ave.** [▶ 13:32](#)

Ordinance update being drafted; for consideration at November 12 Council meeting.

#### **Crafton and Noble Intersection – Safety Concerns** [▶ 14:08](#)

Safety concerns at the Crafton Ave. and Noble Ave. intersection – update.

#### **2026 Road Paving and Brick Plan** [▶ 24:50](#)

- Brick Street Repairs – Crennell Ave. change order (Cilenti) – work started this week.

#### **2027 Road Paving – Estimates** [▶ 24:50](#)

- Core collector streets only: \$325,000
- All recommended streets: \$430,000
- Reclamite on surfaces paved in 2026: \$30,000

#### **Street Permits Received – Utility Work** [▶ 24:50](#)

- Duquesne Light Company – Pole Replacement (#400259), 115 Haldane Street

### **COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

[▶ 29:00](#)

#### **82 Belvidere Conservatorship RFP – Update** [▶ 29:00](#)

#### **Imagine Linden Engagement Schedule – OHM Advisors** [▶ 29:00](#)

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

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

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#### **Finance, Administration & Sustainability — Mr. Hough** [▶ 29:43](#)

##### **September Financials – Budget vs. Actual** [▶ 29:43](#)

| General Fund      | Budget      | Actual             | % Over/Under | Last Year   |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Income            | \$6,789,206 | \$5,637,102        | 83.0%        | \$5,445,214 |
| Expense           | \$6,804,206 | \$5,223,758        | 76.8%        | \$4,845,642 |
| <b>Net Income</b> |             | <b>\$413,344</b>   |              | \$599,572   |
| Road Fund*        | Budget      | Actual             | % Over/Under | Last Year   |
| Income            | \$407,000   | \$14,746           | 3.6%         | \$33,217    |
| Expense           | \$407,000   | \$200,552          | 49.3%        | \$24,524    |
| <b>Net Income</b> |             | <b>(\$185,806)</b> |              | \$8,693     |
| Sewer Fund        | Budget      | Actual             | % Over/Under | Last Year   |
| Income            | \$2,898,436 | \$2,256,201        | 77.8%        | \$2,348,342 |
| Expense           | \$2,898,436 | \$1,600,572        | 55.2%        | \$1,216,482 |
| <b>Net Income</b> |             | <b>\$655,629</b>   |              | \$1,131,860 |

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

### **Public Works CBA** [▶ 29:48](#)

Awaiting actuarial review of retirement plans.

### **Wage Resolution – Update** [▶ 29:48](#)

### **Infrastructure & Land Use — Ms. Compitello** [▶ 32:37](#)

#### **DCNR/GEDTF Pool Area Improvement Grants (total \$404,700)** [▶ 32:41](#)

Reviewing slide options for approval at next meeting.

### **DCED \$325,000 Grant – Pedestrian & Business District Improvements** [▶ 32:37](#)

Waiting on lighting samples for Council review.

### **Communication & Recreation — Ms. Bollenbacher** [▶ 37:07](#)

#### **2026 Community Events**

- 🎃 Community Pumpkin Carving – Saturday & Sunday, October 24 & 25 | 12–4 PM | Crafton Park *Pumpkins, carving tools, and snacks provided.*
- 🎃 Kids Halloween Eve Mini Golf – Friday, October 30 | 6–7 PM
- li>• 📦 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
- 📰 Newsletter – Published early February, June, November
- 🙋 Volunteers needed – [craftonborough.gov](http://craftonborough.gov)

### **Boards & Commissions Recruiting — Ms. Pulkownik** [▶ 40:47](#)

#### **Current Open Positions — apply at [craftonborough.gov/boardscommissions](http://craftonborough.gov/boardscommissions)**

- Civil Service Commission – 6-year alternate seat (1) | expires 5/20/2032

#### **Upcoming Positions in 2027:**

- Shade Tree Commission – 5-year term (1) | begins 3/31/2027
- Planning Commission – 4-year term (1) | begins 4/13/2027
- Library Board – 3-year term (1) | begins 5/18/2027
- Recreation Board – 4-year term (3) | begins 12/31/2027
- Zoning Hearing Board – 3-year term regular (2) and alternate (1) | begins 12/31/2027

### **Char-West Council of Governments — Mr. Wozniak** [▶ 42:01](#)

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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- 📅 Next Council Meeting – Thursday, November 12 @ 7:00 PM; Budget Workshop @ 6:00 PM
- 💼 Employment Opportunities – Substitute Part-Time Crossing Guard for Crafton Elementary | [craftonborough.gov/employment](http://craftonborough.gov/employment)
- 🎃 Pumpkin Alley – Community Pumpkin Carving | Saturday & Sunday, October 24 & 25 | 12–4 PM | Crafton Park *Pumpkins, carving tools, and snacks provided!*
- 🎃 Spooktacular Mini Golf – Fridays & Saturdays | October | 7–9 PM (\$2). Kids Halloween Mini Golf October 30 | 6–7 PM.
- 🎃 Halloween – Trick-or-Treating: Saturday, October 31 | 6–8 PM. Police and VFD on patrol.
- 🗳 Election Day – Tuesday, November 3 | 7:00 AM–8:00 PM. Please confirm your polling location.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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