

Borough Council Meeting — September 10, 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

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CONSENT AGENDA

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- Approval of Council Meeting Minutes – August 27, 2026
- Bill List – September 10, 2026

MOTION: *To approve the September 10, 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 [► [19:55](#)]

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

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9/11 25th Anniversary Remembrance [► [23:20](#)]

Recognizing the 25th anniversary of September 11. American Legion Post 82 (Carnegie) annual ceremony of remembrance: September 11, noon, 421 James Street. Free parking in the Legion lot. All are welcome.

September – National Hunger Action Month [► [24:02](#)]

Recognizing hunger resources in the community: Crafton Ingram Food Pantry (Bradford Ave.), summer lunch program at local elementary schools, and Boy Scout food drives. Thanking all who donate time, money, or food to support neighbors.

School Bus Camera Enforcement [► [26:00](#)]

School is back in session. School buses are equipped with automatic cameras that capture violations when the stop sign is extended. Penalties are significant.

FBI Leadership Class at Community Center [► [26:35](#)]

CPD hosting an FBI leadership class all next week at the community center – 40 participants. Expect additional cars and activity at the center.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

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No public report this evening.

MANAGER'S REPORT

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Salt Contract thru SHACOG – 81% Price Increase [► [28:49](#)]

One alternative bid received at approximately \$30/ton lower than SHACOG. Awaiting additional bids. Borough has until October to decide; at minimum, the alternative may cover through December, allowing a new bid in January.

Open Staff Positions – Update [[▶ 29:28](#)]

Mason Wilkerson hired as Building Code Official and Inspector. Started this week.

30 Elmwood Street Demolition [[▶ 29:51](#)]

Bid approved. Demolition to be completed by end of October.

Request for Bricks – Fryer Wright Excavating [[▶ 30:00](#)]

Fryer Wright Excavating has requested to purchase 1,999 red bricks from the Borough stockpile (est. 14,000 red bricks on hand).

MOTION: *To approve Resolution 2026-15 permitting the Borough to sell 1,999 red bricks to Fryer Wright Excavating at a cost of \$1,999.* ✓ **Motion passed.**

Minimum Municipal Pension Obligation (MMO) [[▶ 39:36](#)]

2027 MMO: \$155,392 into the Police Pension Fund and \$100,583 into the Non-Uniform Pension Fund. Both pension plans are currently funded at over 100%.

MOTION: *To approve Resolution 2026-14 adopting the 2027 Minimum Municipal Pension Obligation (MMO) of \$155,392 into the Police Pension Fund and \$100,583 into the Non-Uniform Pension Fund.* ✓ **Motion passed.**

2027 Budget Schedule [[▶ 40:59](#)]

Budget workshop held tonight at 6:00 PM. Budget preview deferred to September 24 workshop. See schedule below.

Budget Workshops – 6:00 PM

- September 24
- October 8
- October 22
- November 12
- November 23
- December 10 – Final Workshop

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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Broadhead Sewer Separation Project [[▶ 41:17](#)]

- Paving – Parke, Belvidere, Rebecca, and N. Emily have been paved or will be paved this week. Final wearing course on remaining streets to follow.
- N. Emily – Curb installation from Coulter to Park to begin next week; final paving to follow.
- Lawn restoration has started.
- Punch list – Partial punch list issued to contractor; walkthrough of full project underway.
- Expected project completion – October 2026.

Perrine Street Sewer Project [[▶ 43:15](#)]

Out to bid. Mandatory pre-bid September 15. Bid opening October 15. Contractors required to use Rush Way and Alley A for construction access.

2026 Crafton Sewer System Repairs (Operations and Maintenance) [[▶ 43:57](#)]

- Contract B – MH to MH Lining – All lining work complete. Punch list issued; contractor working through cleanup and re-TV items.

Noble and Linwood Parks – \$500K Project (\$250K grant / \$250K match) [[▶ 44:08](#)]

Plans finalized. Mid-block crossing on Noble Ave. not recommended by Gateway – PennDOT requires 40 pedestrians/hour and no crosswalks within 300 feet; adjacent intersections disqualify it. Alternative crossing at Sydney Ave. not recommended due to sharp curve. Crosswalk improvements at existing intersections to be

discussed at Infrastructure Committee. Revised plans (without mid-block crossing) to be presented at next meeting.

CoStar quotes still needed before going out to bid. Paving likely Spring 2027.

People's Gas Line Replacement – West Steuben Street [[▶ 47:07](#)]

Work ongoing. PennDOT-approved hours expanded to 8 AM–4 PM Monday–Friday. Detours to be posted as work nears the Thornburg Bridge.

Crafton Blvd Improvements – LSA Grant (\$120K) [[▶ 48:01](#)]

Extension approved. Coordinating with School District on findings. Scope: four lights, EV charger in school parking lot, and required tree plantings.

Crafton Elementary/Blvd Streetscaping Project – \$1.39M Grant [[▶ 48:01](#)]

City portion of project being separated out for City review. PennDOT procuring a third-party program administrator; grant contract not yet in hand. Construction most likely 2028 due to procurement and multi-agency coordination.

2026 Road Paving and Brick Plan [[▶ 54:24](#)]

- 2026 Brick Street Repair – Work complete. Crennell Ave. change order (accepted Aug. 27) – Cilenti to complete repairs in October after Broadhead project clears.
- Road Paving – Alex Paris Contracting base bid accepted. Contracts signed; pre-construction meeting to be scheduled for Fountain Street (portion) and 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. — complete
- Belvidere St. — complete
- Street Permits Received – No new permits.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

[▶ 56:14](#)

82 Belvidere Conservatorship RFP – No update at this time [[▶ 56:14](#)]

TriCOG Land Bank Properties (4) – Update [[▶ 56:36](#)]

Borough has until September 22 to object (requires super-majority of 6 votes). Motion to amend the agenda to request a 30–90-day extension voted on – did not pass (3 yes / 4 no).

MOTION: *To amend the agenda to add a motion requesting an extension of the TriCOG Land Bank objection deadline.* **✗ Motion did not pass.**

Imagine Linden Engagement Schedule – OHM Advisors [[▶ 1:07:07](#)]

- August 10 – Public Engagement Session – Complete (video posted to Borough YouTube)
- August 24 – Public Engagement Session – Complete
- Survey – Launched August 14; closed September 4
- Focus Groups – September/October (4 planned: adjacent neighbors, green space advocates, under-35 residents, general stakeholders)
- Interviews – September/October (community leaders, business owners)
- Open Houses – November or early December (findings presentation)

STANDING COMMITTEES

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Finance, Administration & Sustainability — Mr. Hough ▶ [1:17:12](#)

Public Works CBA [▶ [1:17:12](#)]

Awaiting actuarial review of retirement plans. Borough and Public Works Union exploring move from pension to 457/401 plan (better match, shorter vesting, employee contributions allowed).

Infrastructure & Land Use — Ms. Compitello ▶ [1:20:56](#)

MAP Grant Application – Comprehensive Plan Funding [▶ [1:20:56](#)]

Applied for \$50,000 in MAP grant funding (DCED) for Crafton's comprehensive plan update on September 1. Grant requires 50% match; total project budget ~\$100,000. Decision expected January/February 2027.

DCNR/GEDTF Pool Area Improvement Grants (total \$404,700) – Bids Received [▶ [1:23:16](#)]

Bids received and under review. Low bid: \$529,000; high bid: \$1.1 million – significantly over the \$404,700 grant total. Infrastructure Committee to review options, including scope reductions and in-house work. Borough has 60 days to act on bids. Old pool slide removed (was a safety liability); new slide remains the priority of the project.

DCED \$325,000 Grant – Pedestrian & Business District Improvements [▶ [1:27:04](#)]

Design review ongoing. Working with lighting consultants on samples, pricing, and new pole installation along Stotz Ave. and E. Crafton Ave.

Communication & Recreation — Ms. Bollenbacher ▶ [1:28:59](#)

Pet Parade – Lift Dog Ban for Fall Fest [▶ [1:28:59](#)]

MOTION: *To lift the Borough's ordinance banning dogs in Crafton Park for one day, Saturday, September 26, to allow the Rec Board to host a pet parade during Crafton's Annual Fall Fest.* ✓ **Motion passed.**

2026 Community Events

- 🎉 Fall Fest – Saturday, September 26 | 12–6 PM | Crafton Park *Mingo Creek Band (2–5 PM). Pup Parade registration 12:15, parade 12:30 (\$10/dog, leash required, charity proceeds). Baby Crawl Contest registration 12:45, crawl 1:00. Cornhole tournament 3:00 PM. Food trucks (5–6), 3 breweries, 20+ craft vendors. Entertainment: ax throwing, horse/pony rides, arcade games (Church Arcade), pumpkin painting, inflatable obstacle course. Register at craftonborough.gov.*
- 🎃 21+ Halloween Mini Golf – Saturday, October 17 | 7–10 PM *\$10/person, BYOB, Pittsburgh Crepe food truck. Costumes encouraged. Tickets at craftonborough.gov.*
- 🎃 Kids' Halloween Mini Golf – Friday, October 30 | 6–7 PM *Costumes encouraged. Candy and surprises. Regular mini golf hours (7–9 PM) to follow.*
- 🛒 Community Free Swap – Saturday, November 21 | 9 AM–1 PM | Community Center *Drop-off: Friday Nov 20 (6–8 PM) and Saturday (8–11:30 AM). Gently used housewares, clothing, decor, and more. Items not taken will be donated.*
- 🎄 Crafton Holiday Celebration – Saturday, December 5 *At Crafton Circle/Stotz Ave. (Stotz closed 4–8 PM). Santa, Mrs. Claus, vendors, pop-up event at Circle Inn.*
- 🏠 Holiday House Tour – Sunday, December 6 | 1–6 PM *Confirmed to proceed. Tickets on sale at Fall Fest (QR code/online). Physical tickets available later at library and borough building. Additional homes still welcome.*

Ongoing Events

- 🏌️ Mini Golf – October only | Fridays & Saturdays | 7–9 PM | \$2/round *Closed September for Halloween setup. Show receipt at Crafton's Ice Cream Delight for a free treat.*
- 🧘 Yoga in the Park – Saturdays | 10 AM | Through September
- 🌱 Shade Tree – Native Plant Seed Swap & Audubon Bird Walk – Saturday, October 3 *Seed swap 10 AM–2 PM; bird walk 12–2 PM. Crafton Park.*
- 📧 Newsletter – Early to mid-October

- 📍 Volunteers needed – craftonborough.gov

Boards & Commissions Recruiting — Ms. Pulkownik ▶ [1:40:47](#)

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 ▶ [1:41:34](#)

Next COG meeting: Thursday, September 17 at Crescent Township. Agenda and minutes to be posted to OneDrive.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- 📅 Next Council Meeting – Thursday, September 24 @ 7:00 PM; Budget Workshop @ 6:00 PM
- 📁 Employment Opportunities – Community and Economic Development Director and Substitute Part-Time Crossing Guard for Crafton Elementary | craftonborough.gov/employment
- 🍁 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 and Little Pumpkin Baby Crawl Contest. All details on craftonborough.gov.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

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ADJOURNMENT

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