



Borough Council Meeting — May 28, 2026 | 7:00 PM

Council Chambers, 140 Bradford Ave | Zoom available at craftonborough.gov.

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CALL TO ORDER / FLAG SALUTE / ROLL CALL ▶ [0:00](#)

Quorum confirmed. Absent: Ms. Pulkownik. Present: Bollenbacher, Compitello, Hough, Marks, Oliverio, Wozniak. Also present: Manager Price, Engineer Haberman, Director Tedesco, Mayor Perry, Solicitor Korbel.

CONSENT AGENDA ▶ [0:48](#)

- Approval of Council Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2026
- Bill List – May 28, 2026
- Reports – Manager's Report, JTS Tax Collection Report, Northwest EMS, VFD Report, PD Money Report, CEDD Report, Building Official Report *Note: Code Report excluded — expected next day; approved at next meeting.*

MOTION: To approve the May 28, 2026, Consent Agenda (minus Code Report) pending bill list approval by Borough President, Manager, and Treasurer. ✓ Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ▶ [1:29](#)

Two residents signed up but their topics were not on the agenda — held until Public Comment at end of meeting. No online attendees raised hands.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT ▶ [1:29](#)

- Construction Projects ▶ [1:29](#) Asking for patience — construction is intensifying borough-wide. Completed roads looking great. More coming with parks projects. All represent good infrastructure improvements.

MAYOR'S REPORT ▶ [3:45](#)

- Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony ▶ [3:45](#) 20+ year tradition originated by American Legion. Names of all fallen service members read aloud, and bell rung for each. Great handoff this year from American Legion to Boy Scout troops, who did an excellent job. Shoutout to Scouts and remaining Legion members.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT ▶ [5:47](#)

- Executive session to follow — personnel, collective bargaining, and property matters. ▶ [5:47](#)



MANAGER'S REPORT [▶ 6:00](#)

- 30 Elmwood — Demolition [▶ 6:00](#) Act 152 funding approved. Bid going out July 9; bids back July 24. Demolition anticipated October–November 2026.
- Wage Resolution — Resolution 2026-10 [▶ 6:48](#) All changes in 2026 budget except swim coach stipend increase (\$500 → \$1,000). Coaches work ~140 hrs. over 8 weeks; prior stipend was effectively below minimum wage even with Crocodiles supplemental funding. Covers pool and public works seasonal positions. Crossing guards covered under separate wage resolution.
MOTION: To approve Resolution 2026-10 establishing the salary and wage rates for certain seasonal positions for the Crafton Public Pool and the Department of Public Works. ✓ Motion passed.
- Vacant Property Recovery Program — Susan Primm, 276 Ewing Rd [▶ 9:01](#) Applicant seeks to acquire adjacent vacant lot 68-J-80 (steep, tax-delinquent since ~1920s) as yard extension. Lot straddles DeSoto Street, an unofficial but long-used borough access road. Solicitor recommends borough formally accept DeSoto as official street. Applicant has already surveyed all 6 adjacent parcels at her own cost and agrees to permit continuing road access. May apply for 2 more adjacent parcels. Properties would return to tax rolls.
MOTION: To approve the application to acquire vacant lot (Ewing Road) lot & block 68-J-80 through Allegheny County's Vacant Property Recovery Program, subject to applicant's agreement to permit continuing access to DeSoto Street. ✓ Motion passed.
- Road Closure Coordination — Contractor Notice [▶ 18:43](#) Manager apologized for traffic disruption this week caused by contractor miscommunication between crews. Different paving sub was on-site contributing to the confusion. Issue escalated; contractor warned directly that closing both Linwood and Broadhead simultaneously is not permitted.
⚠ Gas company notice: Columbia Gas will begin work on Steuben Street starting late June, running from the shopping center to the bridge. Borough had previously urged them to coordinate with the Broadhead project — they did not. Contractor restoration quality will be monitored closely.




ENGINEER'S REPORT [▶ 19:24](#)

- Broadhead Sewer Separation Project [▶ 19:24](#) Concrete work continues on Parke St. Trench work moved to N. Linwood & N. Emily. Belvidere curb installation started. Brick restoration on Crennell ongoing. Trail, Crafton Blvd, ½ Coulter & Warren final-paved. Coulter stopped due to weather. Weekly contractor meetings every Friday with Scott Baker & Manager Price. Construction webpage updated continuously. Completion: October 2026 (contractor pushing to finish sooner).
Trail barricades: Orange water-filled barricades to be installed. Locking gate/fence being planned for permanent barrier; must allow emergency vehicle access.
- Perrine Street Sewer Project [▶ 21:22](#) City approved resolution. Awaiting city paperwork so solicitor can file. Eminent domain moving forward.
- C-20 Sewer Separation [▶ 21:40](#) Contractor completed all punch list items. Project essentially complete — awaiting close-out documents, maintenance bonds, and final pay app.
- DPW Building [▶ 23:13](#) Punch list walk completed. Contractors completing items; final pay apps and close-out documents to follow.
- 2026 Crafton Sewer System Repairs (O&M) [▶ 23:30](#) Contract A (excavation & point repairs): all repairs complete; final restoration and mill/pave still needed. Contract B (manhole-to-manhole lining): pre-CCTV work started; lining begins in June.
- Noble & Linwood Parks — \$500K Project [▶ 24:00](#) Finalizing plans; waiting on supplemental survey authorized by Manager Price. Out to bid in June. Basketball court to be resurfaced; all improvements ADA-accessible per grant requirements. Years in the making — work will finally happen this summer. Parks plan to be posted on borough website.
- Ewing Road [▶ 24:30](#) Pre-construction meeting held May 19. Awaiting schedule from contractor (estimated 1 week of work). Update to go out to residents when confirmed.
- Crafton Blvd Improvements — LSA Grant (\$120K) [▶ ~24:45](#) Extension approved. Coordinating next steps with City, in conjunction with Crafton Elementary streetscaping grant.
- Storm Detention Cleanout [▶ 25:05](#) Robinson completed work May 21–22 + additional crew May 29. ~\$15,000 total (more material than expected). Annual maintenance going forward estimated at \$5–7K.
- Crafton Elementary/Bld Streetscaping — \$1.39M Grant [▶ 25:55](#) Working to schedule meeting with School District and City. More to come.
- 2026 Road Paving & Brick Plan [▶ ~26:20](#)
- Brick Street Repair: all complete except N. Grandview — awaiting PA American Water lead service line work first.

Broadhead Paving Status

- Crafton Blvd — done except speed humps.
- Warren St. — done.
- Coulter St. — ½ done (weather stoppage)
- Parke St., Broadhead Ave — to follow concrete/sidewalk work.
- Crennell Ave, N. Linwood Ave — brick trench repair in progress
- Rebecca St., N. Emily St. — mill & pave needed.
- Belvidere St. — full reconstruction after pipe; waiting on gas company to relocate line.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT [▶ 33:25](#)

- 82 Belvidere Conservatorship RFP [▶ 33:25](#) Update to be discussed in executive session this evening.
- TriCOG Land Bank [▶ 33:47](#) Board approved 10 properties total: 5 from Crafton, 3 from Homestead, 2 from Clariton. Title searches will now be conducted on all 5 Crafton properties. Borough will receive formal notice of intent to pursue; Council has 60 days to respond (silence = approval). Mr. Wozniak continuing to develop evaluation tool comparing Land Bank vs. Conservatorship models for blighted properties.
- Bird Town PA — Second \$1,000 Grant Awarded!  [▶ ~35:00](#) First \$1K spent: field backpacks (binoculars, bird guides, journals) for library checkout (adult & youth), games/puzzles, books, birdhouses for youth programming. Second \$1K secured. Next steps: Tree Commission meeting Tuesday, 6 PM, Community Center — public welcome. Focus on educational programs, guided tours & walks. Action item: Council joked about passing resolution calling Crafton 'Fun Town' for more grants.

STANDING COMMITTEES [▶ 38:43](#)

Finance, Administration & Sustainability — Mr. Hough [▶ 39:54](#)

- Committee has met since last council meeting. Fund balances reviewed vs. budget — overall finances are good.
- Public Works CBA (collective bargaining) — ongoing. Further update in executive session.

Fund Balances — Through April 2026

General Fund	Budget	Actual	% Over/Under	Last Year
Income	\$6,789,206	\$3,221,125	47.4%	\$3,277,972
Expense	\$6,789,206	\$2,009,640	29.6%	\$2,025,012
	Net Income	\$1,211,485		\$1,252,960

Road Fund	Budget	Actual	% Over/Under	
Income	\$407,000	\$10,098	2.5%	\$18,360
Expense	\$407,000	\$23,863	5.9%	\$12,047
	Net Income	(\$13,765)		\$6,313

Sewer Fund	Budget	Actual	% Over/Under	
Income	\$2,898,436	\$982,940	33.9%	\$1,028,341
Expense	\$2,898,436	\$557,827	19.2%	\$574,655
	Net Income	\$425,113		\$453,686







Infrastructure & Land Use — Ms. Compitello [▶ 40:42](#)

- Committee meets monthly; met before the May 14 meeting.
- DCNR Pool Area Improvement Grant [▶ 40:42](#) *No recent updates. Minor upgrades will occur during the open season (concession stand A/C, ADA lift, awning). Major work (new slide, pavilion roofing) after season ends. No impact to pool hours or operation during season.*
- DCED \$325,000 Grant [▶ 40:42](#) *Pedestrian & business district improvements near Borough Building. Designs being finalized for approval at first June meeting. Quick construction timeline expected once bid is awarded. Engineer directed to prioritize getting to bid quickly.*




Note: Pool did not open Memorial Day because a tree split in half on the pool property. Combined with other smaller issues, decision was made to not open. Full season begins this week.

Communication & Recreation — Ms. Bollenbacher [▶ 42:30](#)

Upcoming Community Events

-  Felix Amendola Bocce Dedication & Summer Kickoff — Saturday, May 30 | 12–3 PM [▶ 42:30](#) *Bocce court dedication at noon with Amendola family (traveling from out of town) and Senator Fontana in attendance. Press will be there. Bocce lessons, raffles (bocce set + pool pass), free mini golf all day, FREE Rita's Italian ice, new benches + dedication plaque unveiled. Pool open. Yoga in the Park starts this day at 10 AM!*
-  Independence Day Celebration — Saturday, July 4 | 5 PM – Fireworks [▶ ~43:30](#) *Sponsored by Huntington Bank + Crafton American Legion. Two bands: Mingo Creek & The Wiggins. Food trucks: Ray's Pizza, Pittsburgh Crepes, Jeremy's Food Truck, Twisted Lemonades, Back Alley Brewing. Entertainment: balloon artists, face painting, airbrush tattoos, inflatable obstacle course, juggler, flow artist, stilt walker, bubble house. Special guests: George Washington + friends. Mini golf open all day. Crafton Heritage 5K at 8 AM.*
-  Fall Fest — Saturday, September 26 | 12–6 PM [▶ ~45:00](#) *Mingo Creek returning. Confirmed: balloon artists, face painting. Puppy Parade making its return! More food trucks & vendors TBD.*
-  21+ Halloween Pop-Up Mini Golf — October (date TBD)
-  Celebration of Lights — Saturday, December 5 [▶ 45:28](#) *NEW this year: main festivities moving to the circle (downtown area) rather than the park. Park still included. Goal: engage more businesses.*
-  Holiday House Tour — Sunday, December 6 *Looking for homes to feature! Visit craftonborough.gov > Community Events to sign up.*

Ongoing Events

-  Mini Golf — Fridays & Saturdays | June–September + Oct pop-up | 7–9 PM | \$2/round. Special all-day hours on July 4.
-  Yoga in the Park — Saturdays | 10 AM | Begins May 30 through September [▶ ~46:00](#) *Off July 4 only (no off Sept 26 — confirmed to continue).*
-  Volunteers Needed — craftonborough.gov/events. Even 1–2 hours helps! Mini golf operators especially needed.
-  Newsletter — going to print Monday June 1 | In mailboxes by mid-June

Boards & Commissions Recruiting — Ms. Compitello [▶ 48:06](#)

Current Open Positions — apply at craftonborough.gov/boardscommissions.

- Recreation Board — 4-yr term (1) | expires 2/28/2030.
- Civil Service Commission — 6-yr alternate seat (1) | expires 5/20/2032.
- Planning Commission — 4-yr term (1) | expires 4/13/2028 (ongoing vacancy — resignation)






Upcoming Openings in 2026

- Civil Service Commission — 6-yr regular seat | opens 7/1/2026 (applications open NOW — 45-day window)
- Recreation Board — 4-yr term | opens 9/30/2026 (not too early to apply)

Char-West Council of Governments — Mr. Wozniak [▶ 50:16](#)

- COG met last Thursday. Minutes from previous meeting approved. Next meeting June 11 — official minutes will be distributed the Friday before and posted to OneDrive. [▶ 50:16](#)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS [▶ 50:41](#)

-  Next Council Meeting — Thursday, June 11 @ 7:00 PM
-  Employment — Substitute Part-Time Crossing Guard for Crafton Elementary | Apply: craftonborough.gov/employment
-  Felix Amendola Bocce Dedication & Summer Kickoff — THIS SATURDAY, May 30 | 12–3 PM | Senator Fontana attending. Be there!
-  Crafton Pool Season Passes — Available at craftonborough.gov/craftonpool OR in-person at borough office. NOT available at the pool itself. Pool opens this week!
-  Crafton Heritage 5K: Thomas J. Witt Memorial Run/Walk — Saturday, July 4 @ 8 AM | Pre-race Pep Rally (spaghetti dinner) Friday, July 3 @ 6 PM at Café 412 — register online, limited seats. Register at craftonheritage.org.

PUBLIC COMMENT [▶ 53:25](#)

- Terri Vause, Thomas Street (Building Code: 33 Thomas St) [▶ 54:20](#) *Raised 3 code violations at 33 Thomas: (1) fence exceeds 6-ft rule using non-compliant plastic sign materials; (2) unsecured combustible post on roof; (3) unpermitted roof work covering ~40% with non-compliant plastic roofing. Submitted photos & documentation. Response: Director Tedesco to have Building Inspector Daniel Glancy review and write a memo. Solicitor clarified maximum penalty enforcement goes to magistrate, not Council.*
- Maddie Grasso, Thomas Street (Airbnb: 31 Thomas St) [▶ 1:01:02](#) *Requesting enforcement of new zoning code prohibition on Airbnbs in residential areas against neighbor at 31 Thomas St (owner Randy Dunlap, lives in Florida). Prior to new zoning code, no regulation existed. Solicitor's office (Anna) researching whether use qualifies as a grandfathered non-conforming use. A notice of violation likely needed pending resolution of open legal questions.*
- Linda Wozniak, Barr Avenue (Noble/Linwood Parks + Pool questions) [▶ 1:07:02](#) *Asked where Noble/Linwood Parks plan is posted (answer: to be posted on website tomorrow). Requested spelling correction: 'eminent domain' not 'imminent.' Asked about pool improvements under DCNR grant (answer: new slide, pavilion/roofing, ADA lift, concession A/C, concession awning). Asked why pool didn't open Memorial Day (answer: large tree split in half on pool property, combined with other issues).*
- Chris McCormick, Clearview Ave (DeSoto Road) [▶ 1:09:36](#) *Asked if formally accepting DeSoto Street would commit borough to utility installation for properties along it. Solicitor answered: borough would be responsible for maintenance (already doing it informally) but NOT utility installation — that's between property owners and utility companies.*

■ ADJOURNMENT [▶ 1:10:38](#) (8:11 PM)
