

Borough Council Meeting — August 27, 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

CONSENT AGENDA

► 0:55

- Approval of Council Meeting Minutes – August 13, 2026
- Bill List – August 27, 2026
- Reports – Manager's Report, Treasurer's Report, VFD Report (*Library Report excluded due to closure*)

MOTION: To approve the August 27, 2026, Consent Agenda pending bill list approval by Borough President, Manager, and Treasurer. ✓ **Motion passed.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

► 2:48

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

► 4:14

Construction Projects [► 4:14]

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

► 4:47

Commendation for Sgt. Harvison [► 4:47]

Commendation for Sergeant Timothy Harvison upon successful completion of the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command, Class #634. Sergeant Harvison completed the 22-week program with a 98% GPA while maintaining full-time duties.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

► 12:56

No public report this evening.

MANAGER'S REPORT

► 12:58

Library – Emergency Repairs Update [► 12:58]

Sewer lateral lined; AC units and furnaces (30-year-old units) being replaced. Library reopened Monday, August 24. Minor floor repairs and AC installation pending — no further closure required.

Salt Contract thru SHACOG – 81% Price Increase [► 14:58]

Late purchase through state contractor denied (same vendor as SHACOG). Continuing to seek alternatives; borough has until October to commit to COG's price.

Open Staff Positions – Update [► 16:04]

Offers made to two candidates (Director of Borough Services and Building Code Officer) pending clearance review. CEDD position also being filled.

Community Center with Alcohol Application – Colussy Family, November 14 [► 17:30]

Application received with \$500 deposit and required insurance for a November 14 Community Center rental with alcohol.

MOTION: *To approve the Community Center Rental with Alcohol Application for November 14 submitted by the Colussy Family.* ✓ **Motion passed.**

30 Elmwood Street – Demolition [▶ 18:58](#)

Bid received from Minniefield Demolition Services – \$17,500. Managed by Char-West COG; covered by CDBG grant.

MOTION: *To authorize Char-West COG to award the project to Minniefield Demolition Services in the amount of \$17,500 as lowest, responsible, and responsive bidder as recommended by Gateway Engineers.* ✓ **Motion passed.**

2027 Budget Schedule [▶ 22:38](#)

Budget preview deferred to September 10 Budget Workshop due to staffing constraints. See schedule below.

Budget Workshops – 6:00 PM

- September 10
- 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 [▶ 27:52](#)

- Parke St. – reconstruction started this week (Broadhead to Linwood). Belvidere concrete and curb work nearing completion; full depth reconstruction starting next week.
- Paving – Belvidere binder course by end of month. Parke, Rebecca, N. Emily, and Broadhead scheduled for September. Paving schedule: Wednesday–Friday next week; contractor reminder that Labor Day (September 7) is a holiday – no work permitted.
- Lawn restoration has started.
- Formal punch list walk to begin – retainage held until complete.
- Expected project completion – October 2026.

Perrine Street Sewer Project [▶ 32:03](#)

Bid documents updated. Advertisement sent to paper today; bids to be taken in October.

2026 Crafton Sewer System Repairs (Operations and Maintenance) [▶ 32:15](#)

- Contract B – MH to MH Lining – One repair left; waiting on replacement liner. Punch list issued to contractor.

Noble and Linwood Parks – \$500K Project (\$250K grant / \$250K match) [▶ 32:40](#)

Plans finalized. Presentation of design, cost estimates, and alternates.

Noble Park – Base Bid and Alternates:

- Base bid (sidewalk, excavation, striping, signage): ~\$166,000
- Alternate 1 – Mill and pave basketball court: ~\$22,000
- Alternate 2 – Pedestrian bollard lighting: ~\$44,000
- Alternate 3 – Court lighting (4 poles): ~\$36,000
- Amenities (bike racks, benches, mural, sign – Borough purchase/install): ~\$22,000

Linwood Park – Base Bid and Alternates:

- ADA stalls, switchback ramp, mill and pave court, line striping
- Alternate 1 – Mill and pave court: ~\$22,000
- Alternate 2 – Pedestrian lighting: ~\$44,000
- Alternate 3 – Court lighting: ~\$36,000
- Amenities (concrete walls, ADA picnic table, benches, bike racks – Borough purchase/install): ~\$20,000

Note: Mid-block crossing on Noble Ave. under PennDOT review; cost of traffic study to be provided at next meeting. Paving likely Spring 2027; project may be bid this fall with a spring start date.

People's Gas Line Replacement – West Steuben Street [▶ 45:05](#)

Work started August 8; ongoing 6–8 weeks. Road limited to one lane 9 AM–3 PM Monday–Friday. PennDOT approved extended hours (8 AM–3 or 4 PM); updated notice to be posted to website and Savvy Citizen.

Crafton Blvd Improvements – LSA Grant (\$120K) [▶ 46:11](#)

Extension approved. Met with City; discussing findings with School District. Tree planting targeted for this fall.

Crafton Elementary/Blvd Streetscaping Project – \$1.39M Grant [▶ 47:04](#)

Met with City of Pittsburgh. Gateway separating out the City's portion for their review. State procuring third-party administrator (PennDOT); grant contract not yet in hand.

2026 Road Paving and Brick Plan [▶ 48:05](#)

- 2026 Brick Street Repair – Original contract work complete.
- Crennell Ave. Change Order – Three areas identified outside Broadhead contract scope (triangle near Belvidere, ridge at E. Crafton Ave., heaving under busway bridge).
 - Ridge at E. Crafton Ave.: \$3,000 + traffic control
 - Triangle near Belvidere: \$4,000 + traffic control
 - Under busway bridge: \$7,000 + traffic control
 - Traffic control (2 setups): \$8,500 total
 - Total change order: \$22,500

MOTION: *To accept a change order not to exceed \$22,500 for brick work to repair the divot and rut on Crennell Ave near Belvidere Street and a ridge on Crennell under the busway bridge.* ✓ **Motion passed.**

- Road Paving – Alex Paris Contracting base bid accepted (August 13). Awaiting bonds/insurance; work scheduled to begin September.

Broadhead Sewer Separation Project paving status:

- Crafton Blvd — complete
- Broadhead Ave. — base layer paved
- Warren St. — complete
- Parke St. lower — base layer, one lane; upper — excavation needed, both lanes
- Coulter St. — complete
- Crennell Ave. — complete
- N. Linwood Ave. — complete
- Rebecca St. — base layer paved, both lanes
- N. Emily St. — brick restoration complete; mill and pave needed
- Belvidere St. — base layer paved, one lane
- Street Permits Received – No new permits since last meeting.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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82 Belvidere Conservatorship RFP – No Update at this time [▶ 1:00:20](#)

TriCOG Land Bank Properties (4) – Update [▶ 1:01:00](#)

Borough has until September 22 to object to any of the four properties. A 5th small parcel (adjacent to 64 S. Grandview, same owner) being added; new 60-day letter to follow.

Imagine Linden Engagement Schedule – OHM Advisors [▶ 1:06:15](#)

- August 10 – Public Engagement Session – Complete (video posted to Borough YouTube)
- August 24 – Public Engagement Session – Complete
- Survey – Launched August 14; closes September 4
- Focus Groups – Invitations to be sent; open to community participants
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Open Houses – Final phase with compiled findings

STANDING COMMITTEES

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Finance, Administration & Sustainability — Mr. Hough [▶ 1:09:59](#)

2026 Budget vs. Actual Financials – Through July [▶ 1:09:59](#)

General Fund	Budget	Actual	% Over/Under	Last Year
Income	\$6,789,206	\$4,885,320	72.0%	\$4,639,840

Expense	\$6,789,206	\$3,746,790	55.2%	\$3,623,146
Net Income		\$1,138,530		\$1,016,694
Road Fund*	Budget	Actual	% Over/Under	Last Year
Income	\$407,000	\$14,098	3.5%	\$27,539
Expense	\$407,000	\$132,144	32.5%	\$13,152
Net Income		(\$118,046)		\$14,387
Sewer Fund	Budget	Actual	% Over/Under	Last Year
Income	\$2,898,436	\$1,778,635	61.4%	\$1,759,538
Expense	\$2,898,436	\$1,055,316	36.4%	\$1,113,153
Net Income		\$723,319		\$646,385

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

Public Works CBA [▶ 1:10:34](#)

Met with Public Works Department on Tuesday; working to clarify retirement/transition package options.

Infrastructure & Land Use — Ms. Compitello [▶ 1:11:58](#)

MAP Grant Application – DCED Funding for 2027–2037 Comprehensive Plan – \$100K [▶ 1:11:58](#)

Applying for Municipal Assistance Program (MAP) grant to fund a comprehensive plan update (current Crafton-Ingram Thrive Plan is from 2017). Total project budget ~\$100,000; DCED typically covers 50%.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 2026-13 authorizing the Borough to apply for funding for a comprehensive plan from the Department of Community and Economic Development's Municipal Assistance Program. ✓ **Motion passed.**

2026 Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund Grant [▶ 1:18:15](#)

Grant application for improving the Baker's Acres Trail (\$424,000) submitted.

DCNR/GEDTF Pool Area Improvement Grants (total \$404,700) [▶ 1:18:30](#)

Plans posted at pool and on website. Bid opening September 3. Improvements include new slide, climbing wall, and pavilion.

DCED \$325,000 Grant – Pedestrian & Business District Improvements [▶ 1:19:17](#)

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

Stage Roof [▶ 1:17:38](#)

Main roof – complete. Back stage – to be budgeted for 2027.

Communication & Recreation — Ms. Bollenbacher [▶ 1:18:58](#)

2026 Community Events

- 🧘 Sunset Yoga – Wednesday, September 9 | 7:00 PM | Crafton Park *Bonus session due to prior cancellation.*
- 🍂 Fall Fest – Saturday, September 26 | 12–6 PM *Mingo Creek Band (2–5 PM), Puppy Parade (1:00–1:15 PM, \$10/dog, charity proceeds), 35+ food/craft vendors, beer garden, ax throwing, inflatable obstacle course, pony/horse rides, bouncy house, face painting, kids' crafts, balloon artist, cornhole tournament (3:00 PM), Church Arcade games (free to play). Sponsored by Babst Callan and Gateway Engineers.*
- 🎃 21+ Halloween Mini Golf – Saturday, October 17 | 7–10 PM *\$10/person, BYOB, food trucks. Pre-purchase tickets at craftonborough.gov.*
- 🎃 Kids' Spooky Golf – Friday, October 30 | 6–7 PM *Treats and surprises for little ones.*
- 📺 Community Free Swap – Saturday, November 21 | 9 AM–1 PM | Community Center *Drop-off: Friday Nov 20 (6–8 PM) and Saturday morning (8–11:30 AM). Items not taken will be donated.*
- 🎄 Crafton Holiday Celebration (formerly Celebration of Lights) – Saturday, December 5 *Moving to Crafton Circle near the Borough building. Pop-up bar at Circle Inn, vendors, local businesses, Santa and Mrs. Claus.*
- 🏠 Holiday House Tour – Sunday, December 6 *Homes still needed – contact Borough Administration or visit craftonborough.gov.*

Ongoing Events

- 🏌️ Mini Golf – Fridays & Saturdays | Through October | 7–9 PM | \$2/round *Bring your mini golf receipt to Crafton's Ice Cream Delight for a free treat.*
- 🧘 Yoga in the Park – Saturdays | 10 AM | Through September
- 🗨️ Volunteers needed for events and mini golf – craftonborough.gov
- 📰 Newsletter – October issue; article collection underway

Boards & Commissions Recruiting — Ms. Pulkownik ▶ [1:26:04](#)

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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- 📅 Next Council Meeting – Thursday, September 10 @ 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
- 🌊 Pool Hours – Check Borough website for changes to pool hours in August/September.
- 🎡 Pool Slide Retirement Celebration – Labor Day, September 7 | 1:00–7:00 PM | Crafton Pool *Celebrate Crafton's old pool slide one last time before a new one debuts next summer!*
- 🍂 Fall Fest – Saturday, September 26 | 12–6 PM | Crafton Park *Mingo Creek Band, face painting, balloon artist, ax throwing, kids' crafts, food and beer vendors, craft vendors, pony/horse rides, and Puppy Parade!*

PUBLIC COMMENT

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ADJOURNMENT

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