Borough Council Meeting — November 23, 2026 | 7:00 PM

Budget Workshop @ 6:00 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

▶ 1:06

- Approval of Council Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2026
- Bill List – November 23, 2026
- October Reports – Manager's Report, Building Inspector's Report, JTS Reports, Library Report, Police Department Report, CEDD Report, Director of Borough Services Report, and Northwest EMS Report

MOTION: *To approve the November 23, 2026, Consent Agenda pending bill list approval by Borough President, Manager, and Treasurer.* ✓ **Motion passed.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

▶ 2:02

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

▶ 3:35

MAYOR'S REPORT

▶ 3:40

Allegheny County Joint Local State Firearm Task Force [▶ 3:40]

Gun Violence Task Force Memorandum of Understanding to combat gun violence, investigate straw purchases, and other offenses.

MOTION: *To approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Allegheny County and the Commonwealth to join Allegheny County's Joint Local State Firearm Task Force.* ↩ **Motion withdrawn.**

MOTION: *To table the Memorandum of Understanding with Allegheny County and the Commonwealth to the next Council meeting (December 10).* ✓ **Motion passed (6–0, 1 abstention).**

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

▶ 13:06

Executive session is scheduled to follow this meeting to discuss personnel matters.

MANAGER'S REPORT

▶ 13:27

Rental Inspection Ordinance (NSPIRE Exception) [▶ 13:32]

Draft ordinance exempting rental units that have already been exempted – for approval at Dec 10 meeting.

Real Estate Tax Refunds [▶ 14:32]

The 2026 Real Estate Tax Refunds – $2,180.56, as prepared and submitted by Jordan Tax Service, Inc.

MOTION: *To approve the 2026 Real Estate Tax Refund in the amount of $2,180.56 as prepared and submitted by Jordan Tax Service.* ✓ **Motion passed.**

Auditor [▶ 15:19]

Resolution 2026-17 appointing Maher Duessel as the Auditor for Fiscal Year 2026.

MOTION: *To adopt Resolution 2026-17 appointing Maher Duessel as the Auditor for Fiscal Year 2026 for the Borough of Crafton.* ✓ **Motion passed.**

Stop Sign Ordinance [▶ 16:00]

Amending Crafton's Traffic Ordinance to add stop signs on Parke, Coulter, and Warren Streets where they intersect with Broadhead. For approval at Dec 10 meeting.

Crafton Heritage Bricks Discussion [▶ 16:50]

2027 Budget Schedule [▶ 22:24]

Budget Workshops – 6:00 PM

- December 10 – Final Workshop

ENGINEER'S REPORT

▶ 22:41

Broadhead Sewer Separation Project [▶ 22:44]

- Punch list work is going to continue through the end of November and depending on weather some items may not be fixed until spring.
- Main project work is complete.

Perrine Street Sewer Project [▶ 24:38]

Independent Enterprises was awarded the project for a construction cost of $369,870. Starting work in December.

Noble and Linwood Parks – $500K Project ($250K grant / $250K match) [▶ 25:41]

Plans finalized. Going out to bid when DCNR confirms contract.

People's Gas Line Replacement – West Steuben Street [▶ 26:13]

People's Gas is replacing their main gas line on West Steuben St. from Walsh St. to the Thornburg Bridge. The time of the road work has been expanded to 8 AM to 4 PM – Monday through Friday. No end date communicated. As the work nears the Thornburg Bridge, detours will be posted.

Crafton Blvd and Noble Intersection [▶ 27:25]

Review realignment plan.

Crafton Blvd Improvements – LSA Grant ($120K) [▶ 34:47]

Update.

2027 Road Paving – Estimates [▶ 37:41]

- Core collector streets only (Crafton Blvd and Noble): $325,000
- Additional recommended street – Lyons portion: $10,000

Street Permits Received – Utility Work [▶ 38:00]

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

▶ 38:13

82 Belvidere Conservatorship RFP – Update [▶ 38:15]

Imagine Linden Engagement Schedule – OHM Advisors [▶ 38:21]

- Focus Groups – November
- Interviews – December
- Open House – January

STANDING COMMITTEES

▶ 39:43

Finance, Administration & Sustainability — Mr. Hough ▶ 39:50

Budgeted Community Center Upgrades [▶ 39:50]

Moving forward with several budgeted community center upgrades due to fiscally responsible budget management.

October 2026 Financials – Budget vs. Actual Through October [▶ 39:50]

General Fund	Budget	Actual	% Over/Under	Last Year

Income	$6,789,206	$5,855,747	86.3%	$5,624,498
Expense	$6,804,206	$5,587,402	82.1%	$5,348,550
Net Income		**$268,345**		$275,948
Road Fund*	**Budget**	**Actual**	**% Over/Under**	**Last Year**
Income	$407,000	$14,944	3.7%	$36,284
Expense	$407,000	$290,447	71.4%	$24,649
Net Income		**($275,503)**		$11,635
Sewer Fund	**Budget**	**Actual**	**% Over/Under**	**Last Year**
Income	$2,898,436	$2,507,000	86.5%	$2,588,086
Expense	$2,898,436	$1,893,713	65.3%	$1,897,485
Net Income		**$613,287**		$690,601

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

Public Works CBA [▶ 43:32]

Union voting meeting on Nov 30.

2027 Budget Resolutions [▶ 44:07]

Millage Rates [▶ 44:07]

Ordinance to be advertised for approval at Dec 10 Council meeting.

MOTION: *To approve advertising the 2027 millage rate not to exceed 8.44 Property Tax Mills and 2.0 Road Tax Mills, to be considered at the December 10 meeting.* ✓ **Motion passed.**

2027 Fee Schedule [▶ 52:48]

To be reviewed at Dec 10 meeting for potential passage at January 14 Council meeting.

2027 Wage Resolution [▶ 53:09]

Discuss draft for consideration at Dec 10 Council meeting.

Infrastructure & Land Use — Ms. Compitello ▶ 53:50

DCNR/GEDTF Pool Area Improvement Grants (total $404,700) [▶ 53:56]

Vortex Single Flume Water Slide. Ratify vote.

MOTION: *To ratify the vote for the purchase of the Vortex Single Flume Water Slide.* ✓ **Motion passed.**

DCED Grant for Downtown Improvements [▶ 59:33]

Lighting sample to be reviewed at a future Council meeting.

Communication & Recreation — Ms. Bollenbacher ▶ 59:48

🎉 **2026 Community Events**

- 🎄 Hometown Holiday Celebration & Gingerbread House Making – December 5
- 🏠 Holiday House Tour – December 6
- 📰 Newsletter – Published in early February, June, November

Boards & Commissions Recruiting — Ms. Pulkownik ▶ 1:05:54

Current Open Positions — apply at 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 ▶ 1:07:14

📢 COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

▶ 1:09:10

- 🗓️ Next Council Meeting – Thursday, December 10 @ 7:00 PM; Budget Workshop @ 6:00 PM
- 💼 Employment Opportunities – Substitute Part-Time Crossing Guard for Crafton Elementary | craftonborough.gov/employment
- 🎄 Hometown Holiday Celebration – Saturday, December 5 | 4:00–8:00 PM | The Circle at the Crafton Borough Building Stage 62 Carolers, Shovlin Academy of Irish Dance, Bishop Canevin High School Chorus, Carlynton High School Chorus, The Open Door, The Jazz Band, and a Santa Welcome by Karen Prunczik's Adult Tappers. Sleigh rides, stories at the Library, and much more!
- 🏠 Holiday House Tour – Sunday, December 6 | 1:00–6:00 PM | Self-guided tour Buy tickets online at craftonborough.gov/events and pick them up at the "Box Office" the day of the event at Crafton Library (12:45–3:45 PM). Buy tickets in advance at Fig Tree Coffee, Crafton Library, or Crafton Borough Administrative Offices.
- 🚒 Santa Comes to Crafton by Fire Truck – Saturday, December 19 | Beginning at 9:00 AM Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the Crafton Volunteer Firefighters will work their way through the streets of Crafton by fire truck and then visit Thornburg and Rosslyn Farms. Listen for the sirens and enjoy one of Crafton's oldest traditions.

🗣️ PUBLIC COMMENT

▶ 1:09:43

■ ADJOURNMENT

▶ 1:13:37