

**CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2024**

**Call to Order:** 6:00 p.m. by Council President, Linda Walinsky.

**Roll Call:** Those in attendance were council members Linda Walinsky, Michael Pascuzzo, Robert Barr, Michelle Blankenhorn, John Grodis, Mayor Sandi Renninger, Secretary Regina Sonon, Solicitor Eric Prock, and on behalf of Systems Design Engineering Steve Moyer.

**Citizens Participation:** There was no citizen participation at this time.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** A motion was made by John and seconded by Michelle to approve the Meeting Minutes of April 1. All Ayes

**Municipal Bills:** A motion was made by Mike and seconded by John to approve paying the bills of April 15. All Ayes.

**Requisitions:** #341 - A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Mike to approve the purchase of a GPI Fuel Transfer Pump and accessories from Lowes at a cost not to exceed \$920. All Ayes

**Old Business:**

1. ARPA: Regina completed the report due April 30. Frank has been working sporadically because of the weather at the playground. The painted the majority of the bathhouse.
2. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Bob to award the bid to H&K Group at a cost of \$105,376 to make necessary repairs to South Second Street and Swatara Street. All Ayes
3. Code Enforcement Officer – Linda requested an Executive Session to discuss.

**New Business:**

1. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by John to waive the preliminary plan for Hydro Parking Addition LDP. All Ayes
2. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Mike to waive Hydro Annexation preliminary plan. All Ayes
3. Part time street labor – Linda requested an Executive Session.
4. Mike made a motion seconded by Michelle to approve the annual Memorial Day Parade, stepping off from Hydro at 9:30 am on Monday, May 27. All Ayes
5. Michelle made a motion, seconded by Mike to approve a Porta-Potty at the rear of Borough Hall. All Ayes
6. John made a motion seconded by John to approve Nick Miller servicing our HVAC system.
7. Linda made a motion seconded by Mike to approve Frank and Regina attending the annual PSAB conference. All Ayes with the exception of Bob who opposed the motion.

**Committee Reports:**

**Mayor:** Expressed interest in a sand volleyball court. Planning a Memorial weekend pickleball tournament.

**Solicitor:** Attending a hearing on Wednesday at the Magistrate

**Engineer's Report:** Please review report.

**Secretary:** Child at play sign on Zerbe Street.

**Finance & Property:** Nothing at this time.

**Highway:** Nothing at this time.

**Sanitation:** Bills are due May 1

**Recreation:** Josh Semanco introduced himself to Council, he is the new director at BMRC. Playground program begins June 10. Mike would like a letter mailed to Cressona Baseball regarding adhering to the sound ordinance.

**Safety:** Nothing at this time.

**Personnel:** Executive Session

**Fire Chief:** Responded to 7 calls in the month of March. The brush pile at the pool was burned. Currently working on a social media policy.

**COG:** Nothing at this time.

**Road Supervisor:**

1. Had a good turnout for clean up day. Filled 3 dumpsters.
2. Fixtures at the pool can no longer be taken apart at the end of the season. Recommended the borough purchase space heaters to keep the inside at a constant temp of 45 degrees. The same will have to be done at the Grove.

**Citizen's Participation:**

Mr. Oliver: Talked about Cressona #1 Fire Company responding to calls while South Second is being paved. Steve made a notation and will be in contact with the fire company

**Executive Session:** At 6:38 pm Mike made a motion, seconded by John to enter executive session for personnel matters.  
All Ayes

At 6:45 pm Mike made a motion to exit session. Seconded by Michelle. All Ayes

A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Bob to approve the hiring of Mike Pontician as Code Enforcement Officer. At a rate of \$20 an hour not to exceed 20 hours per month. All Ayes

A motion was made by Mike and seconded by John to hire Anthony Swavely as a part time laborer at a rate of \$20 an hour up to 24 hours a week. All Ayes

Bob made a motion and seconded by Mike to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,  
Regina Sonon  
Secretary/Treasurer