

**CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2022  
BI-MONTHLY MEETING**

**Call to Order:** 7:00 p.m. by Council President Linda Walinsky.

**Roll Call:** Those in attendance were council members Linda Walinsky, Mike Pascuzzo, Robert Barr, Dave Semar, Secretary Regina Sonon, Solicitor Eric Prock and Engineer Steve Moyer. Not in council member Kathy Butz.

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

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Council received a copy of the minutes. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Mikee to approve the March 21 meeting minutes.

**Municipal Bills:** A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Dave to approve the April 4, bills to be paid. All Ayes

**Requisitions:** There were no requisitions submitted.

**Old Business:**

1. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Dave to make a \$500 donation to Blue Mountain Youth Softball Association; donation to be used in Cressona. All Ayes
2. Security Cameras - A motion was made by Dave and seconded by Bob to accept Blatt Electronics' quote not to exceed \$4300. All Ayes

**New Business:**

1. Graeff Street Project Bid Opening – SDE will review the bids for accuracy and make recommendations at the April 18 council meeting. The following bids were received:
  - a. H&K Group – \$128,813
  - b. Ronnie C Folk - \$133,925
  - c. Schuylkill Paving - \$170,050
2. Repairs to damage at borough hall – Tabled – Eric said due to the amount we need 3 quotes.
3. CABA – Mike made a motion to allow the lights to be on until 10:15 for an interleague tournament Tuesday, May 31 to Thursday, June 2. The motion was seconded by Dave. All eyes.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Assorted correspondence on office counter.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Mayor:** The mayor discussed making some improvements and hosting activities for the community, some ideas she presented are a trunk or treat, a Cressona calendar.

- a. She also discussed starting a closed group Facebook page for the borough managed by the mayor to post updates and activities.
- b. The mayor will be contacting PennDot regarding street sweeping on Pottsville and Chestnut and at Bob's recommendation she will also discuss the tubes entering the underpass.
- c. She also will be reaching out to Jack Rich and the Blue Mtn. railroad regarding the underpass.
- d. There are also a few properties on Pottsville St she will be mailing letters to regarding trash bags on the sidewalk and trash bins being left out all week in the cartway.

**Solicitor:** Attended a hearing with SDE regarding 109 Graeff Street, the magistrate found them guilty and gave the property owner 30 days to clean up the property or a violation notice will be issued.

**Engineer:**

- a. Discussed a Zoning/Hearing board meeting on Wednesday, April 27
- b. Reviewed the engineer's report with council.
- c. Also discussed a water discharge issue on Front St. Property owner would like to put a pipe in the wall, under the sidewalk and attach it to the borough's storm sewer system. An agreement would have to be drawn up since it is attaching to borough property.
- d. 144 Chestnut - Requested more time to clean up his property. Council was agreeable to giving the property owner until April 18.
- e. Presented a map of Railroad Street regarding the western portion and gave council two options for the repairs. Council decided to place signs requesting motorists yield to oncoming traffic and keep it a two-way street and not restricting parking.

**Secretary:**

- a. K&B Recycling will be charging \$300 to the borough for electronic recycling. Mike made a motion and Bob seconded the motion to cancel K&B Recycling due to the fee. All Ayes.
- b. Talked to council about putting a post on the website for new and old pictures of Cressona to update the website.

**Finance/Property:** Linda talked to council about PA Walk Works grant. Amounts range from \$10,000 to \$25,000 no matching funds are required. She will present at the next meeting once more information is made available.

**Highway:** Catch Basin work to be completed.

**Sanitation:** The trash bills were mailed Thursday, March 31. Requested residents update their contact information.

**Recreation:** Working on the pool getting everything ready to open in June.

**Safety:** Bob asked about the stop bars and crosswalks on Pottsville Street.

**Personnel:** Nothing at this time.

**Fire Chief:** Requested SDE to look into a property in poor condition on 192 Chestnut Street. Also requested that Ash Street property present a certificate of insurance prior to any repairs being completed.

**COG:** Next meeting is April 21, 2022

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

Frank Zurat: Wanted to know the cost of engineering for the Graeff Street paving project? Wanted to know why we didn't need 3 quotes for the foot bridge? Why did the trash fee go up 150%?

Joe Oliver: Made council aware that there will be a block shoot this Saturday, April 9 at the Number 1 Fire Company.

Council received a complaint regarding people not cleaning up after their dogs on borough property near the baseball field. Council will ask public works employees to place a trail camera in the area and make people aware they are being surveilled.

**A motion was made at 8:16 pm to adjourn the meeting by Bob and seconded by Dave. All Ayes**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Regina Sonon  
Secretary/Treasurer