

CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2025

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

Roll Call: Those in attendance were council members Linda Walinsky, Mike Pascuzzo, Robert Barr, Michelle Blankenhorn, Jennifer Wanamaker, Sandi Renninger, Regina Sonon, Solicitor Eric Prock, and on behalf of Systems Design Engineering Steven Moyer.

Citizens Participation: There were no comments during this period.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: A motion was made by Jenn and seconded by Bob to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 17. All Ayes

Municipal Bills: A motion was made by Michelle and seconded by Bob to approve paying the bills of April 7. All Ayes.

Requisitions: None were presented.

Old Business:

1. Cressona Pool Discussion:
 - a. Estimated cost to repair the pool and the complex at this time is approximately \$200,000.
 - b. Frank discussed with council his concerns regarding the quote to repair the pool and some discrepancies he found. In his opinion the repairs are going to cost more than the quoted \$137 thousand. Not including the cost of painting the pool.
 - c. The BMRC is working on finding sponsors for the pool, looking into grants, Josh also offered a \$70,000 donation along with an interest free loan to get the pool repaired and open.
 - d. Wayne Bowen, BMRC Board Member, recommended a feasibility study. Wayne also assured the council that the money is readily available through the Rec.
 - e. Eric asked that the BMRC to put the loan agreement into writing for the borough to review and explore our options.
 - f. As a result of the lengthy discussion and council considering their options; A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Bob to not open the pool for the 2025 season due to the needed repairs and to continue to look at future planning of the pool. All Ayes
2. First reading of the Amusement Device Ordinance: A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Michelle to approve the advertising of the ordinance. All Ayes
 - a. Fee is due at the time of application
 - b. Regina provided council with a mock up of the application and the certification of each machine.

New Business:

1. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Jenn to approve Resolution 042025 North Manheim 537 Plan. All Ayes
2. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Michelle to approve Appliance Pick Up Day to be held Thursday, May 8. All Ayes
3. A Motion was made by Jenn and seconded by Bob to approve the Memorial Day Parade to be held Monday, May 26 beginning at 11 am from the Hydro parking lot. All Ayes
4. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Mike to approve the #1 Fire Company Block Shoot on April 12 at the fire company. All Ayes

Committee Reports:

Mayor: Sandi spoke to the Shawn Palmer, Minersville mayor. Minersville pool will honor BMRC season passholders at their pool.

Solicitor: Requested an Executive Session

Engineer's Report: Please see the report. Steve will be opening the 2025 Road Program Bids at the next meeting.

Secretary: The Opticom was repaired and the borough received 2 keys for the stop light. Discussed future maintenance contract with Signal Services. Still waiting on the quote for the generator outlet. Received Liquid Fuels money. Council was agreeable to have Miller Mechanical service the air conditioner unit.

Sanitation: No update.

Finance/Property: Provided council with the QTD budget any questions talk to Regina.

Highway: Mike and Frank got together to discuss repairs to the east side of Railroad Street

Recreation: Nothing currently.

Safety: Will look for contractors and cost to install permanent speed humps on River Street and present to council.

Personnel: No updates currently.

Fire Chief: Both Cressona fire companies attended a combined training event at Achey's related to vehicle rescue.

COG: Nothing currently.

Code Enforcement Officer: Mike will be participating in flood plan management offered through the county on a weekly basis during the month of April. Investigated 3 complaints in March. Mike had a complaint about chickens. Michelle confirmed the chickens sitting on a wall on Pottsville Street during her walk.

Public Works: Frank discussed speed humps along River Street and made the recommendation of getting them put in permanently. Regarding placement of a mirror at Pottsville and River. He would like to request PennDOT do a traffic study prior to installation. Girl scouts talked to Frank about installing a rain barrel behind borough hall and asked if Frank would help with the installation. Marcella from Girl scouts talked to Frank about leaks at the Scout Lodge. Frank will reach out to contractors to get quotes.

Yard Sale: Linda talked to council about having the yard sale this year on Saturday, May 17 from 8 am to 12pm.

Citizen's Participation:

Joe Oliver – suggested BMRC approach Hydro for a donation to complete pool repairs.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Mike to enter Executive session at 7:17 pm for legal matters with no action to follow. All Ayes

Exited Executive Session at 7:32 pm for legal matters, no action to follow. The motion was made by Bob and seconded by Mike. All Ayes

Immediately following executive session, a motion was made by Bob and seconded by Mike to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes

Next Meeting Monday, April 21 at 6 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Regina Sonon
Secretary/Treasurer