CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes – August 17, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Linda Walinsky followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Linda Walinsky, Mike Pascuzzo, Jennifer Wannamaker, Michelle Blankenhorn, Sofia Mabry, Regina Sonon, Eric Prock and Steve Moyer. Not in attendance Mayor Sandi Renninger.

Citizen Participation: No Participation at this time.

Minutes from the previous meeting: July 20, 2026, were approved as written. Motion made by Mike and seconded by Michelle. All ayes.

Municipal Bills: A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Jenn to approved the previous bill for the period of July 20 through August 14. All Ayes

Requisitions: # 381 – EM Kutz, Inc – A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Michelle for replacement and installation of a salt spreader on the International at a cost of $7321.52. All Ayes

Old Business:

1. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Sofia to enact E-bike Ordinance no. 022026. All Ayes

New Business:

1. Masonic Lodge
   a. discuss signage – Andrew Tassone addressed council - will meet with Frank to find a high traffic location.
   b. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Jenn to refund a combined total of $848.34 property tax payments for tax years 2025 & 2026 to the Masonic Lodge per court order. All Ayes
2. NMT Act 537 Resolution - Tabled
3. 2027 MMO – A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Sofia to approve submitting figures to PMRS for 2027. All Ayes
4. 2026/2027 Salt Contract – A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Jenn to purchase 200 ton of road salt. All Ayes
5. Junior Council Person Candidate – Jude Sonon – A motion was made by Sofia and seconded by Jenn to approve appointing Jude Sonon to the JCP position. All Ayes
6. Christmas Tree
   a. Increasing Amperage and outlets – Council would like to see a quote before moving forward.
   b. Purchase of lights/decorations for the tree and general area.
7. The Grove
   a. Girl Scouts would like to post no trespassing signs near the scout lodge. A motion was made by Michelle and seconded by Mike to approve posting on trespassing signage on the building. All Ayes

b. Signage to vacate at Dusk – A motion was made by Jenn and seconded by Sofia to purchase three signs through Miller at a cost of $191.70. All Ayes

7. Line of Credit – First National Bank – A motion was made by Sofia and seconded by Michelle to apply for a line of Credit not to exceed $500,000. All Ayes
   a. Replacement of 2008 Chevy Silverado - tabled
   b. Skid Steer Financing
8. Adult Probation looking for volunteer hours. Regina to follow up with the agency.
9. Handicapped parking space – Prescott Street – Tabled – Mike and SDE to look into it.
10. Front Street Closure for Bones Hot Rod Bar and Grill, Saturday August 22 – A motion was made by Michelle and seconded by Jenn to approve the closure of the first block of Front Street from 6 am to 9 pm. All Ayes
11. Fire Police – Borough Day – A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Michelle. All Ayes

Committee Reports:

Mayor – None

Solicitor – Executive Session for legal with no action to follow

Engineer – Please see report

Secretary – Starlink installed at the Grove. Newsletter to be mailed week of September 21.

Cressona Cares – Linda provided an update regarding future activities. 9/12 & 13 Girl Scouts are hosting a yard sale and Cares is having a Chicken BBQ fundraiser on Sunday, September 13. October 6 is CHA, Focus Group at Boro Hall and Open House will be that evening at Goodwill Fire Company. October 25 Trunk or Treat. November 21, 5K and November 28 Willow Lake Dance at Goodwill Fire Company. Friday, December Christmas in Cressona. 2027 Block Party will be Saturday, July 17.

Finance/Property – Regina provided a year-to-date budget report to council for review.

Highway – Working on some paving projects. Have 10 recycling and trash totes at the borough garage.

Recreation – Meeting Wednesday, August 26.

Safety – Nothing at this Time.

Personnel- No update at this time.

Code Enforcement – Mailed 6 violation notices. 36 S Third getting ready to file with the district magistrate.

Fire Chief – Answered 3 calls past month. Fire Police Captain, Chuck Reed, resigned.

COG – Not meeting again until the end of September.

Citizens Participation:

Ms. Yost – Inquired as to when River Street would be going back to two-way traffic? It is very challenging pulling onto the Gordon Nagle Trail.

Mrs. Gilbert – Reported drivers are still going the wrong way on River Street. Asked the guys to clean out the storm drain in front of her home.

Mr. Oliver – Observed pink pins on the sidewalk near his driveway – asked council why they were there.

Executive Session:

There was a motion made by Mike and seconded by Michelle to go into Executive Session for Legal matters with no action to follow at 7:39 pm. All ayes.

At 7:51 pm A motion made by Mike and seconded by Michelle to come out of Executive Session to discuss legal matters there was no action to be taken. All ayes.

7:52 pm – There was a motion to adjourn made by Mike and seconded by Michelle. All ayes

Next Meeting:

Monday, September 21 at 6 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Regina Sonon
Secretary/Treasurer