

**CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 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, Kathy Butz, Dave Semar, Secretary Regina Sonon, Solicitor Eric Prock and on behalf of Systems Design Engineering Steve Moyer. Council member Mike Pascuzzo not in attendance.

Citizens Participation: No participation at this time.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Council received a copy of the minutes. A motion was made by Dave and seconded by Kathy to approve the July 18 meeting minutes. All Ayes.

Municipal Bills: A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob to approve the August 1, bills to be paid. All Ayes

Requisitions: #307 – Lowes – A motion was made by Dave and seconded by Kathy to purchase 20 – 10lb bags of asphalt patch from Lowes at a cost of \$277. All Ayes
#308 – Amazon – A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Dave to purchase 6 walkie talkies at a cost of \$139.99. All Ayes
#309 – Kramer’s Power Equipment - A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Kathy to purchase a 14” cut quick saw and water cart at a cost of \$1825.46. All Ayes

Old Business:

1. ARPA Funds – Include codification on the next agenda
2. American Legion – Charlie Hazzard attended the meeting to discuss closing the upper portion of Legion Plaza for a poker run August 13 from 12 to 4 pm. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Dave to close the road from Wilder Street to Walnut Street. All Ayes

New Business:

1. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Dave for Chemung to install guiderail at the western portion of Railroad Street at a cost of \$7985.50. All Ayes
 - a. Frank Killian requested signage added to Railroad Street warning of the road narrowing and also relocating a “No Parking” sign. Eric and Steve will look into this and report findings at a future meeting.
2. Additional Part time Employee – The personnel committee has identified a candidate, available to work up to 30 hours a week. Will be discussed further in Executive Session regarding the details.
3. Quotes for mowing of borough grass – TABELLED
4. Light installed in the bathrooms at the Grove. Council asked Frank to look into lighting and present results to Council. Frank also recommended making the bathrooms ADA compliant.
5. 2023 County Firefighter parade – A motion was made by Dave and seconded by Kathy to have the parade march through Cressona on August 26 from noon to 4 pm ending at Hydro. All Ayes
6. Shirts for Road Crew – Will collect info and present to council at a future meeting.
7. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Kathy for the road crew to attend 3 classes presented by LTAP.
8. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Kathy to have the backhoe serviced by Plasterer. All Ayes
9. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob to accept the resignation of Judy Bubeck from COG Representative. All Ayes
10. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Dave to accept a form letter in response to Marsha Drive inquiries or complaints. All Ayes
11. Council decided not to act on a complaint received regarding trees on a property line on Columbia Avenue.

CORRESPONDENCE: Assorted correspondence on office counter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor: Nothing at this time

Solicitor: Requested Executive Session with no action to follow.

Engineer: Please see report.

Secretary: 1. Received a small amount of ARPA Funds. Transferred into the ARPA account.
2. Received info from Diversified regarding ebills and ACH withdrawals for sanitation.

Finance/Property: Nothing at this time

Highway: Nothing at this time

Sanitation: August 1 was the last day to accept trash payments without penalty.

Recreation: Pool was broken into on July 28, no money was taken but doors and some locks were damaged
The pool pump broke down, Frank is looking into a replacement.

Safety: Crosswalks and Stop Bars

Personnel: Requested and executive session with possible action to follow.

Fire Chief: Received a few burning complaints.

COG: No meeting until the end of summer

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Frank Zurat – Commented about the manholes not being raised on Graeff Street during the paving project. Also expressed concern about potential flooding and asked council if the borough is doing anything to help prevent it. Referenced Shady Lane, Graeff, Schuylkill and Zerbe streets as an example.

Mr. Oliver – Nothing at this time

Mrs. Breslin – Asked about the status of the pickle ball court? 2. Wanted to provide the mayor with info regarding the Trunk or Treat event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made to enter executive session for legal and personnel by Kathy and seconded by Bob at 8:21 pm with possible action to follow. All Ayes

A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Dave at 8:38 pm to exit session. All Ayes

An executive session for legal and personnel matters. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Dave to hire Michael Chadwick part time street laborer up to 30 hours per week with no benefits for \$20 an hour.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob at 8:40 pm. All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,
Regina Sonon
Secretary/Treasurer