

**CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF AUGUST 21, 2023
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, Michelle Blankenhorn, Secretary Regina Sonon, Solicitor Eric Prock, and on behalf of Systems Design Engineering Matt Davenport. Kathy Butz was not able to attend the meeting.

Citizens Participation: Jim McNulty and Dave Miller questioned the length of sidewalks on Railroad Street as it pertains to the Willow Street townhouse project. Eric explained they need to present their proposal in writing with drawings to the Planning Commission.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Bob to accept the August 7 meeting minutes. All Ayes.

Municipal Bills: A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Mike to approve the bills of August 21. All Ayes

Requisitions: No Requisitions

Old Business:

1. ARPA Funds – No Update
2. A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Bob to appoint Mike Pascuzzo as point of contact for the Hazard Mitigation Planning meetings. All Ayes
3. Constable Coverage – Michelle is going to request her point of contact attend the September 18 meeting. Eric is going to discuss enforcement with District Attorney Mike O’Pake.

New Business:

1. Mike made a motion; Michelle seconded the adoption of No Parking Ordinance 08-2023. All Ayes
2. LST Tax First Reading – Tabled
3. First reading of the Noxious Smell Ordinance to be advertised for 3 consecutive weeks.
4. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Bob to grant a 90-day extension for Willow Street Townhouses subdivision application. All Ayes
5. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Michelle to approve the purchase of a SCAG zero turn lawnmower from Kramer’s Power Equipment at a cost of \$12759.20. All Ayes
6. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Linda to purchase “No Parking” signs from US Municipal at a cost of \$5629. All Ayes
7. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Bob for Regina to participate in an Excel course over Zoom through Penn State. All Ayes
8. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Bob to cancel the Tuesday; September 5 meeting due to the availability of council members. All Ayes

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor: Hosting a pickleball tournament Saturday, September 2. Expressed frustration with the property located at the corner of Pottsville and River. Eric is going to talk to the District Attorney and also suggested she escalate the issue to Steve.

Solicitor: Reached out to the attorney of the 80 Pottsville Street, awaiting a return call.

Engineer:

- a. The Engineer’s Report was reviewed with council by Matt.
- b. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Linda to advertise the Fourth Street bridge project. All Ayes

- c. The Mayor alerted council that a business located on Pottsville Street is remaining open until 3 am. She inquired whether there was an ordinance limiting business hours.

Secretary: Provided council with a merchant services packet. Will be discussed at a future meeting. Floors will be replaced Labor Day weekend. Received a complaint regarding high grass at abandoned properties on Sillyman Street. Borough crew to mow those properties along with 88 Pottsville Street.

Finance/Property: Nothing at this time.

Highway: Nothing at this time.

Sanitation: Late notices will be mailed this week.

Recreation: Next meeting Wednesday, August 23.

Safety: Nothing at this time.

Personnel: Reviewing resumes.

Fire Chief:

- a. Updated Council about 161 Pottsville Street
- b. The Fire Convention events along with the route.
- c. A Motion was made by Bob and seconded by Mike to allow the dive team to test equipment at the pool. All Ayes

COG: Bob will not be able to attend the September 14 meeting.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Frank Zurat: Zerbe/Shady Lane any updates on roadwork. Feeling the borough is overrun with cats. Is there anything that can be done about it?

Joe Oliver: #1 is hosting a breakfast buffet Saturday, August 26.

Cecil Mckee: No Comments

Executive Session: A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Kathy at 8:07 pm to enter Executive Session. All Ayes.

Exit Executive Session: A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Bob at 8:22 pm for personnel matters with action to follow. All Ayes

A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Bob to pay Jesse Killian a fee of \$60 for work done at the pool on Sunday, August 6, 2023. All Ayes

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bob and seconded by Mike at 8:24 pm. All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,
Regina Sonon
Secretary/Treasurer