

**CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL  
BUSINESS MEETING  
AUGUST 4, 2025**

**Call to Order:** 6:00 p.m. The Pledge to the Flag. Called to order by Linda Walinsky, Council President.

**Roll Call:** Linda Walinsky, Mike Pascuzzo, Robert Barr, Michelle Blankenhorn, Jennifer Wanamaker, Sandy Renninger, Regina Sonon, Steve Moyer and Eric Prock.

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

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** A motion was made by Jenn and seconded by Michelle to approve the Meeting Minutes of July 21. All Ayes

**Municipal Bills:** A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Mike to approve paying the bills of August 4. All Ayes.

**Requisitions:** #

**Citizen's Participation:**

**John Moyer:** Concerning tar and chipping on Front Street – Car and homes are very dirty; wife is sick from the dust. Asked why it needed to be repaired. Frank explained the cost to pave and install curb cuts are astronomical. Frank said the issue is the speeding and not the tar and chip. Frank also left the audience know that they would be back to sweep the street.

**Emily Hubert:** Her car was towed she feels there was not enough notification to let people know and it was unfair. She had to pay \$300 to collect her car. Frank informed the audience that the signs were hung on every pole on Front and Schuylkill St. Giving 24 hours' notice. Regina informed the audience that Code Red was advertised in the newsletters, on the sanitation bills, at our events, and flyers were handed out during the Memorial Day parade. Her car was towed so that Ehrlich could spray the weeds.

**Kristen Ryan:** Unhappy that the borough no longer replaces trash and recycling bins. Would like to see parking lines painted on Front Street. Her windshield was broken due to the tar and chipping. Speeding on Front Street is out of control.

**Old Business:**

1. Pool Update – Met with DCNR regarding funding, time line and feasibility study.

**New Business:**

1. MORE Grant – A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Michelle for Quandel Group to prepare bid specs to replace the heating and air conditioning unit and windows. All Ayes
2. Ehrlich Quotes – A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Jenn to approve Ehrlich spraying the curbs along Pottsville Street and along the creek bed at the Sillyman St basketball court and playground. All Ayes

**Committee Reports:**

**Mayor:** Talked to the Public Works Director, of the town of Media. They are very happy with the removeable speed humps. There have been on issues, using them for the last 3 years. They purchase them from Uline.

**Solicitor:** No updates at this time.

**Engineer:**

- a. Prepared bid form for permanent speed humps on River Street.
  - A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Jenn to move forward with putting it out for bid. All Ayes
- b. Luis Negron – Discussed the status of the Rental Inspections. Eric recommended that the property owners that are non-compliant be cited.
- c. Please see Engineer’s Report.

**Secretary / Sanitation:**

- a. Solicitor mailing letters regarding liens.
- b. Tax Assessment letter - Eric will not be attending the property appeals on behalf of the borough. Since the school district will send representation. If not the school, then the county will be protecting our interests by default.
- c. Uniformed and Non-Uniformed Audit; 2 Findings from 2019 Audit: A Resolution containing written procedures for the pensions and 2015 Act 205 was never filed with MPRP. Reached to John Vargo and he filed it on 8/1/25. There was no finding with the 2025 Audit.
- d. Sam Deegan’s office is completing the 2024 audit.
- e. Workmen’s Comp is currently being audited

**Highway / Public Works:** Working on crosswalks, Graeff Street to be tarred and chipped on Tuesday.

**Finance/Property:** Nothing

**Safety:** Talked to Mike Pontician, CEO about 3 separate hedges on Pottsville Street.

**Personnel:** Full time Public Works employee still on Workmen’s Comp.

**Recreation:** Summer Rec Program’s last day is Friday, August 8. Soccer started tonight.

**Fire Chief:** 9 calls in the month of July. Had a cardiac arrest call using AED and CPR that resulted in saving a person’s life. Both fire companies were involved.

**COG:** No Meetings.

**Code Enforcement:** Mike listed a very long list of properties that are currently being monitored.

**Executive Session:** A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Michelle to enter executive session for legal reasons and advice at 6:53 pm. All Ayes

A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Mike at 7:08 to exit executive session. All Ayes

Emily Hubert: Eric on behalf of Council expressed how badly the borough feels regarding the emotional and financial stress it caused Emily Hubert having her car towed. However, the council cannot refund the towing fee.

Kristin Ryan: Eric recommended she reach out to the company that is laying the material.

A motion was made at 7:12 pm by Bob and seconded Michelle to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes

Next Meeting Monday, August 18 at 6 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Regina Sonon  
Secretary/Treasurer