

**CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF AUGUST 7, 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, Kathy Butz, Michelle Blankenhorn, Secretary Regina Sonon, Solicitor Eric Prock, and on behalf of Systems Design Engineering Steve Moyer.

Citizens Participation: There was no citizen participation.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Kathy to accept the July 17 meeting minutes. All Ayes.

Municipal Bills: A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike to approve the bills of August 7. All Ayes

Requisitions: No Requisitions

Old Business:

1. ARPA Funds – No Update
2. Mike made the motion to pass Ordinance 7-2023 the motion was seconded was made by Bob. All Ayes

New Business:

1. LST Tax Increase – Eric asked everyone to review it and propose any additions or changes at the next meeting.
2. First Reading Ordinance 08-2023 – A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Michelle to advertise the Ordinance with a change to North Second Street No Parking on the east side between Walnut and Cherry. All Ayes
3. A Motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob to appoint Mike Pontician as primary point of contact and Regina as a backup to prepare the Hazard Mitigation Plan through the county. All Ayes
4. After a discussion regarding hiring a Constable to enforce the Borough Ordinances a few questions remain. Council asked Eric to research the District Attorney's position regarding Constable and the ability of them to use red and blue lights.
5. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Kathy to purchase a transcript of the Zoning Hearing Board Hearing of RWB. All Ayes
6. American Legion Road Closure – No Action was taken due to the date having already passed.
7. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Kathy to rent a portable toilet at the basketball court area. All Ayes

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor: Mailing Sweep Tickets and warning letters.

Solicitor: Discussed a Noxious Smell Ordinance. Requested an Executive Session for Legal Purposes.

Engineer:

- a. Reviewed revised plans for the bathhouses at the pool. SDE to prepare bid specifications.
- b. Reviewed Engineer's Report
- c. After a discussion regarding 161 Pottsville Street, Mike Pontician agreed to take the lead with SDE and get the State Police involved in getting the home owner evicted from the property. Due to unsafe conditions and lack of utilities.

Secretary: Nothing at this time.

Finance/Property: Nothing at this time.

Highway: Nothing at this time.

Sanitation: Nothing at this time.

Recreation: Pool is closing August 13.

Safety: Nothing at this time.

Personnel: Received applications will review and conduct interviews.

Fire Chief: Received burning complaints for Chestnut Street Market and car fire at 130 River Street. Mike invited Council and the Mayor to participate in the opening dinner Tuesday, August 22 and the parade please let Regina know. Goodwill will be hanging bunting at borough hall.

COG: No meeting until the fall.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Frank Zurat: Zerbe/Shady Lane any updates on roadwork. Inquired about the bid process for the footbridge grant application.

Joe Oliver: #1 will be having a buffet breakfast August 26 requested permission to park fire apparatus along South Second Street.

Sarah Tynes: Lives at 80 Pottsville Street. Provided an update regarding parking lot dispute.

Karl Bossons: Asked if he is able to mow 161 Pottsville Street once the property owner has been evicted? Eric warned against it.

147 Pottsville Street:

John Grodis: Happy with the Alcoa Street paving project. Asked Steve for an update at 147 Pottsville Street he said he started the complaint process in April. It is not fenced in and is very unsafe for the children in the neighborhood. Chimney fell over the winter and hasn't been cleaned up, repaired or replaced. There is an accumulation of rubbish under the deck and now there is an issue with rat infestation.

Charles Bowman: Regarding 147 Pottsville Street said the pool has frogs inhabiting it.

Eric recommended getting County Health involved. Kathy wants all applicable agencies involved in getting the property cleaned up.

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 Bob and seconded by Kathy at 8:29 pm for legal matters with action to follow. All Ayes

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike and seconded by Bob at 8:30 pm. All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,
Regina Sonon
Secretary/Treasurer