

**CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 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, Robert Barr, Kathy Butz, Michelle Blankenhorn, Mayor Sandra Renninger, Secretary Regina Sonon, Solicitor Rick Day, and on behalf of Systems Design Engineering Steve Moyer. Not in attendance Mike Pascuzzo.

Citizens Participation: There was no participation at this time

Minutes of Previous Meeting: A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob to accept the November 20 Meeting Minutes. All Ayes.

Municipal Bills: A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Kathy to approve the bills of December 4. All Ayes

A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob to accept the December 18 Meeting Minutes. All Ayes.

Requisitions: #337 – A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Kathy to have the 2022 F450 State Inspection Completed with the stipulation that if anything is wrong with the truck the mechanic calls prior with cost estimate prior to completing the repair. All Ayes

#338 – A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Kathy to purchase 30 gallons of Slide Plow Wax at a cost of \$1018.50 from American Technologies. All Ayes

Old Business:

1. ARPA List – Gym Equipment was delivered; the guys are working on dismantling the existing structures.
2. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Linda to approve the 2024 Budget. All Ayes
3. Constable – Michelle briefly discussed the conference call. The Mayor is going to request a written proposal.

New Business:

1. Bid Opening Pedestrian Footbridge Repair - No bids were received. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob to approve another advertisement of the Footbridge. All Ayes
2. 2024 Tax Resolution – A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob to approve 12-2023 keeping the tax rate the same for 2024. All Ayes
3. 2024 Meeting Dates – A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Michelle to approve advertising 2024 meeting dates. All Ayes
4. Employee Handbook – Linda asked council to review the updated handbook.
5. Chickens within the Borough – Council agreed not to change the Quality-of-Life Ordinance to allow chickens.
6. Kathy made the motion and Bob seconded the transfer of funds from Liquid Fuels to General Fund for 2023 road project - \$14,376.22. All Ayes
7. 2024 BMRC Budget approval – A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob. All Ayes
8. Employee 2024 Pay Rates and Gift Cards – Linda requested an Executive Session
9. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob to install a parking Space for a disabled woman on Front Street. All Ayes
10. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Kathy to begin charging a \$5 fee for letters to property owners with delinquent trash accounts. All Ayes

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor: No update was provided.

Solicitor: No update was provided.

Engineer: Please see the Engineer's Report.

Secretary: Nothing at this time.

Finance/Property: Nothing at this time.

Highway: A motion was made by Michelle and seconded by Bob to reduce the speed limit to 25 on Front and Schuylkill Street. All Ayes

Sanitation: Discussed earlier.

Recreation: Nothing at this time.

Safety: Bob requested that the Mayor contact PennDOT to request the installation of chains through the poles to alert oversized trucks.

Personnel: Requested an Executive Session

Fire Chief: Everything was in order from the heavy rain. Mike asked if he is to continue with the 2024 Hazard Mitigation planning. Councill asked him to continue. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded Bob to purchase shirts for the Chief and Assistant Chief. All Ayes

COG: No update.

Citizens Participation:

Frank Zurat: Asked about a polish curb and water control on Zerbe and Graeff.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob at 8:04 pm to enter Executive Session for personnel matters with no action to follow. All Ayes.

Exit Executive Session: A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Kathy at 8:15 pm for personnel matters. All Ayes

A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob to present Regina and Frank with \$100 gift cards and Michael and Jesse with gift cards valued at \$50. All Ayes

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bob and seconded by Kathy at 8:18 pm. All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,
Regina Sonon
Secretary/Treasurer