

**CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 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, Kathy Butz, Dave Semar, Mayor Sandra Renninger, Secretary Regina Sonon, Solicitor Eric Prock, and on behalf of Systems Design Engineering Steve Moyer. Not in attendance Bob Barr.

Citizens Participation:

Arthur Barnes: Representing Pace O Matic and Cressona businesses operating skill games within the borough addressed council about his concerns regarding a proposal to restrict skill games. In his opinion it is illegal to ban them within the borough. Eric is going to research.

Charlie Hazard, Cressona Legion Adjunct: Advised council with the money collected it enables the Legion to make charitable contributions to many local nonprofits.

Jim Seiler, Cressona Legion Treasurer, talked to council about the benefit of having skill games at the Legion. He stated that with the money collected is used to supplement the Legion's income and pay bills.

Brandi Eiler: Reiterated that having skill games will enable her to provide meals to the needy in Cressona.

Al Fryer: Believes being able to offer skill games keeps the money in the community.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Council received a copy of the minutes. A motion was made by Dave and seconded by Linda to accept the February 6 meeting minutes. All Ayes.

Municipal Bills: Dave made the recommendation to request reimbursement from Blue Mountain Recreation for the work on the diving board by Axiom, council was in agreement. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike to approve the bills of February 20 and request reimbursement from BMRC for the Axiom bill. All Ayes

Requisitions: #316 – Pool Cleaner – Mike made a motion seconded by Kathy to purchase 30 gallons of cleaner from American Technologies. All Ayes
#317 – Sanitation Bills – The motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Dave to order 6000 sanitation bills from South Schuylkill Printing. All Ayes
#318 – Traffic Paint – The motion was made by Mike and seconded by Dave to purchase paint from Sherwin Williams. All Ayes

Old Business:

1. ARPA Funds –
 - a. Counter Retrofit Update: A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Dave to have Daniels & Schneck relocate the heat lines in the wall. All Ayes
2. Street Sweeping- The Mayor discussed with council her findings after talking to municipalities with state routes and how they manage street sweeping. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike to have public works staff assist the street sweeper with traffic control on the state routes. All Ayes
3. Skill Games – Tabled – Please see public comments above.
4. 25 Pottsville Street Land Development Plan Waiver – Kathy asked the property owner to submit a “**Storm Water Management Report**” to be completed by a qualified design professional. Steve will review it. Kathy will discuss with the Planning Commission to decide whether a Land Development Plan Waiver can be issued.

New Business:

1. Rental Inspections – Tabled - the inspector was off and Steve was not able to get an update.
2. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike to purchase street signage from US Municipal for a cost of \$3207.05. All Ayes
3. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike, approving Regina's attendance at the second part of the grant writing course at Penn State Schuylkill, April 11 to May 16. All Ayes

4. Hiring a full-time laborer for Street Department – Linda requested an executive session.
5. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Dave to purchase fire and rescue apparatus from Horrocks for Assistant Fire Chief - Dennis Snyder. All Ayes

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor: Mailed letters to property owners on Pottsville Street about the conditions of their properties.

Solicitor: Nothing at this time.

Engineer: Please see report.

Secretary: Informed council of road construction on Route 61. A meeting will be held March 16 at 5:30 pm at the Schuylkill IU 29 regarding the county's planned reassessment. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Linda to purchase a Sam's Club membership. All Ayes

Finance/Property: Council received copies of January's Treasurer's Report.

Highway: Discussed the 2023 Road Project during the Engineers Report.

Sanitation: A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike for Solicitor, Eric Prock to mail a letter to trash hauler AWS compelling them to deliver dumpsters to the garage, pool, Grove, apartment complexes and fire companies. All Ayes

Recreation: Rec board meeting February 22 going to discuss the issues regarding Rec basketball. Mike requested signage requesting residents curb your dog. Mike also suggested we look into Memory Benches at the Grove. Linda discussed making upgrades to the Grove a priority and using ARPA funds to finance projects.

Safety: Nothing at this time.

Personnel: Linda requested an executive session with possible action to follow.

Fire Chief: Mike asked if Schuylkill Haven serviced the fire hydrants.

COG: Nothing at this time.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

No Participation

Executive Session: At 8:12 pm a motion by Kathy and seconded by Mike to enter executive session with possible action to follow. All Ayes

At 8:18 a motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike to exit executive session regarding personnel with no action. All Ayes

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike at 8:19 pm. All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,
Regina Sonon
Secretary/Treasurer