

**CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF JANUARY 15, 2024
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, Michelle Blankenhorn, John Grodis, Mayor Sandra Renninger, Secretary Regina Sonon, Solicitor Eric Prock, and on behalf of Systems Design Engineering Steve Moyer. Not in attendance Robert Barr.

Citizens Participation: There was no participation at this time

Minutes of Previous Meeting: A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Michelle to accept the minutes from the council meeting of December 18. All Ayes
A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Michelle to accept the minute of Reorganization meeting of January 2, 2024. All Ayes

Municipal Bills: A motion was made by Mike and seconded by John to pay the American Rock Salt Invoice from Liquid Fuels in the amount of \$3604.83. All Ayes
A motion was made by Mike and seconded by John to approve the bills of January 15. All Ayes

Requisitions: #339 – A motion was made by Mike and seconded by John to approve the 2-day rental of a high lift from Ark Rentals at a cost of \$673.36. All Ayes

Old Business:

1. ARPA List – Tabled
2. Employee Handbook – Tabled
3. 2024 Employee Pay Rates – Linda asked for an Executive Session.

New Business:

1. Eric will draw up paperwork to reduce the speed limit to 25 miles per hour on Schuylkill and Front.
2. Marsha Drive - Tabled
3. Council Committee Assignments
 - a. Linda reviewed the Committee Assignments.
 - b. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Linda to pass the TCC Delegate Resolution. All Ayes
 - c. A motion was made by Michelle and seconded by John to appoint Lisa Pascuzzo Vacancy Board Chairperson. All Ayes, with the exception of Mike who abstained from voting.
4. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by John to increase the rental rate of the Grove to \$100. All Ayes
5. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by John to advertise a change to work session and borough council meeting time to 6 pm effective February 5. All Ayes
6. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by John to purchase batteries from Garland Communication at a cost of 303.54.
7. Council would like a quote to clean up the rubbish at 147 Pottsville Street.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor: No update was provided.

Solicitor: Requested and executive session

Engineer: Please see the Engineer's Report.

- a. Pool Bathroom Renovations – A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Linda to award the bid to Heim Construction to make the upgrades to the Pool Bathhouse at a cost of \$129,565. All Ayes with the exception of Michelle Blankenhorn abstaining from voting.
- b. Grove Bathrooms – A motion was made by Mike and seconded by John to award Heim Construction to make the upgrades to the Grove bathrooms at a cost of \$17,113. The borough crew will epoxy paint the floors in the Grove bathrooms. All Ayes with the exception of Michelle Blankenhorn abstaining from voting.

Secretary: Hazard Mitigation Townhall Meeting at Penn State Schuylkill, January 31.

Finance/Property: Nothing at this time.

Highway: Discussed earlier.

Sanitation: No update at this time.

Recreation: A new director has been hired, Josh Semanco.

Safety: No update at this time.

Personnel: Requested an Executive Session

Fire Chief: Dennis addressed council, would like to bring both companies together to become a more cohesive department.

COG: No update.

Citizens Participation:

Frank Zurat: Asked about not paving to the curb to avoid the costly upgrades.

Mr. Oliver: Asked if the pool at 147 Pottsville Street could be drained?

Executive Session: A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Linda at 8:17 pm to enter Executive Session for personnel matters with action to follow. All Ayes.

Exit Executive Session: A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Linda at 8:34 pm for personnel matters. All Ayes

A motion was made by Mike and seconded by John to increase Frank and Regina's annual salary by 4% as well as paying 100% of the employee health insurance premium for all full-time employees. All Ayes

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike and seconded by Linda at 8:34 pm. All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,
Regina Sonon
Secretary/Treasurer