

**CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 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, Robert Barr, Mayor Sandra Renninger, Secretary Regina Sonon, Solicitor Eric Prock, and on behalf of Systems Design Engineering Steve Moyer. Not in attendance Dave Semar.

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Council received a copy of the minutes. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob to approve the December 19 meeting minutes. All Ayes.

Municipal Bills: A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike to approve the bills of January 3. All Ayes

Requisitions: No Requisitions

Old Business:

1. ARPA Funds – Frank collecting quotes for work at borough garage property.
2. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike to adopt the 2023 Budget. All Ayes

New Business:

1. 2023 Appointments:
 - a. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob to retain L Sam Deegan for auditing services at a cost of \$4900. All Ayes
 - b. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Kathy to retain Systems Design Engineers for Professional and Sewage Enforcement Services. All Ayes
 - c. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob to retain Solicitor Eric Prock. All Ayes
 - d. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob to retain Lisa Pascuzzo, as Chairman of the Vacancy Board. All Ayes with the exception of Mike abstaining from the vote.
 - e. A motion was made to retain Wally Walinsky to the Sewer Authority Board. All Ayes; The Mayor was required to vote. Mike and Linda abstained from voting.
 - f. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob to retain Jodi Hoy Kaiser to the Zoning/Hearing Board. All Ayes
 - g. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Mike to retain Kathy to the Cemetery Commission. All Ayes, Kathy Abstained.
 - h. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Kathy to appoint Linda to the EIT/TCC. All Ayes, Linda Abstained
2. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob to have Mike Pontician to plow snow for the borough at a rate of \$20 an hour on an as needed basis for the year of 2023. All Ayes
3. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Kathy to contract with Fidler Brothers for snow removal and plowing. All Ayes
4. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Kathy to apply for credit card through M&T Bank. All Ayes
5. A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Kathy to approve exceeding 30 hours per week as needed in an emergency situation for the part time employees. If the employee exceeds 40 hours, time and a half will be paid. All Ayes
6. Final approvals for Hydro:
 - a. Hydro Bay Zero LDP - A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Bob to approve plan as preliminary/final contingent upon the establishment of an improvement's agreement with escrow. All Ayes

- b. Hydro/Hock LDP – A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike to approve plan as preliminary/final contingent upon the establishment of an improvement’s agreement with escrow. All Ayes
- c. Hydro Annexation Plan – A motion was made by Bob and Kathy to approve the plan as final. All Ayes
- 7. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob to give gift cards valued at \$100 each to Frank and Regina. All Ayes
- 8. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob to approve Patricia’s Cleaning Service at a cost of \$75 weekly. All Ayes

CORRESPONDENCE: Assorted correspondence on office counter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor: 1. Discussed with Eric and Steve illegal signs within the borough and the next steps in the process. 2. Also asked Steve questions regarding rental inspections. 3. Asked council to provide ideas for students at Blue Mountain High School to get their required community service hours within the borough.

Solicitor: Requested Executive Session.

Engineer: Please see report.

Secretary: A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike to upgrade our PA 1 Call service to text messaging. All Ayes 2. Talked about equipment needs for the Assistant Fire Chief. Mike Pontician said he would get together with Dennis Snyder and review.

Finance/Property: Nothing at this time.

Highway: Nothing at this time.

Sanitation: Nothing at this time.

Recreation: Working on making repairs to the well pump at the pool

Safety: Nothing at this time.

Personnel: Requested an Executive Session with action to follow

Fire Chief: Responded to a water discharge onto Pottsville Street, also reported a water main break on Birch Street.

COG: Nothing at this time.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Joe Oliver: Asked if the signs the fire company displays around town for fundraisers are acceptable.

A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike to enter executive session for personnel with action to follow at 7:55 pm. All Ayes

A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike to exit executive session at 7:55pm. All Ayes

The following motions were made regarding Personnel after exiting executive session:

- a. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Kathy to approve full time pay raises at the COLA rate of 8.7% as follows: Frank - \$30.44 per hour & Regina - \$27.18 per hour. All Ayes
- b. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike to provide a floating holiday with preapproval to the full-time employees. All Ayes
- c. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Kathy to update the 2023 Employee Resolution vacation accruals based on number of years. All Ayes

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bob and seconded by Mike at 8:15 pm. All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,
Regina Sonon
Secretary/Treasurer