

**CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF JULY17, 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, Secretary Regina Sonon, Solicitor Eric Prock, and on behalf of Systems Design Engineering Steve Moyer. Michelle Blankenhorn was not in attendance.

Citizens Participation: There was no citizen participation.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike to accept the June 19 meeting minutes. All Ayes.

Municipal Bills: A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob to approve the bills of July 17. All Ayes

Requisitions: No Requisitions

Old Business:

1. ARPA Funds – ARPA List – A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Kathy to approve a purchasing a play structure from Play World in the amount of \$27,607 in lieu of a stand-alone sliding board. ARPA funds will be used for this purchase. All Ayes

New Business:

1. Ordinance 7-2023: A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Kathy and advertise. All Ayes
2. LST Tax Increase – council was agreeable to increasing the tax to the full amount of \$52. Eric will prepare an ordinance for next meeting.
3. Full Time Laborer Position – to be discussed in Executive Session.
4. 21 Chestnut Street - Eric will contact his investigator to locate the property owner. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob to mow and lien the property. All Ayes
5. 2001 Ford F450 2001 Dump Truck – Bob made a motion seconded by Kathy to list the truck on MunciBid for a minimum of \$5500 to \$7500. All Ayes
6. Council has an interest in purchasing the Sewer Authority's Truck once the Authority's truck is ready for purchase.
7. Memory Bench: Council will consider purchasing a bench to match the replacement at the Sewer Authority.
8. Pedestrian Signage on Chestnut Street - Council requested Regina to speak with Argal to compel Penn Dot to place pedestrian crossing signs along Chestnut and Sillyman.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor: Kathy would like to see fines doubled for repeat offenders.

Solicitor: Discussed the sale of the Cressona Elementary to River Rock to operate as an alternative school.

Engineer:

- a. Reviewed Engineer's Report
- b. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Mike to mow 6 Graeff Street. All Ayes
- c. Council received the proposed drawings for the Bath house at the pool and the bathrooms at the Grove. Some changes need to be made, will present at the next meeting.

Secretary:

Prepared flyers for Ash and Alcoa Street project.
Moving forward with CODE Red
Made some upgrades to the website.
The office will be closed 7/20 to 7/26.

Finance/Property: Treasurer's Report and reconciliation was given to Council.

Highway: Will review No Parking list will prepare and Ordinance. Mike and Michelle will review the traffic study.

Sanitation: Nothing at this time.

Recreation: Pool has been busy.

Safety: Nothing at this time.

Personnel: Received a large number of applications. Committee to review and conduct interview. Will make a recommendation to council.

Fire Chief: Kathy requested a list of active fire fighters.

COG: Nothing at this time.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Frank Zurat: Zerbe/Shady Lane any updates on water control. Wanted the owner to mow 6 Graeff Street. Water control project at the Grove from Harmony Hill. Wanted to know if we have enough barricades in case of flash flooding.

Joe Oliver: #1 will be holding a Sportsmen Raffle on August 12.

Sarah Tynes: Lives at 8 Pottsville Street. She received a NOV for parking at an illegal parking lot near her home. Had some legal questions and wanted to introduce herself.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob at 8:17 pm to enter Executive Session. All Ayes.

Exit Executive Session: A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Kathy at 8:21 pm for Personnel with action to follow. All Ayes

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bob and seconded by Kathy at 8:23 pm. All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,
Regina Sonon
Secretary/Treasurer