CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes – July 20, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Linda Walinsky followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Linda Walinsky, Mike Pascuzzo, Jennifer Wannamaker, Michelle Blankenhorn, Sofia Mabry, Sandra Renninger, Regina Sonon, Rick Day and Steve Moyer.

Citizen Participation:

Billie Joe Wagner, 90 River Street: Addressed Council about drivers not obeying speed limit and not adhering to one way.

Ned Drey, Sillyman Street: Takes much longer to turn left onto Sillyman Street.

Mike Pontician: Traffic has decreased, in his opinion it has been mostly residents not adhering to the one-way signage.

Sarah Yost, 94 River: Traveling at a higher rate of speed since going to one-way. It took 7 lights to get to the borough.

Stephanie Geisinger, 26 River St: Not stopping at the stop sign, has concerns for the safety of her son and small children.

Mrs. Breslin, 19 River Street: No notice was sent notifying residents feels the traffic was less.

Mary Ellen Gilbert, 29 River Street: 50 cars in an hour and many going the wrong way.

Kerry Fritz, 87 River Street: Feels the borough has created a more dangerous situation.

Minutes from the previous meeting: June 15, 2026, were approved as written. Motion made by Jenn and seconded by Sofia. All ayes.

Municipal Bills: A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Michelle to approved the previous bill for the period of June 16 through July 17. All Ayes

A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Jenn to approve paying bills report dated July 20. All Ayes

Requisitions: None submitted

Old Business:

1. A motion was made by Jenn and seconded by Mike to enact Dumpster Ordinance 012026. All Ayes

2. Traffic Calming Update – Linda asked Regina to submit the Traffic Calming Policy to LTAP for review.
3. Multi Modal 2026 Grant
   a. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Sofia to pass Resolution 11-2026. All Ayes
   b. A motion was made by Michelle and seconded by Mike to approve paying the application fee. All ayes
4. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Jenn to approve Junior Council Person Resolution 12-2026. All Ayes

New Business:

1. Pool Feasibility Study: The committee recommended CHA Consulting to complete the Pool Feasibility Study.
   - Mike made a motion, seconded by Michelle to approve CHA Consulting to complete the Feasibility Study within 26-week time frame. All Ayes
2. Sofia made a motion, seconded by Mike to advertise E Bike Ordinance 022026. All Ayes
3. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Jenn to enact Resolution 13-2026 Cressona Band LSA Grant Application up to 482,500 all fees to be paid by the Cressona Band. All Ayes
4. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Jenn to appoint Regina Sonon as South Schuylkill Unified Representative. All Ayes
5. Held for Executive Session: Hiring of part time employee to the Public Works Department.
6. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Sofia to seek financing or grant opportunity not to exceed $50,000 for a Skid Steer all Ayes.
7. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Michelle for Public Works to mow the abandoned properties: 47 Ash Street, 4 River Street, 88 Pottsville. All Ayes

Committee Reports

Mayor – None

Solicitor – None

Engineer – Please see report

Secretary – None

Cressona Cares – Discussed the support received from the community and looking at doing it again next year.

Finance/Property – Sofia will stop by borough hall to complete the reconciliations.

Highway – Sink hole on Railroad Street to be addressed.

Recreation – Meeting Wednesday, July 22.

Safety – Nothing at this Time.

Personnel- Requested an Executive Session

Code Enforcement – Currently working with 3 properties to be cleaned up. Also has a large number of weed and grass violations.

Fire Chief – Answered 7 calls past month. Completed 8-hour training with both

COG – Not meeting again until September.

Citizens Participation

Mrs. Gilbert reported there are weeds growing out of the storm drain in front of her house.

Mr. Drey would like to purchase the empty lot/paper alley behind his home.

Executive Session

There was a motion made by Mike and seconded by Jenn to go into Executive Session for Personnel and Legal matters with possible action to follow. All ayes.

There was a motion made by Sofia and seconded by Mike to come out of Executive Session. All ayes.

A Motion was made by Sofia and seconded by Mike to hire Jim Haas as a part time employee at $20 an hour not to exceed 32 hours a week. All Ayes

8:06 pm – There was a motion to adjourn made by Mike and seconded by Michelle. All ayes

Next Meeting: Monday, August 17 at 6 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Regina Sonon
Secretary/Treasurer