

**CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF July 6, 2021**  
**BI-MONTHLY MEETING**

**Call to Order:** 7:00 p.m. by Council President Mike Pascuzzo. Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Those in attendance were Kathy Butz, Robert Barr, Dave Semar, Linda Walinsky, Regina Sonon, Steve Moyer, and Eric Prock. Not present Dennis Snyder

**Citizens Participation:** None

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Council received a copy of minutes from June 21 Borough Council meeting. A motion to accept them with the following corrections: removal of Mike Pascuzzo's name in the Call to Order and replacing it with Kathy Butz the motion was made by Kathy, seconded by Dave. All Ayes.

**Municipal Bills:** A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike to approve the Bills to Be Paid dated July 6. All Ayes

**Requisitions:** #289 – 2nd chlorine pool pump – A motion was made by Kathy to purchase the chlorine pump from Amazon. The motion was seconded by Bob. All Ayes

**Old Business:**

1. Southview Drive – SDE recommends an underdrain system to catch the water and deposit it in the catch basin. Council was agreeable to having Frank and Mike meet with SDE and Mike Pollack from Recon to hear their recommendations.
2. Overgrown trees and shrubs on borough properties, Eric recommended that the letter come from SDE and not from the Borough Office. Council was agreeable Steve will prepare the letter and mail them. Regina will provide the list to SDE.

**New Business:**

1. Girl Scout Silver Award Project for Troop #31088: Presentation was made by Girls Scouts Emma Hulsey, Mazie Schaeffer, and Piper Reinhart. Discussed the work needing to be completed at the Scout Lodge at the Cressona Grove in order for them to hold their meetings and have campouts at the location.. Marcella to provide photos of the progress to post on the Borough website. A motion was made by Bob contingent upon Scout Leader Marcella Moyer provide a copy of the insurance policy naming the borough as the legal insured and a liability waiver. The motion was seconded by Kathy. All Ayes
2. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Kathy to get a quote from Fidler Brother to repair the hydrant at Front and Schuylkill Street. All Ayes
3. Sophia Pascuzzo was present to discuss Hometown Hero's banners. To be advertised on the website. A motion was made to form a committee by Kathy and Seconded by Linda. All Ayes

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Assorted correspondence on office counter.

**COMMITTEES:**

**Mayor:** Was not present.

**Solicitor:** 1. 40 Chestnut St hearing, received results of the hearing was found in the Borough's favor and a fine was levied.

2. Read a resolution to replace Tax Collector, Tiffany Meyer with new Tax Collector Regina Sonon.

**Engineer:** 1. Please see the report.

**Secretary:** 1. Noecker family asked permission to close Oak Street to conduct an auction of their parent's property on Front Street. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike to allow the closure of Oak Street on Saturday, September 4. All Ayes. 2. Sanitation bills were mailed on Thursday, July 1. 3. Requested Eric look into withdrawing Erin Hossler's pension from PMRS. 4. Complaint: Council reviewed complaint and recommended that it be handled by SDE.

**Finance/Property:** nothing at this time

**Highway:** Covered earlier

**Sanitation:** Still getting calls in the Borough office regarding trash not be collected.

**Recreation:** The pool has been very busy with the hot weather. Received approximately \$3100 in the Capital Improvement allotment.

**Safety:** Inquired about when the crosswalks are going to be painted?

**Personnel:** Nothing at this time

**Fire Chief:** Talked about flaggers for the street painting on Pottsville Street and the stop bars at the light. Will call Frank Killian to get more details.

**COG:** Nothing at this time

**Citizen Participation:**

John Waltman – Addressed council regarding his purchase of a property on Railroad Street. He is working on making the necessary repairs and cleaning up the yard as well. He thanked SDE and Borough representatives for being very helpful and friendly.

**Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:52 pm was made by Linda and Seconded by Bob All Ayes**

Respectfully Submitted,

Regina Sonon  
Secretary/Treasurer

**CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF July 19, 2021**  
**BI-MONTHLY MEETING**

**Call to Order:** 7:00 p.m. by Council President Mike Pascuzzo. Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Those in attendance were Kathy Butz, Robert Barr, Dave Semar, Linda Walinsky, Regina Sonon, Steve Moyer, and Eric Prock. Not present Dennis Snyder

**Citizens Participation:** None

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Council received a copy of minutes from the July 6, Borough Council meeting. A motion to accept them as typed was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob. All Ayes.

**Municipal Bills:** A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike to approve the Bills to Be Paid dated July 19. All Ayes

**Requisitions:** None at this time.

**Old Business:**

1. Fire Hydrant at Front and Graeff Street: Tabled - Waiting for quote from Fidler Brothers
2. Hometown Hero Banners: Sofia presented her findings please see the packet Sofia presented to council.
  - a. Program to run July 26 to August 23, will be first come first served.
  - b. We have 40 available poles to be utilized. Frank Killian recommended getting some extra brackets to replace some of the failing brackets.
  - c. The banners will be hung in the new year once the Christmas banners are removed.
  - d. Kathy made a motion to establish an account at Riverview Bank titled Cressona Borough, Banner Committee with Dennis Snyder, Lisa Pascuzzo, and Sofia Pascuzzo as authorized signers and to set the price of the individual banners. The motion was seconded by Linda. All Ayes

**New Business:**

1. Shank Door Quote: A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob Contingent upon written confirmation that \$6508 is the final price. All Ayes
2. Legion: To host 2 American Legion Riders Benefit Run
  - a. A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Dave to approve closing a portion of Walnut Street on Saturday, August 7 and 28 beginning at 11 am. All Ayes
  - b. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob to add a second handicap parking space at the Cressona American Legion. All Ayes
3. COGI: A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike to approve the hanging of a banner on the tennis court fence for a period of 3 to 5 weeks to advertise Vocals for Veterans a concert to be held at the Schuylkill County Fairgrounds on October 16 a fundraising event to help homeless veterans. All Ayes
4. Tax Collector Fees: A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob to approve Tax Collector, Regina Sonon, to charge 10 dollars for a duplicate tax bill and 10 dollars for a tax certification. All Ayes

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Assorted correspondence on office counter.

**COMMITTEES:**

**Mayor:** Was not present.

**Solicitor:** Requests an Executive session with not action to follow.

**Engineer:**

1. Please see the report.
2. Bob expressed concern to Steve regarding the Mayor not sending sweep tickets and the general condition of the borough and specifically Pottsville Street.
3. Council decided that the Solicitor will send the mayor a letter to request his cooperation in mailing sweep tickets.

**Secretary:**

1. The system is in place to start accepting credit card payments for the trash bill through our website.
2. Called multiple companies about getting a quote for a replacement furnace at the garage.
3. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Kathy to issue a reimbursement check to Mark Osatchuck for the partial payment of a Zoning hearing fee.
4. Regina discussed with council an exterior bulletin board outside above the lock box. Will present findings at the next council meeting.

**Finance/Property:** June treasurer's report and reconciliation any questions please contact Kathy, Linda or Regina.

**Highway:**

1. Frank Killian, Road Supervisor discussed the proposed project at South View Drive. Frank thinks rebuilding the road in its entirety as SDE recommends will be very cost prohibitive. In his opinion he thinks that repairing the road as needed and in sections is a better option. Linda made a motion and was seconded by Kathy to repair the 235' by 15' section at this time. All Ayes
2. Crosswalks & Stop Bars on Pottsville Street: Mike Pontician is having a challenging time getting 4 volunteers to flag. Discussed doing the work after hours Frank said it's not an option due to safety concerns. Mike P. will continue to recruit volunteers.

**Sanitation:** Borough Secretary received an email from Jonas Kreitzer inquiring about the partial payment to County Waste. Regina emailed him the spreadsheet and a copy of the minutes with Council's motion to deduct money from the payment based on the number of houses not getting collected each week.

**Recreation:** Nothing at this time

**Safety:** Happy that the crosswalk project is moving forward.

**Personnel:** Nothing at this time

**Fire Chief:** Expressed concern about the down fire hydrants. Council asked Mike P. to talk to Schuylkill Haven about the spare parts. 2. If the fire police are going to help at fundraising activities, please make Mike P. aware in case there is an emergency.

**COG:** Nothing at this time

**Citizen Participation:**

Frank Zurat:

1. Questioned water discharging onto Borough Streets. Council asked Steve to look into it.
2. Wanted to know why we are doing the cross walks and stop bars on Pottsville Street and will Liquid Fuels money be used.
3. Front Street sidewalk repair – did not require a permit the address provided was incorrect. Frank took exception to needing a permit to do the work here in the borough.
4. Should Cressona Fire Police be responding to emergency calls? Frank doesn't understand why we're contacting fire police from Schuylkill Haven. Mike Pontician explained that he had to add Fire Police from Schuylkill Haven to ensure that he has people available to respond to an emergency event. His belief is that the Fire Police have been removed from the run list.

**Motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike to enter Executive Session for personnel with not action to follow at 8:15 All Ayes.**

**A motion was made to exit Executive Session for personnel matters with no action by Bob and Seconded by Kathy at 8:18 pm. All ayes**

**A motion was made by Kathy and Seconded by Linda to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 pm. All Ayes**

Respectfully Submitted,

Regina Sonon  
Secretary/Treasurer

