

**CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2022
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, Dave Semar, Mayor Sandra Renninger, Secretary Regina Sonon, Solicitor Eric Prock and on behalf of Systems Design Engineering Steve Moyer. Kathy Butz was not in attendance.

Citizens Participation:

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Council received a copy of the minutes. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Mike to approve the June 6 meeting minutes. All Ayes.

Municipal Bills: A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Dave to approve the June 20, bills to be paid. All Ayes

Requisitions: No requisitions were presented.

Old Business:

1. July 5 Meeting – The meeting will be held on Tuesday. Linda will not be at the meeting. Eric will not be able to attend he will send a back up
2. ARPA List - Linda visited the Grove and wants to add a few items to the list upgrades to the bathrooms, park benches, sand volleyball court, cornhole, and some of the play equipment.
3. Garbage Contract – Reviewed by council; Asked Steve to include an option of having recycling picked up every other week instead of every week.
4. Trunk or Treat - Monday, October 31. Sandy is going to distribute to the surrounding businesses. Also going to talk to the girl scouts about getting involved. Mike Pontician committed to providing electric. He also talked to some food trucks. Regina will look into bounce houses.
5. Soda Machine – A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Dave to approve the installation of a soda machine at the basketball courts near borough hall. All Ayes

New Business:

1. Red Cross & Cressona #1 Fire alarm installation – Postponed to September. The mayor asked if council would be willing to make a donation toward food for the volunteers or supplies for the installation.
2. Community Safety Night – Thursday, Sept 15: Mike Pontician addressed council they will be signing up residents for smoke alarms, the ambulance will be here, state police, and medivac. He would also like participation from the borough. Any churches that are interested.
3. Bethany Church Carwash – A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Dave to allow the church to have a carwash Saturday, July 30 outside borough hall contingent that the Borough is added to the insurance rider. All Ayes
4. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Dave to transfer the accounts from Riverview Bank to M&T bank. All Ayes

CORRESPONDENCE: Assorted correspondence on office counter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor: Mailed 15 to 18 sweep tickets, due June 27. Asked Eric about the Cressona Elementary's historical status. She has concerns about the building being razed if it is sold to a developer.

Solicitor: Requested an executive session with no action to follow.

Engineer: Reviewed the engineer's report. Linda asked him to take a look at a dead tree at 6 Graeff Street. A complaint was received from a resident regarding her apartment Steve to complete an interior inspection. Steve committed to talking to H&K Group about, not completing the paving project on a Wednesday.

Secretary: Nothing at this time.

Finance/Property: The treasurer's report and reconciliation were handed out to council.

Highway: Heim completed the curbing project on Railroad Street on Friday. Ryan coned off an area on Grove Street where a small sinkhole has developed to prevent people from parking in the area. Frank will work on it when he returns.

Sanitation: Discussed with council my concerns regarding the trash hauler collecting trash for residents that are more than 2 quarters behind. I also asked Steve to reach out to his contacts to facilitate getting some bins.

Recreation: Nothing at this time

Safety: Bob asked that the mayor send a letter to 119 Pottsville Street.

Personnel: A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Dave to accept Shane Hobbs as the Zoning/Hearing Solicitor. All Ayes. Eric will let Atty Hobbs know.

Fire Chief: Asked Steve to mail a letter to a resident that is not adhering to the burning restrictions and for contact information for the property owners at Mine Hill Manor and the condos.

COG: No meeting until the end of summer

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Sofia Pascuzzo: Provided an update regarding Hometown Hero banners. There are 25 more poles to date 14 people have applied for a banner. The deadline is Friday, July 29

Joe Oliver: Nothing at this time

Stephan Poncelet: Attended the meeting to discuss his concerns regarding noise and fighting in the street near the Hot Rod Bar and Grill at 19 Front Street.

A motion to enter executive session was made by Mike and seconded by Bob at 8:24 pm. All Ayes

A motion was made at 8:40 pm to exit executive session by Bob and seconded by Dave. All Ayes

Executive Session: Legal matters, no action to follow.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike and seconded by Dave at 8:40 pm. All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,
Regina Sonon
Secretary/Treasurer