

**CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 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, Mike Pascuzzo, Dave Semar, Dennis Snyder, Regina Sonon, Steve Moyer, and Arlen "Rick" Day on behalf of Eric Prock. Not present Robert Barr, Linda Walinsky, and Eric Prock

Citizens Participation: None

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Council received a copy of minutes from May 17, Borough Council meeting. A motion to accept them as typed was made by Kathy, seconded by Dave. All Ayes.

Municipal Bills: A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Kathy to approve the Bills to Be Paid dated June 7. All Ayes

Requisitions: #287 – A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Dave to purchase a 12-inch bucket for the backhoe from Plasterer not to exceed \$825. All Ayes

#288 – A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Dave to purchase PennDOT approved Hot Point traffic paint through US Municipal Supply not to exceed the amount of \$663.90. All Ayes

Old Business:

1. A motion was made by Kathy to purchase a second net to make 2 pickleball court. The motion was seconded by Dave. All Ayes
2. Fire hydrant update by Mike to be replaced in July once Fidler receives the fire hydrant.

New Business:

1. Pool update
 - a. A motion was made Kathy to replace current chlorine tank with a larger 250-gallon tank. The motion was seconded by Mike. All Ayes
 - b. A motion to order a replacement motor from BJ Baldwin was made by Kathy and seconded by Dave. Once we have the invoices Regina to present to BMRC to request reimbursement from EIT funds. All Ayes
2. Resignation of Tax Collector
 - a. A motion was made to accept Tiffany Meyer resignation was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike. All Ayes
 - b. A motion to appoint Regina Sonon, interim tax collector until December 31 to fill the expired term was made by Mike and seconded by Kathy. All Ayes
 - c. A motion was made by Kathy to change the authorized signer on the Tax Collector Account at Riverview Bank from Tiffany Meyer to Regina Sonon and also attend any necessary classes. The motion was seconded by Mike. All Ayes
3. A motion was made by Mike to have Fidler Brother's complete the Southview Drive project contingent upon Steve finding it acceptable. The motion was seconded by Kathy. All Ayes
4. Tabled – Contract with Flagger force to complete the stop bars and crosswalks on Pottsville Street. This was tabled until the paint is received. Will review at a future meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: Assorted correspondence on office counter.

COMMITTEES:

Mayor: Reviewing properties that letters were mailed due to high grass. Will be mailing sweep tickets this week.

- a. A Motion was made by Kathy to have the borough road crew cut 6 Graeff Street if it is not mowed within 5 days and to also mow 55 & 59 Schuylkill Street since the properties are abandoned and we have not had any success contacting the owners. The motion was seconded by Kathy

Solicitor: 1. Mailed letters to Mr. Gregonis and Mr. White regarding paper road. 2. Discussed the Girl Scout project at the Scout Lodge at the Grove.

Engineer: Please see report

Secretary: 1. Added a link to FEMA Maps to our website for any property owners looking to research whether or not they are in the flood plain. 2. The borough will be closed Thursday or Friday. 3. Appliance pick up is June 9. 4. Borough clean-up day was a success, filled 5 dumpsters. The guys were very busy. The Sewer Authority was gracious and allowed the hauler to store the dumpsters behind the gate while not in use which helped prevent any illegal dumping.

Finance/Property: Nothing at this time.

Highway: Discussed in New Business.

Sanitation: Nothing at this time.

Recreation: Pool discussed earlier. Mike thanked Frank and Johnny for all the work they did to get the pool ready to open.

Safety: Nothing at this time.

Personnel: Nothing at this time

Fire Chief: Did not attend the meeting

COG: No one was here to discuss

Citizen Participation:

Frank Zurat –

1. Reported that there is a feral cat problem on Graeff & Zerbe Street.
2. Suggested that TB Landscaping do the cutting of the abandoned properties.
3. Trucks & trailers continue to use Graeff Street – Regina to call St. Martin
4. Would like to see the police department reinstated.
5. When will the water runoff issued be addressed at Graeff & Zerbe Street?

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:45 pm was made by Kathy and Seconded by Dave All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,

Regina Sonon
Secretary/Treasurer

**CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 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, Zac Sullivan, and Eric Prock. Not present Michael Pascuzzo, Dennis Snyder

Citizens Participation: None

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Council received a copy of minutes from June 7 Borough Council meeting. A motion to accept them with the following corrections: removal of Linda Walinsky's name the motion was made by Kathy, seconded by Dave. All Ayes.

Municipal Bills: Kathy brought to council's attention the adjustment made to County Waste's bill for non-collection. Eric recommended the minutes and a listing of the addresses missed for the period of May 19 to Friday, June 18. A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Bob to approve the Bills to Be Paid dated June 21. All Ayes

Requisitions: #289 – 2nd chlorine pool pump - Tabled

Old Business:

1. Southview Drive – SDE made council aware that this project is over the bidding threshold. A motion was made by Bob to put the project out to bid to include the excavation and paving with the stipulation that it must be completed by the end of 2021. The motion was seconded by Dave. All Ayes
2. County Waste – Council agreed to continue to deduct from the invoice the amount of \$25 for any households not collected on collection day. We are not able to end this contract since the contract ends December 31, 2021. Eric said we will be exposing ourselves to price gouging.

New Business:

1. A motion was made by Dave to prepare the bid for the sanitation contract. The bid will be prepared by Eric, Steve and Zac. Council will have final review sometime in September. Some of Council's asks are large item pickup anytime in the month, ashes, brush, and yard waste. The motion was seconded by Linda. All Ayes
2. Memo from Frank about overgrown trees or shrubs. A motion was made by Bob to prepare letter requesting they trim the trees and hedges. The motion was seconded by Dave. All Ayes. Council asked Regina to email 1st draft of letter to Eric regarding residences with trees and shrubs that are growing into the right of way. Once the final draft is ready email copy to council prior to mailing. Non-compliant property owners will be submitted to SDE as a Code Enforcement Violation.
3. ARPA - Motion was made by Linda to set up a separate account with Mike, Kathy, Bob and Regina as the authorized signers. The motion was seconded by Kathy. All Ayes
4. Kathy discussed the expense of Flagger Force, Bob suggested we talk to the Schuylkill Haven Fire Police about flagging and making a donation to their organization. Council was agreeable to talking to Mike Pontician to find out if he can get any fire police.

CORRESPONDENCE: Assorted correspondence on office counter.

COMMITTEES:

Mayor: Was not present, mailed sweep tickets last week.

Solicitor: 1. 40 Chestnut St hearing, waiting for results of the hearing. 2. Would like us to update the code book since it hasn't been done since 2011.

Engineer: 1. Liquid fuels can be used to pay for Flagger Force to do the cross walks and stop bars. 2. Zac asked for permission to field measure the work to be done on Southview Drive. 3. Linda asked Zac to look into the Grant through the county regarding building a compost/lawn recycling area.

Secretary: 1. Feral cats near Schuylkill and Rudy Street. 2. Tiffany dropped off all of her paperwork

Finance/Property: Please review Treasurer's Report and reconciliation.

Highway: Covered earlier

Sanitation: Also covered earlier.

Recreation: Nothing at this time

Safety: Asked Regina to mail a letter to 88 Pottsville regarding the high grass. Bob also expressed concern about people not maintaining their sidewalks. He said the grass is 3 feet high in some areas.

Personnel: Nothing at this time

Fire Chief: Did not attend the meeting

COG: Nothing at this time

Citizen Participation: NONE

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:51 pm was made by Bob and Seconded by Linda All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,

Regina Sonon
Secretary/Treasurer