

**CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 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.

Citizens Participation: There was no citizen participation.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike to accept the May 15 meeting minutes. All Ayes.

Municipal Bills: A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Kathy to approve the bills of June 5. All Ayes

Requisitions: #326 – A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Kathy - Ken’s Tire – 2 Front Tires for 2012 Ford F550 - \$550. All Ayes
#327 – A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Linda -Grainer Chlorine Pool Pump - \$1500. All Ayes

Old Business:

1. ARPA Funds – A Motion by Mike and seconded by Kathy for engineer to provide specs for Grove and pool renovation work to the restrooms at the Grove and pool facility. Plans to be provided by June 30. All Ayes
2. Reading of the Amended Fire Company Ordinance – Regina to provide copies to the Fire Companies.

New Business:

1. Girl Scouts – A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Kathy to approve the Girl Scouts installing a community garden at location to be decided at a future date. All Ayes
2. 2023 Paving Project Bid Opening- SDE to put bid packs together and present to council at the next meeting. Please see the 2023 Paving Project Bid Specification Sheet for bid amounts.
3. Letters of Interest for open Council Seat:
 - a. A Motion was made by Bob and seconded by Mike to open nominations. All Ayes
 - b. A Motion was made by Bob to nominate Michelle Blankenhorn seconded by Kathy. All Ayes
 - c. A Motion was made by Bob and seconded by Kathy to close nominations. All Ayes
 - d. A Motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob to appoint Michelle Blankenhorn to the open Council seat, term expiring 12/31/2023. All Ayes
4. TCC Delegate Resolution – Eric to contact Gail Stehr, TCC Secretary, to find out if the meeting minutes are sufficient.
5. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Bob to mow 59 Schuylkill, 15 S Sillyman St. All Ayes

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor:

- a. Has been sending letters to Pottsville Street focusing on cleaning up sidewalks making it passable for pedestrians.
- b. Would like to start a grant program to help residents clean up their properties.
- c. Will be moving forward with a pickleball tournament July 15 to August 1. Would like to get a sign for rules.

Solicitor: Nothing at this time.

Engineer:

- a. Reviewed Engineer’s Report
- b. A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Kathy to provide an extension to September 13 for Willow Street Townhouses project. All Ayes

Secretary:

- a. Completed the application for unclaimed property.
- b. Was approached by Juvenile Probation Officer regarding potential projects to be completed by the kids on probation.
- c. Talked to council about a money market account with a rate of 5.35% at Customer's First Bank.

Finance/Property: Nothing at this time.

Highway: Nothing at this time.

Sanitation: Nothing at this time.

Recreation:

- a. Pool opened June 4.
- b. Frank contacted PPB and completed the paperwork to request they donate the replacement of the roof on the bathhouse and concession stand at the pool.
- c. Cressona to receive \$3200 from BMRC Capital Improvement Fund.

Safety: Nothing at this time.

Personnel: Requested an Executive Session.

Fire Chief:

- a. The Fire Hydrant on Pottsville Street installed by Hydro is now operational.
- b. Asked permission to use the Borough's portion of the parking lot behind the Goodwill parking lot. Council approved at previous meeting.
- c. Invited Council and the Mayor to participate in the Fire Parade in August.
- d. Kathy said she received word from a resident that feels Mike Pontician is doing a very good job as fire chief.

COG: No meeting in June.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Michelle Blankenhorn: Nothing at this Time

John Grodis: Expressed his frustration with the citation process. He said that 147 Pottsville is deplorable and the road dirt on the sidewalks is terrible.

Frank Zurat: Asked for an update on the foot bridge and an update of the traffic study.

Joe Oliver: Provided an update on the bar removal at the Number 1 fire company.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Mike at 8:15 pm to enter Executive Session. All Ayes.

Exit Executive Session: A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Mike at 8:27 pm for Legal and Personnel Matters with action to follow. All Ayes

A Motion was made by Mike and seconded by Kathy to post full time street laborer position. All Ayes

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bob and seconded by Kathy at 8:29 pm. All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,
Regina Sonon
Secretary/Treasurer