

**CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 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, Kathy Butz, Dave Semar, Mayor Sandra Renninger, Secretary Regina Sonon, Solicitor Eric Prock and on behalf of Systems Design Engineering Steve Moyer.

Citizens Participation: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Eckenroth residents at 48 Ash Street expressed concern about boarding up 47 Ash Street. He said that this is holding up his home rebuild. Mrs. Eckenroth also stated the grass is extremely high. Steve confirmed the property has been condemned and that the property will be boarded up. Eric committed to trying to find out the future plans for the property.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Council received a copy of the minutes. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike to approve the May 16 meeting minutes. All Ayes.

Municipal Bills: A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Mike to approve the June 6, bills to be paid. All Ayes

Requisitions: #303 – US Municipal Supply: White and Yellow Traffic Paint \$1780
A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob to purchase the paint not to exceed \$1780. All Ayes

Old Business:

1. July 5 Meeting – Tabled
2. Flooring at borough hall – Council was agreeable to Regina requesting bids for flooring.
3. ARPA List – Tabled

New Business:

1. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike to make a \$200 donation to the Orwigsburg Public Library. All Ayes
2. A motion was made by Linda and seconded Kathy to approve leasing a water cooler at borough hall and the garage. Dave and Mike approved. Bob was a dissenting vote.
3. Power Aide at the basketball courts – No vote was made, after council members expressed concerns
4. Trunk or Treat – Waiting for Eric to complete the waiver.
5. Property Maintenance Issues:
 - a. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Kathy for Mountain View Restoration to board up 47 Ash Street and to lien the property. All Ayes.
 - b. Complaints – A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Dave to have SDE look into 17 and 18 Zerbe Street with the exception of the grass. The mayor is to decide whether the property owners are to be cited for high grass. All Ayes
 - c. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob to have the borough crew mow 59 Schuylkill Street, 88 Pottsville, 6 Graeff Street and 47 Ash Street and then lien the properties. All Ayes
6. Regina to mail a letter to resident on Grove Street that it is not possible to park the tractor trailer on the Goodwill parking lot.
7. Regina to mail a letter to tenant and property owner allowing a disabled parking space at 33 Front Street.

CORRESPONDENCE: Assorted correspondence on office counter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor: Discussed with council mailing a post card requesting property owners clean up their properties and sidewalks along Pottsville Street.

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

Engineer:

1. Please see report and review the sanitation contract which will be discussed at a future meeting.
2. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Dave to refile with the magistrate regarding Harmony Hill runoff. All Ayes
3. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Dave to allow a final 30-day extension starting 6/7 ending 7/7/22 at 144 Chestnut Street to clean up their property. If it is not cleaned up by the deadline, SDE to file with the magistrate. All Ayes
4. Steve will make council aware of potential dates to meet with Hydro regarding the Hock property.

Secretary:

1. Summer Recreation will be June 13 to August 5.
2. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Kathy to purchase autistic child sign in the area 276 Chestnut Street. All Ayes
3. Received a request from a resident related to an electronic sign. Council was agreeable to Regina mailing letters to local businesses for donations to help pay for the sign.
4. Regina thanked Council for permitting her to attend the annual PSAB conference.

Finance/Property: Regina is meeting with M&T Bank on June 8 to discuss banking options.

Highway: Heim to inspect Railroad Street excavation project prior to them starting the curbing. Curb work to begin June 20.

Sanitation: Nothing at this time.

Recreation:

1. The pool is open.
2. Summer Recreation has 45 kids enrolled.
3. We currently have \$15,026 in the recreation fund through Blue Mountain Recreation.

Safety: Would like to see the crosswalks and stop bars installed.

Personnel:

1. Linda asked council to consider adding a second part time person no to exceed a combined 40 hours a month as a back up or for larger projects.
2. A motion was made by Dave and seconded by Mike to enable Frank to delegate duties to the part time laborer based on the projects needing to be completed.

Fire Chief: All is well.

COG: Nothing at this time

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Cole Minard: Mr. Minard on behalf of Marsha Drive residents, informed council that there was an incident at 40 Marsha Drive on Sunday, June 5. The police were called the resident was cited but not arrested. He is required to appear before the district magistrate. He also volunteered to be the point person regarding the issue.

1. Inquired on behalf of the residents wanting to know why they were not notified that a group home was moving into their neighborhood
2. Can the resident be evicted from the property, what recourse do the neighbors have in this instance?
3. Can an injunction be filed?

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Salamone: Informed council that this resident is a repeat offender on probation and has previous charges against him. He said the state police suggested they take their concerns to the borough and ask them to address it.

Eric, Borough Solicitor: Recommended the following:

1. Marsha Drive Residents write a letter with everyone's signature and present it to the District Attorney, Mike O'Pake, expressing their concerns and expectations.
2. He also committed to talking to the state police officer and getting the incident number.
3. He will be looking into whether anything can be done about the group home since the circumstances have changed.
4. He also explained the legal process to the audience as well as council.

Paul Eckenroth: Reported the wooded area behind and to the right of his residence is going to be developed into town houses. They are removing trees at all hours of the day and night.

Frank Zurat:

1. Wanted to know if recycling is mandatory.
2. Suggested hiring a landscaper to mow abandoned properties.
3. Feral Cat issue: What is the borough doing about it?
4. 18 Zerbe Street: Is it commercial or residential property?

A motion to enter executive session was made by Mike and seconded by Bob at 8:29 pm. All Ayes

A motion was made at 8:32 pm to exit executive session by Bob and seconded by Mike. All Ayes

Executive Session: Legal matters, no action to follow.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob at 8:33 pm. All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,
Regina Sonon
Secretary/Treasurer