

**CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2025**

**Call to Order:** 6:00 p.m. by Council President, Linda Walinsky.

**Roll Call:** Those in attendance were council members Linda Walinsky, Mike Pascuzzo, Robert Barr, Michelle Blankenhorn, Jennifer Wanamaker, Sandi Renninger, Regina Sonon, Solicitor Eric Prock, and on behalf of Systems Design Engineering Steven Moyer.

**Citizens Participation:** Tammy Hoover, Pottsville Street: Inquired about the pool and financial responsibility of the repairs.

Charlotte Rowan, Front Street: Was concerned about losing the pool and if it isn't repaired this year what are the chances of it being repaired and reopened in the future.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Michelle to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 3. All Ayes

**Municipal Bills:** A motion was made by Jenn and seconded by Bob to approve paying the bills of March 17. All Ayes.

**Requisitions:** # 358 – Motion was made by Mike and seconded Jenn to replace tire on the International at Ken's Tires not to exceed \$600. All Ayes

**Old Business:**

1. Cressona Pool Discussion: Josh Semanco was in attendance and discussed at length the quote received from American Pool. Josh had expected a second quote from DG March but had not received it prior to or during the meeting.

Frank mentioned the estimator from DG March stated that the main pad had not gone into place yet and if it goes down further then the work was for nought.

Council agreed to complete a pressure test prior to making any further investment into the pool. The pressure test will determine if the plumping is in good order.

Council asked Josh about financial support from BMRC. Josh's recommendation to BMRC is to cover fifty percent of the cost of the repairs to the Cressona pool.

- a. Mike made a motion, seconded by Bob to authorize the pressure testing contingent on the lowest bidder not to exceed \$2432.34. The deadline to receive the second quote is Wednesday, March 19 by 9 am. All Ayes
- b. After further discussion an Addendum to the previous motion was made by Mike and seconded by Bob to award the project to the lowest bidder who can complete the pressure testing by Friday, March 28. All Ayes

Josh also advised Council of some grant opportunities prior to submitting a grant application a feasibility study has to be completed.

2. Skill Games Ordinance - Eric requested and executive session to discuss further.

**New Business:**

1. North Manheim Township 537 Plan - Matt Peleschak for Systems Design Engineers discussed the 537 Plan and talked about why the borough has to pass a resolution. Council asked Regina to include it on the April 7 Agenda.
2. A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Mike to approve OMI Technologies to install a modem and WIFI at the garage. All Ayes
3. Tabled – Council meeting format changes.
4. Fidler Brothers Railroad Street Quote - Frank recommended we complete it as a multi-year project. Linda asked the Highway Committee meet with Frank and decide which projects should be completed this year.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Mayor:** Sandi and Michelle canvassed River Street to find out what the resident's thoughts are to calm traffic on River Street. Linda asked Michelle and Bob, Safety Committee, to get together and discuss and be ready to make a recommendation at the April 21 council meeting.

**Solicitor:** Requested an Executive Session

**Engineer's Report:** Please see the report Linda asked Mike to review Ty Leinneweber's storm water recommendations and be ready to discuss at a future meeting.

**Secretary:** Newsletter will be mailed next week.

**Sanitation:** No update.

**Finance/Property:** Reconciliation was provided to council.

**Highway:** Frank is going to repair Front and Schuylkill Streets in anticipation of the seal coat work. Public Works will be helping the Sewer Authority smoke testing.

**Recreation:** Next meeting is March 26.

**Safety:** Michelle and Bob of the Safety Committee would like to see a mirror installed at Pottsville and River Street. Another issue Michelle talked about was the area in front of the fire company was going through PenDOT to not "block the box"

**Personnel:** No Updates

**Fire Chief:** The fire chief said the fire companies responded to 4 calls in February. There was a power outage on Sunday, March 16 that affected the stop light. Fire chief requested a key to be able to access the box that controls the light. Regina to reach out to the company that maintains it to request a duplicate.

**COG:** Nothing at this time.

**Code Enforcement Officer:** Investigating 3 minor complaints.

**Public Works:** Discussed public works projects earlier in the meeting.

## **Citizen's Participation:**

Mr. Hoover, Pottsville Street: Expressed that he would like to see a more permanent solution to the knotweed at the Sillyman Street bridge. He also enquired as to when the last time the tunnel was cleared of debris.

**Executive Session:** A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Mike to enter Executive session at 7:41 pm for legal matters with possible action to follow. All Ayes

Exited Executive Session at 7:48 pm for legal matters. The motion was made by Bob and seconded by Mike. All Ayes

A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Michelle to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes

Next Meeting Monday, April 7 at 6 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Regina Sonon  
Secretary/Treasurer