

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

**Citizens Participation:** There was no citizen participation.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Dave to accept the March 6 meeting minutes. All Ayes.

**Municipal Bills:** A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike to approve the bills of March 20. All Ayes

**Requisitions:** #320 – A Motion was made by Mike and seconded by Kathy to use the Recreation Fund at M&T Bank to purchase 300 square yards of engineered wood chips from General Recreation. At a cost of \$7334. All Ayes

#321 – A Motion was made by Mike and seconded by Dave to rent a boom lift from Ark Rental for a period of 1 week in the amount of \$630. All Ayes

#322 – A Motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike to purchase 45 kits of epoxy paint for the pool at a cost of \$4185. All Ayes

**Old Business:**

1. ARPA Funds – Frank and Regina discussed installing an ADA compliant bathroom attached to enclosed pavilion at the Grove. He also suggested putting in a band shell and installing the memory benches at the site. Council was agreeable to get quotes from Pioneer and James Cook and Sons for the tin and concrete required to complete the project.
2. Skill Games – Tabled
3. Spring Newsletter – Council reviewed and it is ready to be mailed this week.

**New Business:**

1. Willow Street Townhomes Subdivision:
  - a. Section 303.1 Preliminary Plan: A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Dave, for a waiver of 303.1 the submission of the preliminary plan. All Ayes with the exception of Kathy who abstained from voting.
  - b. Section 402.1 Plan Scale: A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Mike to accept plan scale of 1”-30” for the purpose of providing better clarity. All Ayes All Ayes with the exception of Kathy who abstained from voting.
2. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Kathy for Frank to attend Swimming Pool Pesticide Applicator Recertification at the cost of \$225. All Ayes
3. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Kathy for Regina to attend the PSAB Conference at a cost of \$250. All Ayes

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Mayor:** Mailed letters to some residents. Looking into a pickleball tournament sometime in July.

**Solicitor:** Requested an Executive Session with no action to follow.

**Engineer:** 1. Please see the Engineer’s Report.

2. The borough was awarded a DCED Grant to repair the foot bridge. Due to the dollar amount quotes will have to be obtained to complete the work.

3. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Dave to approve SDE completing two DEP GP-11 permits in order to perform work within the waterway of the Fourth and Third Street bridges not to exceed \$3500 apiece.  
All Ayes

**Secretary:** Discussed earlier.

**Finance/Property:** Nothing at this time.

**Highway:** Discussed earlier.

**Sanitation:** Will be mailing the trash bills later next week.

**Recreation:** Mike is looking into Memory Benches. He is concerned about the price which range from \$650 to \$850 a bench. Rec meeting is Wednesday, March 22.

**Safety:** Nothing at this time.

**Personnel:** Nothing at this time.

**Fire Chief:** Happy; fire hydrants have been repaired. Having many brush fires in the surrounding area.

**COG:** Nothing at this time Bob was not in attendance to provide an update from the March 16 meeting.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

**Brandi Eiler:** Asked if her business could be advertised in the newsletter. Regina recommended she contact the Pulse of Cressona on Facebook.

**Kyle Blankenhorn:** Regarding strip of property to the west of the Grove. He said that the borough crew is clearing a portion of his property and asked we stop trespassing. Eric asked for verification from Mr. Blankenhorn for a survey.

He also informed council that someone is illegally hunting he believes within the borough and there is a hunting blind behind the Mid Penn bank. He said he has found dead deer on his property.

**Executive Session:** A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Kathy at 7:40 pm to enter Executive Session. All Ayes.

**Exit Executive Session:** A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike at 7:53 pm for Legal Matters with no action to follow. All Ayes

**Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike at 7:55 pm. All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,  
Regina Sonon  
Secretary/Treasurer