

CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 18, 2026

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m. The Pledge to the Flag. Called to order by Linda Walinsky, Council President.

Roll Call: Council President, Linda Walinsky, Council Vice President, Mike Pascuzzo, Council Members Michelle Blankenhorn, Jennifer Wanamaker, Sofia Mabry, Mayor Sandi Renninger, Regina Sonon, Secretary Treasurer, Steve Moyer on behalf of Systems Design Engineers and in Solicitor Eric Prock's absence Rick Day attended the meeting.

Citizen Participation: No Participation at this time.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: An error was found on the previous minutes; the meeting was adjourned by Mike, seconded by Michelle. A motion was made by Jenn and seconded by Michelle to approve the Meeting Minutes of April 20 including the change. All Ayes

Municipal Bills: A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Jenn approving the bills paid from May 1-6. All Ayes A motion was made by Michelle and seconded by Mike to approve paying bills dated May 18. All Ayes

Requisitions: #378 - A motion was made by Michelle and seconded by Sofia to approve the purchase from the Zeager Playground Surfaces – 200 sq yards of engineered wood chips at a cost of \$5602. All Ayes

#379 – A Motion was made Mike and seconded by Michelle to approve the purchase from Miller Municipal Supply of street signs at a cost of \$4462.90. All Ayes

#380 – A Motion was made by Mike and seconded by Jenn to approve the purchase from Seal Master for 2 pallets of mastic at a cost of \$3577. All Ayes

Old Business:

1. Amended Dumpster Ordinance – Tabled
2. A motion was made by Michelle and seconded by Jenn to adopt Resolution 082026 Updated Fee Schedule. All Ayes

New Business:

1. Girl Scout Troop 32835 presented to council some suggestions to enhance the community garden.
2. Speeding and Unsafe Driving on Borough Streets:
 - a. Many residents expressed their concerns and frustrations regarding unsafe driving and multiple traffic studies yielding no results on River Street. Linda expressed concerns about a temporary solution.
 - After much discussion Linda proposed making the street one way and placing local traffic only signage and possibly electronic speed alert signage. Linda is fairly certain she can obtain a police car from a neighboring community to use as a speed deterrent.
 - Frank recommended narrowing River Street, studies have shown driver's instinctively slow down on narrow roads.
 - Sandi committed reaching out to other municipalities regarding speed hump installation and maintenance.
 - b. Unsafe driving on Wilder Street – Micaela Herring addressed council and provided the letter she mailed to the residents along with photos and a petition signed by Wilder Street residents to discuss the speeding and safety issues on Wilder Street.
 - Linda advised everyone that a comprehensive traffic study of the borough will be conducted over the summer.
 - She asked council to review the electronic speed monitoring signs.
 - A committee that includes Linda, Sandi and Michelle was formed to write a traffic safety policy to present to council at the June meeting.
 - A motion was made by Sofia and seconded by Mike to modify a motion from the previous meeting to modify traffic calming measures to include but not limited to speed humps. All Ayes
3. No bids were received for the 2026 Road project. A decision was made to not readvertise the project.
4. Walk Works Preplanning Grant – Tabled
5. A motion was made by Jenn and seconded by Michelle to pass Resolution 092026 authorizing the borough to apply for a Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program Grant and to also pay the \$100 application fee. All Ayes
6. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Sofia to pay for the Active Alerts paging system for the fire companies. All Ayes
7. County 250th Parade – Mike discussed some options for the county parade.

8. A motion was made by Jenn and seconded by Sofia to close the first block of Railroad from Front to Willow Street. To also close Front Street from Chestnut St (Route 183) to Oak Street and to prevent access to Front from the side streets of Maple, Ash and Oak Streets on Saturday, July 18 to celebrate Cressona's America 250. All Ayes
9. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Jenn to transfer the Capital Reserve and the Escrow Fund to PLIGIT for a higher interest rate. All Ayes
10. A motion was made by Jenn and seconded by Michelle to refund a portion for property taxes due to reassessment in the amount of \$6.30. All ayes

Committee Reports:

Mayor: nothing at this time.

Solicitor: No update was provided.

Engineer: Please review the Engineer's Report. Council that SDE should investigate a complaint of sewage leakage on Wilder Street. Steve to talk to property owner about sidewalk on Front Street. Talked briefly about the sanitation contract. The borough received word that DCED is recommending a time extension to their program directors for repairs to pedestrian foot bridge. North Manheim sent a letter to the Borough and Cressona Authority regarding an Intermunicipal Agreement. The borough is looking into authorizing Cressona Authority to act on the Borough's behalf.

Secretary/Sanitation: Nothing at this time.

Finance and Property: Council received the March and April reconciliation.

Highway: Frank discussed a street sweeper for sale at Boosted on the Gordan Nagle Trail. Council asked that it be included on the next agenda.

Recreation: BMRC will complete a site visit at the Grove with Michelle, Sofia and Jesse for the summer rec program.

Safety: Nothing at this time

Personnel: Linda is in the process of reviewing part time applications for the laborer position.

Fire Chief: 7 calls for the month of April. The companies completed a combined training.

Code Enforcement: 14 notices were mailed for high grass and weeds.

COG: Next meeting is May 26. Jenn will also attend the TCC Meeting on Thursday, May 28.

Public Works: Discussed earlier.

Cressona Cares: Linda reviewed the Fun Run/Walk map along with the planned layout for the Block Party. She also reminded everyone to purchase buntings. Regina talked to council about Schuylkill Haven completing street sweeping prior to the Block Party in the immediate area of the event. Mrs. Breslin asked if we are going to offer a shuttle bus.

Citizen Participation: Mr. Oliver: Expressed his concern over ebikes and a basketball net on the east side of Pottsville Street.

Mrs. VanFleet questioned council as to why we don't have a police department or can we look into a constable for enforcement.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Michelle to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm. All Ayes.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 15 at 6 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Regina Sonon, Secretary/Treasurer