

CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2025

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m. by Council Vice President, Mike Pascuzzo.

Roll Call: Those in attendance were council members Mike Pascuzzo, Robert Barr, Michelle Blankenhorn, Mayor Sandi Renninger, Secretary Regina Sonon, Solicitor Eric Prock, and on behalf of Systems Design Engineering Steven Moyer. Those not in attendance were Linda Walinsky and Jennifer Wanamaker

Citizens Participation: There were no comments during this period.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: A motion was made by Michelle and seconded by Bob to approve the Meeting Minutes of April 21. All Ayes

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

Requisitions: None were presented.

Old Business:

1. Mike tabled the pool update.
2. 80 Pottsville Street Litigation – Eric asked for an executive session with potential action to follow.
3. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Michelle to approve the 2025 Road Project work to be completed by Asphalt Maintenance Solutions at a cost of \$60,082.38. All Ayes

New Business:

1. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Mike to join Schuylkill Haven Borough's 2025 Road Program to pave the borough's remaining portion of Graeff/Long View Drive. All Ayes

Committee Reports:

Mayor: All is well.

Solicitor: Eric requested and Executive Session.

Engineer's Report:

- A.. Talked to CABA regarding end caps on the bleachers. Hydro is currently looking for a solution.
- B. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Mike to allow SDE to move forward with enforcement of the Rental Inspection Ordinance and cite the property owners that have not complied with the ordinance.
- C. Please see report.

Secretary / Sanitation: Placed late fees on sanitation accounts that were not paid by the due date. Will be mailing late notices later in the week.

Finance/Property: Reconciliation was given to council.

Highway: Discussed earlier.

Recreation: Nothing currently, playground program will be starting mid-June

Safety: Researching speed humps.

Personnel: No updates at this time.

Fire Chief: There were 12 fire calls in March.

COG: Nothing currently.

Code Enforcement Officer: Mike contacted all the local dumpster companies and informed them that the borough requires a dumpster permit, prior to the dumpster being placed. Working through multiple property complaints. Also put together a list of businesses that are impacted by the Amusement Device Ordinance.

Public Works: Had issues with people not moving their cars during street sweeping. Asked Eric to investigate our rights as far as towing cars if putting flyers on poles, cones and cones is adequate? Would also like an ordinance that public works can remove anything in the Right of Way. Frank also talked about amending the Ordinance as it relates to restoring the street the same as it was.

Citizen's Participation:

Pastor Snyder: In 2 weeks, Bethany will be participating in community service projects. He asked if anyone was aware of any projects needing to be done around the borough. He also expressed a concern about the sidewalk depth at the new townhouses. He feels they are very narrow and do not allow for people in wheelchairs.

A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Mike to enter executive session to discuss pool and 80 Pottsville Street litigation with action to follow at 6:31 pm. All Ayes

A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Michelle to exit executive session at 6:36 pm.

- A. A motion was made to enter into a settlement agreement with Janico in the amount of \$1800 for 80 Pottsville Street by Bob and seconded by Mike. All Ayes
- B. Eric pulled multiple deeds, including the one provided by Mr. Lighgow at the previous meeting, to research the pool and nowhere in the deeds was there a requirement that the parcel be used as a pool. He also was not able to find anywhere in any of the deeds that he researched that the property reverts to the Legion after 1 year if it is not being used as a pool. It does state that the parcel must be maintained for community recreational facilities. Once it ceases it will revert.

Eric reiterated that we are not ceasing using that property for community recreational purposes. We have not voted to permanently close the pool and council has taken many steps to figure how we can maintain the pool. We are prepared to defend our ownership if the Legion continues to pursue their position that they are entitled to the parcel.

A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Michelle to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 pm. All Ayes

Next Meeting Monday, May 19 at 6 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Regina Sonon
Secretary/Treasurer