

**CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6, 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, Michelle Blankenhorn, Mayor Sandi Renninger, Secretary Regina Sonon, Solicitor Rick Day, and on behalf of Systems Design Engineering Steve Moyer. Not in attendance Bob Barr.

Citizens Participation: There was no participation at this time

Minutes of Previous Meeting: A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Michelle to accept the October 16 Special Meeting Minutes. All Ayes.

A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike to accept the Minutes from the regularly scheduled Council Meeting of October 16. All Ayes

Municipal Bills: A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike to approve the bills of November 6. All Ayes

Requisitions: #332 2018 Ford – State Inspection – A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Kathy to get the truck inspected. All Ayes
#333 Maintenance to the Ford F550 and Ford F450 – A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Linda to have the trucks to in for service. All Ayes
#334 2008 Ford – A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Kathy to have a Torsion Arm Kit installed at Manbeck’s alignment. All Ayes

Old Business:

1. ARPA Funds – Pool Bathhouses & Grove Bathrooms Specifications – Discussed the upgrades will get the bid specs together for the next meeting.

New Business:

1. State Police Annual Report – The Station Manager, Cpl. Jordan Hoffman, reported that crime is down within the borough. Arrests and traffic citations have increased. They are proactive and are driving through the borough every day. Do not have the ability to dedicate an officer for a full 8-hour shift but they are required to respond to all calls at times they can be delayed due to staffing but will report.
2. Bid Opening of the Pedestrian Foot Bridge Repairs – No bids received. Steve is going to talk to the companies that picked up the bid specs to find out why they didn’t bid. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike to readvertise. All Ayes
3. A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Mike to approve the Willow Street Townhouses contingent upon review and approval from the Cressona Borough Authority and establishment of an improvement’s agreement with financial security in a form acceptable to the Borough Solicitor and Engineer. All Ayes
4. New Hire of Laborer Position – Linda requested an Executive Session.
5. A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Mike to make the first meeting of the month a work shop session with voting ability and second meeting of the month will be a traditional council meeting. All Ayes

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor: No update was provided.

Solicitor: Waiting on response from District Attorney regarding constable coverage within the borough.

Engineer: Please see the Engineer’s Report.

Secretary: Nothing at this time.

Finance/Property: Budget – Regina to email a copy once some changes are made. Hard copies will be in everyone's bin.

Highway: The 4th Street bridge project was completed on time after some issues setting up the bypass pumping. Borrowed the trash pump from the Authority and another pump from the Schuylkill Haven Borough. On the east side of the bridge one of the hoses was leaking as a result some of the concrete fell off the wall. Frank and crew made the necessary repairs. Frank expressed his appreciation for all the help received from the Sewer Authority employees, Mike Pascuzzo and Phil Sonon.

Sanitation: Nothing at this time.

Recreation: The playground equipment will be delivered the week of 11/6. Tree lighting is November 23.

Safety: Nothing at this time.

Personnel: Requested an Executive Session.

Fire Chief: There have been some minor burning issues within the Borough

COG: No update.

Citizens Participation:

Wesley Hanks: Would like Council to issue a waiver or change the Ordinance to raise 7 chickens. Council said they would review the Ordinance and discuss amongst Council members.

Joe Oliver: Reminded Council that voting is tomorrow starting at 7 am.

Frank Zurat: Water control on Zerbe and Shady Lane.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Michelle at 8:11 pm to enter Executive Session with action to follow. All Ayes.

Exit Executive Session: A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Kathy at 8:19 pm for personnel matters with action to follow. All Ayes

A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Linda to approve hiring of Street Laborer Jesse Killian at an hourly rate of \$28 an hour with an effective hire date of November 28 and a waiver of the 90-day probationary period. All Ayes

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike at 8:21 pm. All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,
Regina Sonon
Secretary/Treasurer