

CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2020
BI-MONTHLY MEETING

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m. by Council President Mike Pascuzzo. Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Those in attendance were Kathy Butz, Robert Barr, Dave Semar, Steve Moyer, Regina Sonon, and Eric Prock. Not present Linda Walinsky, and Dennis Snyder

Citizens Participation: None

Minutes of Previous Meeting: All Council received a copy of minutes from September 21, Borough Council meeting. A motion to accept them as typed was made by Kathy, seconded by Dave. All Ayes.

Municipal Bills: A motion was made by Bob seconded by Kathy to pay the bills of October 5, 2020. All Ayes.

Requisitions: No Requisitions

Old Business:

1. 2000 John Deere Backhoe – Discussed the package options further. Kathy asked council to put a list of features they feel are not needed. Kathy asked Regina to inquire with Reading Kubota whether they go through Costars for pricing and to get a quote.
2. Funds transfer to Recreation Fund - \$200 per month. Motion by Bob to transfer 2400 to the Recreation fund from the General fund. Dave seconded the motion. All Ayes
3. Trick or Treat Night – Kathy made a motion the have Trick or Treat, Saturday, October 31 from 6 to 8 pm. Trick or treaters and home owners should wear masks and adhere to social distancing guidelines. Motion was seconded by Dave. All Ayes

New Business:

1. Rental Housing and Inspection Ordinance Review - Steve made the changes discussed at the last meeting. Eric is going to put together the Ordinance to be read at the October 19 council meeting. Inspections will be required every three years or anytime the owner or tenant changes.
2. 2020 MMO Payment – For information purposes. Please refer to the Bills to be Paid for the amount.
3. 2020 Health Insurance Change – A motion to was made by Kathy to ratify the employee health insurance. The motion was seconded by Dave. All Ayes
4. Fire Whistle – Waiting to hear from Mike Pontician. Regina to follow up with the fire chief.
5. Christmas Tree Committee would like to know if council would like to make a donation. To help pay for yard signs to advertise the tree lighting. Tree lighting to be held Wednesday, November 25.

CORRESPONDENCE: Assorted correspondence on office counter.

COMMITTEES:

Mayor: Nothing at this time.

Solicitor: 1. Asked for an Executive session for legal matters with possible action to follow.

Engineer: 1. Zoning/Hearing board hearing scheduled for October 27 at 6:30 pm for 60 Chestnut Street. 2. Storm water manage exemption at 204 Chestnut Street, had a hearing with Zoning/Hearing in the fall/winter. The work was pushed back due to the Corona virus. The property owner is building a garage. The work is being completed through Pioneer Pole Building. Steve reviewed there are no issues. A motion for the exemption was made by Kathy and Seconded by Mike. All Ayes 3. Steve will email PA

Municipal League the borough's Flood Plain Ordinance and wait for their recommendations. 4. Please see report.

Secretary: 1. A motion was made by Bob to authorize Regina to attend a learning session on October 27 at West Brunswick Township. Seconded by Kathy all ayes. 2. Received funds from PURTA deposited into the general fund. 3. Emailed Sen. Argal's office about the high grass on the railroad's property. 4. Mailed a letter to PennDOT, Sen Argal, and Rep. Tobash regarding the condition of Pottsville Street and included photos to request repairs be made. A copy is available on the counter in the borough office. 5. Election Day is Tuesday, November 3. There was a typo on the newsletter 6. Sanitation bills were mailed Thursday morning, October 1.

Finance/Property: Will be including backhoe in the 2021 budget. 2. Going to budget \$6000 for a new lawn mower.

Highway: Nothing at this time

Recreation: Trunk or Treat in the middle school area.

Safety: Bob and Frank Zurat checked some unsafe areas in the borough. 1. North Second and Cherry Street recommended installing guardrails. 2. A pole is leaning on N Second Street. Regina called Verizon a few weeks ago about getting it removed. I have not received a response. 3. An arrow on Zerbe to advise travelers of the sharp turn. 4. Looked into water runoff at Shady Lane and Zerbe Street 5. Polish curbs also need repairs along Zerbe Street. Kathy asked if liquid fuels can be used for the guardrail installation.

Personnel: Nothing at this time

Fire Chief: Mike was not here to discuss

COG: Next meeting is scheduled 10/15 at Deer Lake Borough Hall

Citizen Participation:

Kim Benseman - wanted an update about yard waste and an agreement with Schuylkill Haven. 2. Residents parking unregistered vehicles at Walnut Street parking lot and along the Grove. 3. Wanted to see the deed for the Walnut Street parking lot to see if there are any restrictions for its usage

A motion to go into Executive Session with possible action to follow at 7:40 was made by Kathy and Seconded by Bob. All Ayes

A motion to exit Executive Session at 7:53 was made by Kathy and Seconded by Bob. All Ayes

A motion was made by Kathy for Steve to proceed with the bids for the Schuylkill Street drainage project. Seconded by Bob. All Ayes with Dave Semar abstaining

A motion was made by Mike to mow the grass at 615 Hillcroft Avenue and place a lien. The motion was seconded by Kathy. All Ayes

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:54 was made by Kathy and Seconded by Bob All Ayes