

**CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 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, Secretary Regina Sonon, Solicitor Eric Prock, and on behalf of Systems Design Engineering Matt Davenport. Robert Barr and Sandi Renninger were not in attendance.

Citizens Participation: No Participation at this time.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Michelle to accept the August 21 meeting minutes. All Ayes.

Municipal Bills: a. A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Mike to approve the bills of September 5. All Ayes
b. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike to approve the bills of September 18. All Ayes

Requisitions: #331 - A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Kathy to purchase a 7' x 16' landscape trailer through Burkholder at a cost of \$4965. All Ayes

Old Business:

1. ARPA Funds – Linda asked the status of the bid specs for the Pool and Bathroom Upgrades. Matt said they will be presented at the next meeting.
2. LST Tax Ordinance 1st Reading – A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Linda to advertise the ordinance. All Ayes
3. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Kathy to purchase the Sewer Authority's Truck at a cost of \$14,500. All Ayes

New Business:

1. East Donegal Constable: Michelle read a brief synopsis. Paul Castline and Christopher Lee provided a recap of their work in other municipalities and background information. They answered questions from Council and the audience regarding law enforcement coverage within the Borough.
2. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike to enact the Noxious Smell Ordinance # 09-2023. All Ayes
3. Railroad Street Improvements – No bids received. Council decided to table it at this time.
4. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike to award the Fourth Street Bridge Project to Keystone Gun-Krete at a cost of \$22,315. All Ayes
5. 2024 Fire Chief – Council agreed to a discussion in Executive Session.
6. 2024 MMO – A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Linda to approve the 2024 MMO. All Ayes
7. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike to hire Kyle Roth to the Street Laborer position at a rate of \$21 per hour. Pay rate to be reviewed in 90 days. All Ayes
8. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Linda to Approve October 21 Clean Up Day at Borough Hall and the Fall/Winter Newsletter. All Ayes
9. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Linda to purchase new furnishings from Uline for the conference room. All Ayes
10. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Kathy to start accepting credit card as a form of payment within the Borough office. All Ayes
11. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Linda to add Regina Sonon, in addition to Kathy Butz and Robert Barr, as an authorized signer to the Cemetery Commission investment fund with Wilmington Trust.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor: The Mayor did not attend the meeting and no update was provided.

Solicitor: Discussed Ordinances earlier.

Engineer:

- a. The Engineer's Report was reviewed with council by Matt.
- b. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Kathy to advertise the Pedestrian Foot Bridge Repairs. All Ayes

Secretary: Nothing at this time.

Finance/Property: August and September's Treasurer's Report given to council any questions please talk to Regina.

Highway: Nothing at this time.

Sanitation: Invoices will be mailed last week in September.

Recreation: Frank reported that he laid the millings at the Grove which is helping to prevent mud slicks inside the pavilion.

Safety: Looking into line painting on streets with cars traveling at high speeds.

Personnel: New full-time employee discussed earlier.

Fire Chief: Please see update.

COG: Bob did not attend the meeting. No update available.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Jason Smith: No Comments

Frank Zurat: Zerbe/Shady Lane any updates on roadwork. ½ Way house on Marsha Drive. Expressed concern regarding commercial diesel truck parked at Goodwill property.

Michelle Brennan: Expressed concerns about River Rock Academy moving into the Cressona Elementary School. Eric advised Ms. Brennan that there is a hearing regarding the sale of the Elementary School on Thursday, October 12 at 9 am in courtroom #4 at the Schuylkill County Courthouse.

Beth Senawaitis / Danielle Satterwhite: Asked Council to meet with Marsha Drive residents to discuss repairs to Marsha Drive.

John Grodis: Requested an update on 147 Pottsville Street and expressed his frustration regarding the condition of the property. He implored Council to explore other options in an effort to get the property cleaned up and the maintenance issues addressed. The issue has been handed over to the District Magistrate and we are awaiting a court date. Eric and Council encouraged John to reach out to our state representatives to request their assistance.

Jim McCaffrey – was curious if River Rock Academy would have insurance. Eric assured him that they will have insurance.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Kathy at 8:31 pm to enter Executive Session. All Ayes.

Exit Executive Session: A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Linda at 8:42 pm for personnel matters with no action to follow. All Ayes

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike and seconded by Kathy at 8:43 pm. All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,
Regina Sonon
Secretary/Treasurer