

CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2020
BI-MONTHLY MEETING

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m. by Council Vice President Kathy Butz. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Citizens Participation: None

Minutes of Previous Meeting: All Council received a copy of minutes from September 8, Borough Council meeting. A motion to accept them as typed was made by Bob, seconded by Dave. All Ayes.

Municipal Bills: A motion was made by Linda seconded by Dave to pay the bills of September 21, 2020. All Ayes.

Requisitions: No Requisitions

Old Business:

1. 2000 John Deere Backhoe – Will be included on the 2021 Borough Budget. Will check on whether the radio and air conditioning are standard since it appears as though we are being charged for them.
2. Quote from OMI Technologies Linda made a motion to accept the quote to purchase a tablet for the road crew. Motion was seconded by Dave. All Ayes
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New Business:

1. 2021 MMO – Linda made a motion to submit the MMO to PMRS. Bob Seconded. All Ayes
2. Fire Whistle – Mike Pontician to get information together to request a quote for repairs to the fire whistle.
3. Account Transfers to Street Light Fund and Capital Reserve. Transfer to Recreation was tabled until the next meeting. Regina to verify the amount to be transferred.
 - a. A motion was made by Bob to transfer \$20,000 to the Street Light Fund from the General Fund to pay PPL for the street lights. The motion was seconded by Kathy. All Ayes
 - b. A motion was made by Bob to transfer \$16,800 to the Capital Reserve Fund from the General Fund. The motion was seconded by Dave. All Ayes

CORRESPONDENCE: Assorted correspondence on office counter.

COMMITTEES:

Mayor: 1. Working through the complaints that we received. 2. Council asked the Mayor to continue to ask the Railroad to maintain their property. 3. Looking at tree lighting on November 25. The committee will be sending donation requests, to upgrade the lights to LED, to the surrounding business. 3. The Mayor talked to the Banner Committee about looking into Hometown Hero's Banners.

Solicitor: 1. Asked for an Executive session for legal matters with no action to follow.

Engineer: 1. Please See Engineer's Report 2. The borough received a Zoning Application it was forwarded to John Kantner the Zoning/Hearing Board Solicitor. 3. Steve will update some of the language of the Landlord Ordinance to disperse to council. Will be discussed at the next meeting.

Secretary: 1. Borough received and email from the Auditor General funds are to be deposited into the General Fund on September 22 for the Fireman's Relief Fund. Will disperse after the 10/5 meeting. 2. A motion was made by Bob to place liens on 3 properties located at 6 Graeff Street, 25 Carpenter Street, and 13 S Sillyman Street due to delinquent sanitation balances. The motion was seconded by Dave. All Ayes

Finance/Property: Finance Committee is going to begin working on 2021 Budget it will include the backhoe and the lawn mower. 2. Will discuss the pool at one of the upcoming council meetings. 3. The treasurer's report was dispersed to Council, if you have any questions please talk to Kathy or Regina.

Highway: Nothing at this time

Recreation: Trick or Treat: Eric recommended and Council agreed to wait on setting a date until the next meeting.

Safety: Bob will look into a guardrail Cherry and N Second Street and at Zerbe and Graeff Street.

Personnel: Nothing at this time

Fire Chief: Everything is going okay except for the fire whistle. Mike Pontician will contact company to have them come and take a look at it and provide a quote for repairs.

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

Citizen Participation:

Frank Zurat – Questioned why or if we looked into guardrails at Cherry & N Second Street. 2. He would like a guardrail and an arrow at the bottom of Zerbe leading to Graeff due to speeding. 3. He also expressed disgust that there is no way to force the Railroad to maintain their property. 4. He would like to see something done about the water runoff and paving on Zerbe and Shady Lane. 5. He also thanked council for having open meetings again.

A motion to go into Executive Session at 7:54 was made by Bob and Seconded by Linda. All Ayes

A motion to exit Executive Session at 7:56 was made by Bob and Seconded by Dave. All Ayes

Executive session to discuss legal matters no action to follow.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:57 was made by Linda and Seconded by Dave All Ayes