CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Linda Walinsky followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Linda Walinsky, Mike Pascuzzo, Jennifer Wannamaker, Michelle Blankenhorn, Sofia Mabry, Mayor Sandi Renninger, JCP Jude Sonon, Regina Sonon, Solicitor Eric Prock and on behalf of Systems Design Engineers Steve Moyer.

Citizen Participation: No Participation at this time.

Minutes from the previous meeting: August 17, 2026, were approved as written. Motion made by Michelle and seconded by Jen. All ayes.

Municipal Bills: A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Sofia to approved the previous bill for the period of August 18 through September 18. All Ayes

Requisitions: # 382 – Seal Master – 3 Pallets of crack sealer and machine. The motion was made by Mike and seconded by Michelle. All Ayes

Old Business:

1. Handicapped parking space – Prescott Street – Mike made a motion, seconded by Sofia to not grant the handicapped space at that location. All Ayes
2. NMT Act 537 Resolution – Tabled awaiting the decision of the intermunicipal agreement presented to North Manheim by Cressona Authority.

New Business:

1. LSA Grant – Deadline to Apply October 31.
   a. Resolution / $100 Application Fee – Amotion was made by Michelle and seconded by Jenn to approve the Resolution and application fee. All Ayes
   b. Borough Equipment – Mike, Frank and Jenn to put a list together of equipment to be replaced or purchased using the LSA Grant.
   c. Truck - A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Sofia to replace the 2012 dump truck using the line of credit. All Ayes
   d. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Michelle to repair and inspect the 2008 truck not to exceed $3000. All Ayes
2. 2027 Budget –
   - Regina reviewed with council what a potential tax increase would like for residents.
   - Linda and Regina discussed a Non resident EIT tax with council. Would mean more money for the borough but does require an Ordinance.
   - Linda asked council to review the Year-to-Date budget and provide any feedback to Linda or Regina.
3. Website Upgrades - Linda asked council to review other municipal websites and provide feedback at the next meeting.
4. Junior Council Person – After being sworn in by Mayor Sandi, Jude discussed the possibility of opening a food pantry shed near the Girl Scout Community Garden. Will continue to research and look for support from local businesses.
5. Controlled Burn - Fall Burn Pile – Mike made a motion, seconded by Sofia to set up a burn pile from October 1 to October 31 located on the Cressona Pool parking lot. All Ayes
6. Klean Kut Quote – A motion was made by Sofia seconded by Mike to trim dead branches at the Grove. All Ayes
7. Rapid Radios Push to Talk Walkie Talkie – A motion was made by Jenn and seconded by Sofia to purchase 6 radios and a counter unit for the Public Works Dept. All Ayes
8. Short/Long Sleeve Shirts for Public Works – A motion was made by Mike, seconded by Michelle to purchase the shirts. All Ayes
9. Sweep Ticket Fee Increase – Tabled until the next meeting

10. Justin Smith Quote – A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Michelle to install 100-amp outlet at the northeast corner of the basketball court and to run conduit along the bridge for future installation of dusk to dawn lights on the municipal lot near the Goodwill Fire Company. All Ayes
11. J Bolt Quote – for dusk to dawn lights at the Grove – A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Jenn to purchase the bolts. All Ayes

Committee Reports:

Mayor – No report at this time.

Solicitor – Executive Session for legal with no action to follow

Engineer – Please see report

Secretary – Talked Eric about the Skill Games Ordinance, Regina shared the Walk Works Press Release with Council, the newsletter will be mailed later this week, Schuylkill County Historical Society is making a presentation about Cressona's role in the Civil War, provided council with a flyer regarding Long-Range Transportation Plan Update.

Cressona Cares – Linda presented the pool survey banners to council and the audience. Some of the Cares members will be at Borough Day on Saturday to promote the pool survey and all our upcoming fundraisers. Halloween and Christmas decorating contest, details will be forthcoming.

Finance/Property – 2027 Budget

Highway – Working on some paving projects.

Recreation – Meeting Wednesday, September 23.

Safety – Sinkhole Pottsville Street.

Personnel- Newly hired parttime Public Works employee will also be taking on some code enforcement responsibility.

Code Enforcement – Mailed 87 warning letters for property maintenance.

Fire Chief – 12 calls in the month of August.

COG – Meeting Thursday, September 24.

Citizens Participation:
Lester Shoener – Expressed his concerns regarding one-way traffic change to River Street.
Ms. Yost – River Street one-way is a horror and very inconvenient.
Mr. Oliver – Inquired about pink pins on the sidewalk near his driveway. Council believes it's regarding a traffic study underway at the intersection of Pottsville and Sillyman Streets.

Executive Session:
There was a motion made by Mike and seconded by Michelle to go into Executive Session for Personnel and Legal matters with no action to follow at 8:01 pm. All ayes.

At 8:21 pm A motion made by Mike and seconded by Michelle to exit Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Legal matters there was no action to be taken. All ayes.

Immediately following executive session, a motion was made by Mike and seconded by Michelle to adjourn the meeting. All ayes

Next Meeting:
Monday, October 19, 6 pm at Goodwill Fire Company, Sillyman Street.

Respectfully Submitted, Regina Sonon, Secretary/Treasurer