

**CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2021
BI-MONTHLY MEETING**

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

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

Citizens Participation: None

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Council received a copy of minutes from the August 16, Borough Council meeting. A motion to accept them as typed was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob. All Ayes.

Municipal Bills: A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Dave to approve the Bills to Be Paid dated September 7. All Ayes

Requisitions: #293 – A motion was made by Bob to purchase 2 Loads of 2A stone from Pottsville Materials. The motion was seconded by Kathy. All Ayes

Old Business:

1. Repairs to Pool – A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob to purchase the sand filter through Amazon as long as it is in stock. If not in stock to purchase from second company for the same price. All Ayes.
2. Scout Lodge – Steve to contact the Conservation District regarding water runoff from Harmony Hill. At this time Council would like to wait to complete any upgrades until the water issues are addressed.
3. Fall Newsletter & Door Hangers – Eric addressed council and explained we can go to door hangers in replacement of the warning letters. Take a photo to document its placement. He also said that we cannot use the Newsletter as a warning regarding snow removal and grass cutting.
 - a. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mike to approve the Fall Newsletter. All Ayes.
 - b. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Kathy to replace the warning letters with door hangers. All Ayes
4. Crosswalks and Stop Bars – Tabled - Mike is going to discuss with Frank.

New Business:

1. MMO Paperwork – Reviewed by Kathy
2. Sanitation Contract – Steve will have the bid sheet at a future meeting for council to review.
3. Changes to the Upset or Judicial Sale – Eric will look into whether an ordinance is needed.
4. Appointment of a back up public official for code enforcement – Eric said anyone can be appointed. Council would like Regina to advertise on the website. To find out if anyone is interested in the position.

CORRESPONDENCE: Assorted correspondence on office counter.

COMMITTEES:

Mayor: Did not attend the meeting. No report was provided.

Solicitor: 1. ARPA Funds: The funds can be used for infrastructure particularly water remediation.

2. Requested an Executive Session for Personnel and Real Property with possible action to follow.

Engineer: 1. Please see report.

2. Mark Hoover – addressed council on behalf of CABA to discuss repairs and upgrades to the dugouts at the Teener league field. They are having issues with water drainage.
 - a. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob to waive the permit fees for construction of the dugouts at the Teener League Field. All Ayes

Secretary: Did not attend the meeting. No report was provided.

Finance/Property: 1. 2022 annual budget – please provide any figures or requests to Regina or Kathy.
2. Kathy recommended Fall Cleanup due to the flooding. Would like to set a specific date based on Frank and Johnny’s schedule.

Highway: Discussed crosswalks and stop bars earlier

Sanitation: Refuse Contract - Discussed earlier by Steve.

Recreation: Repairs need to be completed at the pool. The Rec is working on getting programs back on track.

Safety: 1. 47 Ash Street home has not been boarded up. Steve will condemn the property due to the fire and water damage.
2. Pottsville Street – condition of the street. Regina to call PennDOT to file a complaint.

Personnel: Nothing at this time

Fire Chief: Not Present. No report was provided.

COG: Next meeting will be held in September.

Citizen Participation:

1. Frank Zurat: Questioned why the Scout Lodge project is being put on hold and whether or not the girl scout troop is from Cressona. Mike explained it is on hold pending a response from the Conservation District and that it is a Cressona troop.
 - a. Also questioned responsibility of weed maintenance based on where it is located on the sidewalk. Bob said anything from the curb to the street is the Borough’s responsibility if it is a street maintained by the borough otherwise it is PennDot’s responsibility.

A motion was made at 7:42 by Kathy and Seconded by Mike to enter executive session for personnel and real property with possible action to follow. All Ayes

A motion was made at 7:44 by Mike and Seconded by Bob to exit executive session. All Ayes

A motion was made at 7:45 to adjourn the meeting by Bob and seconded by Mike. All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,

Regina Sonon
Secretary/Treasurer

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

Roll Call: Those in attendance were Kathy Butz, Robert Barr, Linda Walinsky, Dave Semar, Matt Davenport, Eric Prock and Regina Sonon. Not in attendance Council President Mike Pascuzzo

Citizens Participation: None

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Council received a copy of minutes from the September 7, Borough Council meeting. A motion to accept them as typed was made by Bob and seconded by Dave. All Ayes.

Municipal Bills: A motion was made by Dave and seconded by Bob to approve the Bills to Be Paid dated September 20. All Ayes

Requisitions: #294 – A motion was made by Bob to purchase 115 tons of anti-skid from Pottsville Materials. At a cost of \$2300. The motion was seconded by Dave. All Ayes

Old Business:

1. Repairs to Pool:
 - a. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob to excavate the floor in the chlorine shed to allow for easier access to the tank. All Ayes
 - b. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Linda to take the main filter pump motor to Axiom for repairs. All Ayes
2. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Kathy to submit the MMO paperwork to PMRS for 2022. All Ayes
3. Crosswalks and Stop Bars – Tabled – Mike Pontician said he is still working on getting a crew together. He said one of the Fire Police Officers was recently injured.

New Business:

1. A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Dave to move forward with Fidler Brothers to complete the repairs to the fire hydrant on Graeff Street.
2. Backup Public Official to conduct code enforcement – Tabled – Regina to discuss with Eric to post the opening.

CORRESPONDENCE: Assorted correspondence on office counter.

COMMITTEES:

Mayor: Will be issuing warning letters and sweep tickets to Quality-of-Life violators.

Solicitor:

1. 183 Pottsville Street: Eric will be getting together with a rep from North Manheim and their Solicitor, Hydro and a council member to discuss future plans.

Engineer:

1. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Dave to have the borough crew mow 88 Pottsville and lien the property once Steve photographs the property, Tuesday, September 21. All Ayes

3. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Dave for Steve to meet with the Conservation District regarding the water runoff at the Grove. All Ayes
4. Matt asked council to review the draft copy of the bid information for the refuse contract.

Secretary: 1. Discussed updated Fall Newsletter, ready to be mailed.

2. Free Fall cleanup October 16, 8 am to 12 pm. County wide electronics clean up.
3. Provided an update regarding the Scout Lodge: Painted the inside, installing shatter proof windows, and laying an epoxy floor.
4. Trick or Treat is Sunday, October 31 from 6 to 8 pm. Rain date November 1.
5. Submitted a request to BMRC to be reimbursed for ½ of the PPL bills at the pool for the months June, July and August.
6. Received the Fireman's Relief Funds to be dispersed to the fire companies.
7. Received insurance reimbursement for the damaged pillars on Wilder Street.

Finance/Property: 1. Treasurer's report and bank reconciliation was given to council for August. Any questions talk to Regina.

Highway: Nothing at this time

Sanitation: Nothing at this time

Recreation: Nothing at this time. Mike was not at the meeting to provide an update.

Safety: 1. Bob will make sure the intersection of Christmas Tree Lane and Zerbe Street is safe and council is satisfied.

Personnel: Nothing at this time

Fire Chief: Had some complaints of minor burning.

COG: Trick or Treat was discussed earlier

Citizen Participation:

1. Frank Zurat:
 - a. Frank inquired about relief funds for the flooding on Sillyman Street.
 - b. Inquired about how the Harmony Hill water runoff project is progressing
 - c. Didn't believe that the corn needed to be cut at Christmas Tree Lane and Zerbe Street. He said there are many areas in town that it is difficult to see to pull out and asked council to look into it.
2. Kim Bensamen:
 - a. Expressed a concern that SDE isn't more readily available.
 - b. He is concerned about residents using the parking area adjacent to 5th Street at the Borough Grove to repair cars and using air tools late into the evening. He requested to have a conversation with Matt Davenport at Eric's recommendation. He also requested to talk to Eric.

A motion was made at 7:43 to adjourn the meeting by Bob and seconded by Dave. All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,

Regina Sonon
Secretary/Treasurer