

CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2020 – VIA ZOOM  
BI-MONTHLY MEETING

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

**Roll Call:** Those in attendance were Mike Pascuzzo, Kathy Butz, Linda Walinsky, Eric Prock, Dennis Snyder, David Semar, Zack Sullivan and Regina Sonon.

**Citizens Participation:** None

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** All Council received a copy of minutes from the previous meeting of June 1, 2020. A motion to accept them as typed was made by Dave, seconded by Kathy. All Ayes

**Municipal Bills:** A motion was made by Kathy seconded by Dave to pay the bills of June 15, 2020. All Ayes.

**Requisitions:** None at this time

**Old Business:**

1. Pool – Waiting to hear from BMRC. Letter has not been received at this time. Mike would like to have a face to face. Waiting until green to hire aquatic staff at this time.
2. Hydro Property Tax Abatement – There is no way to alter tax forms for a single year. Kathy made a motion to revoke motion from previous meeting giving Hydro a tax credit. New motion was made to cut a check to Hydro in the amount of \$7219.09 for the 2018 tax year. Seconded by Dave. All Ayes

**New Business:**

1. Landlord/Tenants – There approximately 90 rental properties in the borough. Regina will be mailing letter with the Tenant Landlord Agreement to update the records. Kathy and Linda will start working on an Ordinance regarding rental property inspections. To help ensure safe living conditions for the tenants.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Assorted correspondence on office counter.

**COMMITTEES:**

**Mayor:** Working on warning letters and sweep tickets. 2. Will email Eric a list of abandoned properties to find out if they are bank owned. 3. If property owners are not cleaning up properties once sweep tickets are issued escalated to Steve @ SDE.

**Solicitor:** Cressona Gardens hearing is postponed until July 23. 2. Eric requested an executive session for legal. 3. Since we are moving into the Green Phase the next meeting will be in person, we must adhere to social distancing requirements and wear masks. Mike will bring 2 tables from the Sewer Authority conference room at the plant so we can safely socially distance.

**Engineer:** Please see report.

**Secretary:** Intuit will be debiting general fund on 7/25 for the annual software fee. 2. I placed an order with USA Blue Book for PPE, Clorox wipes and rubber gloves (less expensive than gloves ordered at Scott Millwork) the total cost is \$293. I have not had any success ordering from our normal suppliers. No requisition was submitted. 3. Taking reservations for the Grove after Friday, June 19 once we are in the green phase. Eric would like to see some type of waiver. 4. Working on the website on a daily basis. Added the previous minutes to the website. Feedback would be appreciated.

**Finance/Property:** Reconciliation & Treasurer's report was provided to council. Any questions talk to Regina. Will provide a year to date report sometime in July.

**Highway:** Covered earlier in the meeting.

**Recreation:** Putting the backboards up on Tuesday. Will open the playgrounds on Friday, June 19.

**Safety:** Nothing at this time

**Personnel:** Would like an executive session

**Fire Chief:** Ongoing issues with properties illegally burning.

**COG:** Nothing

**No Citizen participation**

Motion to enter Executive Session with action to follow was made by Kathy at 7:38 pm. Seconded by Dave. All Ayes

Motion to Exit Executive Session was made by Kathy for legal purposes and personnel matters at 7:50. Seconded by Dave. All Ayes

A motion was made by Kathy to increase laborer's salary to \$18 an hour, contingent upon supervisor's 90-day evaluation, effective June 22, 2020. Seconded by Linda. All Ayes

Motion to Adjourn at 7:57 pm was made by Linda and seconded by Dave. All Ayes