

**CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 2, 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 Kathy Butz, Robert Barr, Dave Semar, Linda Walinsky, Dennis Snyder, Regina Sonon, Steve Moyer, and Mike Smith on behalf of Eric Prock

**Citizens Participation:** None

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Council received a copy of minutes from the July 19, 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 Kathy and seconded by Mike to approve the Bills to Be Paid dated August 2 with the correction to the amount paid to the Schuylkill Haven Borough Utilities. All Ayes

**Requisitions:** #290 – A motion was made by Kathy to purchase a cut off saw blade at Kramer Power Equipment cost not to exceed \$300. The motion was seconded by Bob. All Ayes.

#291 – A motion was made by Kathy to have the Ford F550 inspected at E.S. Savage. Kathy placed a dollar limit of \$1000. The motion was seconded by Dave. All Ayes

#292 – A motion was made by Linda to inspect the Ford F450 at E. S. Savage. Linda placed a dollar limit of \$1000. Mike seconded the motion. All Ayes

**Old Business:**

1. Hometown Hero Banners Update:
  - a. Sophia said that she has received 27 applications so far. She requested permission to look into adding additional poles. The mayor recommended that she reach out to Judy Bubeck a previous banner committee member.
  - b. Mike made a motion to remove Dennis and replace him with Mike Deatrich as a committee member and authorized signer on the account at Riverview Bank. Included in the motion; adding Dave Smith as a committee member. Kathy seconded the motion. All Ayes

**New Business:**

1. Council reviewed a letter from Blue Mountain Youth Softball regarding mowing the field and water issues. Council requested SDE and Frank investigate the source of the water and report back to Council.
2. Council requested a quote from OMI Technologies to complete an insurance questionnaire from PIRMA.
3. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Dave to add to more handicapped parking spaces in the area of 15-minute parking at the pool. All Ayes

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

**COMMITTEES:**

**Mayor:** 1. Took pictures of properties in violation of the Quality-of-Life Ordinance last week. Will come into Borough Hall to provide list to Regina to send letters to the violators.

2. Mayor also asked Council to look into another method for doing Sweep tickets and staying on top of the violations in the new year.

**Solicitor:** Nothing at this time, Eric was not present.

**Engineer:**

1. Please see report.
2. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob to file again through the District Magistrate against 40 Chestnut Street for the garage that was put in a flood plain without proper permits. All Ayes
3. SDE recommended that council approve the final payment to Fidler Brothers for the work completed on the storm drain system from Schuylkill Street to Railroad Street. Kathy made a motion to approve final payment to Fidler Brothers for work in the amount of \$6290. Mike seconded the motion, Dave abstained from voting. All Ayes

**Secretary:**

1. Noecker property to be auctioned on Thursday, September 9 from 10 – 3 pm. Oak Street will be close all day.
2. Will have the newsletter prepared for the next meeting for Council's approval.

**Finance/Property:** Kathy advised council that we are going to begin working on the 2022 annual budget.

**Highway:**

1. Discussed earlier

**Sanitation:** Borough Secretary the final date to make the trash payment was today, August 2.

**Recreation:** Mike advised Council that there is currently \$11,809.32 in the Capital Improvement Fund at BMRC.

**Safety:** Discussed the need to complete the crosswalks and stop bars in the area of Pottsville Street.

**Personnel:** Nothing at this time

**Fire Chief:** Talked about the 2-alarm fire today at 47 Ash Street.

**COG:** Next meeting will be held in September.

**Citizen Participation:**

1. Mike Deatrich – Cressona Legion
  - a. The Legion's 100 Anniversary celebration will be held Saturday, August 21.
  - b. A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Mike to close Walnut from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to Wilder Street the day of the Anniversary celebration from 9 am to 7 pm. All Ayes
2. Chris Flaughter – Two weeks ago hole formed behind the garage. He questioned council about responsibility. Solicitor, Mike Smith, recommended that he get someone in to camera the area and to talk to the Sewer Authority. He explained that the property owner is responsible for their property up to the street.

**A motion was made by Linda and Seconded by Bob to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm. All Ayes**

Respectfully Submitted,

Regina Sonon  
Secretary/Treasurer

**CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2021  
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, Dave Semar, Linda Walinsky, Dennis Snyder, Regina Sonon, Zac Sullivan, and Rick Day on behalf of Eric Prock

**Citizens Participation:** None

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Council received a copy of minutes from the August 2, 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 Linda and seconded by Dave to approve the Bills to Be Paid dated August 16. All Ayes

**Requisitions:** None at this time

**Old Business:**

1. Quote from Barry, OMI Technologies – Tabled –quote not received Council was agreeable to being polled if received prior to next meeting.
2. Repairs to Pool – Tabled to the next meeting. Council asked for second quote for sand filter at baby pool.
3. Scout Lodge – Tabled – SDE will go out and inspect the Grove to see the source or the water issues.

**New Business:**

1. Changes to Judicial or Upset Sale Process – Rick Day recommended that the Borough put an ordinance in place that requires bidders appear before council prior to purchasing a property at an upset sale or repository sale. Council asked that Rick involve Eric to start researching the Borough's options.
2. Fall Newsletter – Tabled – Solicitor to research whether or not newsletter can be used as the warning letter for snow shoveling.
3. Door Hangers – Tabled – Solicitor to research if door hanger is an effective way to issue the sweep ticket
4. Sanitation Contract - Kathy asked Zac to discuss with Eric and Steve the sanitation contract.
5. Kathy asked Mike Pontician and the Mayor to continue to look for volunteers to flag. Mike is having a difficult time finding volunteers.

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

**COMMITTEES:**

**Mayor:** 1. Continues to mail warning letters and Sweep Tickets to residents not mowing or maintaining their properties.

**Solicitor:** 1. Quality of Life Ordinance, having a backup to the mayor to enforce the ordinance. Rick recommended that a Motion be made to appoint a back up public official to act on the mayor's behalf when they are not available. Council was not ready to act and felt it needed more discussion. Will be discussed at a future meeting.

**Engineer:** Please see report.

**Secretary:**

1. Received a request from the fire chief requesting the borough pay for trash collection at the borough's fire companies or at least a reduced rate. Council asked SDE to include them in the bid sheet.
2. Council agreed that the handicapped parking spot on Oak Street should be removed.
3. Solicitor to review ARPA guidelines and make Council aware of its approved usage
4. Conservation District informed the Borough that West Nile Virus was detected at the Sewer Plant. They are going to spray.
5. Cressona church requested assistance for roof replacement. Council recommended they reach out to Team Orwigsburg and Reedsville Church.
6. Request for a \$250 donation to Cressona Fire Police. Council would rather purchase the required materials (Safety Vests and Orange Traffic Cones) then make a donation.
7. Cressona Legion was in to get something in writing regarding their block party for insurance purposes. I provided a copy of the minutes with the motion approving the block party and time of closure. If not, acceptable council agreed that I can write a letter and Kathy to sign in Mike's absence.

**Finance/Property:** Going to begin working on the budget, if Council has any requests or suggestions let the Finance Committee know. Please review the Treasurers Report and reconciliation, any questions talk to Kathy or Regina.

**Highway:** Nothing at this time

**Sanitation:** Nothing at this time.

**Recreation:** Nothing at this time.

**Safety:** Bob expressed the need to complete the crosswalks and stop bars in the area of Pottsville Street.

**Personnel:** Nothing at this time

**Fire Chief:** Asked about flushing the hydrants and fixing the hydrant that is bagged on Graeff Street. Fidler has not been able to get replacement parts or hydrant.

**COG:** Next meeting will be held in September.

**Citizen Participation:** No Participation

**Executive Session:** A motion enter Executive Session at 7:55 pm for Personnel Matters with no action to follow was made by Bob and seconded by Dave. All Ayes.

**Exit Executive Session:** A motion was made to exit executive session at 7:58 pm for Personnel matters, no action to follow was made by Linda and seconded by Bob. All Ayes

**A motion was made by Linda and Seconded by Dave to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm. All Ayes**

Respectfully Submitted,

Regina Sonon  
Secretary/Treasurer