

Borough of Coraopolis
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
Council Workshop Meeting
September 1, 2021
6:30 PM

The Council Workshop Meeting was called to order by Council President David Pendel.

A Roll Call of Members was then taken.

Present

Robb Cardimen
Danny LaRocco
Ed Pitassi
George Mihalyi
Jason Shazer
David Pendel

Absent

Rudy Bolea
Chad Kraynyk
Mayor Shawn Reed

Also Present

Drew Null – Engineer via teleconference

Mr. LaRocco made a motion to accept the resignation of Theo Collins from the Coraopolis Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve Resolution 21-356 approving the acquisition and subsequent disposition of Lot and Block Number 342-P-76 (Maple Street and Hiland Avenue) through the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. LaRocco made a motion to approve a directed Sheriff Sale Agreement with John and Cynthia Grambo to acquire the property located at 802 5th Avenue, Lot & Block 419-D-318, utilizing a Sherriff Sale process being initiated by the Borough of Coraopolis which will be reimbursed for all costs associated with the sale. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Pitassi made a motion to hire Jacob Pendred and Mark Pendred as Temporary Seasonal Laborers for the Public Works Department during leaf collection season. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion. Mr. Pendel said these are the gentlemen who helped us last year. Mr. McCutcheon said, yes and we have not received any other applications.

Upon Roll Call

Mr. Cardimen	Yes
Mr. LaRocco	Yes
Mr. Pitassi	Yes
Mr. Mihalyi	Yes
Mr. Shazer	Yes
Mr. Pendel	Yes

Motion Carried.

Mr. LaRocco made a motion to authorize CharWest COG to make payment to Minniefield Demolition Services for the demolition of 1730 Montour Street and 1528 5th Avenue. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Pendel asked for a discussion on the Borough of Coraopolis Civil Service Commission's updated Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Cardimen said the Civil Service Commission is going to meet next Wednesday at 6 pm in the conference room. The meeting is to discuss changes being made by the State of PA that will update our civil service procedures and how we conduct our meetings and we will present the proposed changes to Council. Part of these changes include appointing two people to the Civil Service Commission and he continued to explain.

Mr. Pitassi made a motion to close Mill Street, Pine Alley and the eastern side of the parking lot next to the Jailhouse on Saturday, October 16th from 9am to 4:30 pm for the CCDC Fall Festival. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. McCutcheon said we have been meeting this past month concerning the September 11th Parade honoring those who served in the Afghanistan Conflict and the biggest issue is Police handling traffic on 4th Avenue making it two lane traffic. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. McCutcheon said our covered slat storage structure is in bad shape and we have just started looking at options. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Engineer's Report was inaudible. The September Engineer Report will be filed with the Workshop Minutes.

Comments from Council

Mr. Shazer said what happens to the properties that we have demolished?

Mr. McCutcheon said after a property has been demolished, most of the time the property next door will try to acquire the property through the vacant property program and he continued to explain.

Mr. Shazer said do they assume the taxes on that as well?

Mr. McCutcheon said yes, and the taxes are less on an empty lot.

Mr. Shazer said is the Borough responsible for repairs at the baseball field or is it the responsibility of the baseball association?

Mr. McCutcheon said when I was involved in the baseball association, we took care of most everything and we held fundraisers to help with the costs. If a repair is something big for the building, then the Borough will probably take care of it. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Mihalyi said I have nothing this evening.

Mr. Cardimen said I have reached out to Dr. Thomas with Cornell School and they are interested in participating with the Borough and having the Allegheny County Elections Bureau move the voting polls for the entire town to their facility. Due to the time frame and the fact that I have not been able to get in touch with anyone from the Elections Bureau, it will not be for the 2021 general election.

Mr. Cardimen said I spoke with a resident of Vine Street concerning excessive speed at the corner where we are doing our repairs. He has had three new vehicles totaled due to excessive speeding within the last 18 months. Mr. Cardimen said I have researched the option of speed humps and he continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Pendel said we will talk with Mr. Start.

Mr. Cardimen said I have noticed that more and more people are parking on the sidewalks. People who are trying to use the sidewalks have to now go into the street because the sidewalk is blocked due to a vehicle being on it. It is the responsibility of the Borough of Coraopolis to enforce that the sidewalks are kept open and clear.

Mr. Cardimen said we have a very unsightly Borough Parking lot due to overgrowth and old trees that sit next to Pentek. We need to get a quote to have someone clean that up and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said if there are weeds, we can have some of the Public Works guys remove them.

Mr. Cardimen said the weeds at Riverfront Park also look bad.

Mr. McCutcheon said I spoke with Eddie Arnold about doing this work, but he has not gotten back to me and he continued to explain.

Mr. LaRocco said I saw three kids with skate boards in the gazebo parking lot and I explained to them that they shouldn't do that because they can get hurt. We don't have a "No Skateboarding" sign in the parking lots and he continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Pitassi said I want to add to what Mr. Cardimen was saying earlier about the overgrowth at our parking lot. Some of the trees that are there are so big because they have been there for so long. If you can find out for sure that this area is Borough property we can definitely come in and put a tree line in there.

Mr. McCutcheon said the owner of Pentek was upset about a tree when we put the traffic signal in, so we better make sure they are ours before we remove them.

Mr. Pitassi said we are having another clean up day on September 25th from 9 am - 11am and we will meet on 1st Avenue off of Broadway and I hope a lot of people can come.

Mr. Cardimen said we should have a post on Savvy Citizen and our website that we need a replacement for our Zoning Hearing Board and two people for the Civil Service and a discussion pursued.

Manager's Report

Mr. McCutcheon said we have been working on the Municipal Map and that should be ready within the next few weeks and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said I reached out to Duquesne Light and we put in for 100 LED lights throughout town, but we still haven't received the invoice. Once we get the invoice, we know that we are going to get it done and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said the ARLE Grant was awarded, so we should be seeing 4th Avenue and Mill Street in the very near future.

Mr. McCutcheon said we received a grant for the Green Light Go to do the traffic signal at the State Avenue and Montour Street intersection. I think we have a 20% match on this, but it is a very old traffic signal.

Mr. Pendel said in the past I was talking vehicle tracking device systems and Mr. Pitassi said he knew about a company so we will talk about that later.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to Adjourn. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.
Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Meeting Adjourned.



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MONTHLY ENGINEER'S REPORT

TO: Coraopolis Borough Council DATE: September 1, 2021
FROM: Lawrence J. Lennon, Jr., P.E. S. O. No.: 0295-01
Drew I. Null, P.E. cc: Raymond McCutcheon
Richard Start, Esquire
SUBJECT: **September 2021 Meeting**

1. **RIVERFRONT PARK:** *DCNR has awarded \$200K for Park improvements, grant expires on December 31, 2022. A phased plan has been developed to include additional improvements exceeding the funding currently awarded by DCNR. As requested by the Borough, a summary memo was prepared to address development of the phased plan, presentation was held at the July 2020 Regular Meeting. Committee Meeting held on February 24, 2021. NPDES Permit was filed with the Allegheny County Conservation District (ACCD). Progress Report was requested by DCNR, report filed. Comments were received from the County on March 24, 2021 for NPDES Permit Submission, response issued. Additional comments were received on May 14, 2021, response issued on May 19, 2021. NPDES Permit was issued by ACCD on July 6, 2021. Project to be advertised pending approval by DCNR.*

Additional grants are being reviewed with the Borough for the additional improvements/phases:

- a. **PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DCNR) PARK REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM:** *Application for Phase II Improvements includes a \$300K grant request and \$313K in matching funds to be provided by the Borough. Application was filed in April 2020.*
2. **CDBG 2019 (YEAR 45) GRANT CYCLE:** *Funding in the amount of \$43,961.00 was awarded for building demolition projects. Scope to include 1528 Fifth Avenue and 1730 Montour Street. Demolitions have been completed. Partial Payment Request No. 1 (Final) in the amount of \$39,000.00 was submitted by the Contractor.*
3. **FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT:** *Preliminary surveys complete. An Opinion of Probable Cost has been prepared for use in submission of grant applications. No action currently authorized.*

4. **FERREE STREET STAIRWAY:** *Borough received notification that \$157,000 in funding was awarded by CFA for this project. Grant expires on June 30, 2022. Contract was awarded to Avelli Construction Corporation in the amount of \$216,345.00 (Base Bid and Add Alternate No. 1). Pre-Construction Meeting was held on June 9, 2021. Work to begin following repairs to concrete roadway along Vine Street, Contractor provided tentative schedule to begin in late September.*
5. **EUCLID AVENUE STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS:** *Borough received notification that funding in the amount of \$46,850 was awarded by ACCD for this project. Conference call was held on September 29, 2020 with ACCD and PSU Center for Dirt and Gravel Roads. Design revisions were requested. Easements are required for these revisions. The grant expiration date was extended to December 31, 2021. Revised plans were approved by ACCD. Easement documents are being reviewed with the Borough and Solicitor.*
6. **2020 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS:** *Contract awarded to Mele & Mele & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$482,197.50 for the full scope. Change Order No. 1 was prepared to include paving of additional roadways (increase of \$44,460.00) and remove utility scope (decrease of \$107,159.73). Change Order No. 1 includes a net decrease of \$62,699.58. Change Order No. 2 (Final) was prepared to adjust the Contract value to \$341,011.39 for final in-place quantities (decrease of \$78,486.53). Field review was held on June 29, 2021. Contractor addressed several items on July 2, 2021. Outstanding punchlist items remain.*
7. **2021 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS:** *Contract was awarded to Mele & Mele & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$354,779.50 (Borough share of \$132,715.75). Pre-Construction Meeting was held on June 29, 2021, Contractor advised of tentative schedule for work to begin in late July. As authorized by Council, Change Order No. 1 was prepared for milling and overlay of additional roads to include Pine Alley and Vance Avenue (increase of \$61,849.65). Work to start in next week.*
8. **FRIENDS OF PITTSBURGH PROFESSIONAL SOCCER:** *A Land Development Application was filed with the County for the proposed Montour Soccer Complex. Final application was filed with the County, public meeting held on May 4, 2021. Work is underway for relocation of utilities for roadway widening.*
9. **CDBG YEAR 46 GRANT CYCLE:** *Funding in the amount of \$55,000.00 was awarded for building demolition projects. Scope includes 536 Fifth Avenue, 1424 Hiland Avenue, and 1731 Hiland Avenue. Bid opening held on August 12, 2021. Waiting on COG to issue Notice to Proceed.*
10. **MAIN STREET SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT:** *Scope includes sidewalk repairs along Main Street (Sixth Avenue to Neely Heights) following recent utility work. Utility to share in project costs. Contract was awarded to Avelli Construction Corporation in the amount of \$257,412.00. As authorized by Council at the June Meeting, Contractor to complete repairs to Vine Street by Change Order No. 1. Work to begin this week.*
 - a. **2021 CFA MULTIMODAL GRANT:** *Application was filed in July 2021.*

11. **ALLEGHENY COUNTY ACT 157 BLIGHT REMEDIATION PROGRAM:** *Application was submitted for demolition of 1403 Fifth Avenue and 1430 Fifth Avenue through Char-West COG. Char-West COG was recently advised by the County that awards are scheduled to be considered in late August.*
12. **WOOD STREET ROADWAY:** *Design is underway for joint project with CWSA following recent waterline break between Hiland Avenue and 7th Avenue. Scope to include waterline replacement, sewer lining and asphalt roadway reconstruction. Bid opening is scheduled for September 8, 2021.*
13. **CDBG YEAR 48 GRANT CYCLE:** *Preapplications are due on September 3, 2021. Application for building demolition of 1110 Montour Street and 1013 Montour Street was filed for the Year 47 Grant Cycle. Preapplication is being finalized for resubmission of proposed building demolition project.*
14. **O'REILLY AUTO PARTS DEVELOPMENT:** *Submission was received for proposed development at 845 Fourth Avenue (former Crivelli building). Response prepared, additional items are requested to verify compliance with Borough Ordinances.*
15. **CHESS STREET ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS:** *Damage to road was observed following recent storm event. Field review held with Borough to review limits for reconstruction with concrete. Bid opening is scheduled for September 8, 2021.*
16. **CORAOPOLIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY:** *Char-West COG recently forwarded a listing of grant opportunities available for public libraries. Programs are being reviewed for resubmission of application for ADA chair lift and restroom improvements.*
17. **WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY:** The following items are currently being considered by the Water and Sewer Authority:
 - a. **PENNVEST Water Infrastructure Funding Transfer Act (WIFTA) Lead Line Replacement Initiative:** *Application was submitted on May 5, 2021 to request funding for replacement of lead joint waterline along Main Street and Ridge Avenue. The Authority was recently awarded \$1,117,000.00 in grant funding for this project.*
 - b. **MS4 Program:** *CFA grant was awarded in the amount of \$125,000.00 for Pollutant Reduction Plan improvements along Brook Street. PaDEP inspection was completed on August 5, 2021. Annual report is due by September 30, 2021. Annual Council Training is scheduled for tonight's meeting.*
 - c. **Combined Sewer Long Term Control Plan (LTCP):** *This plan is mandated by USEPA. Authority submitted plan to meet DEP. PaDEP approved plan by letter and CWSA responded with updated schedule.*

- d. Water Supply Alternatives: *This project is being considered as part of a USDA Rural Utility Services (RUS) grant / loan funding request. Scope to include improvements to the Water Treatment Plant and replacement of waterline along School Street due to recent breaks.*