

Borough of Coraopolis
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
Reorganization Council Meeting
January 3, 2022
6:30 PM

The Reorganization Meeting of the Borough of Coraopolis was called to order by Mayor Michael Dixon who asked everyone to rise and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A Roll Call of Members was then taken.

Present

Robb Cardimen
Rudy Bolea
Ed Pitassi
Chad Kraynyk
George Mihalyi
Allison Marine
David Pendel
Michael Dixon, Mayor

Absent

Jason Shazer

Mayor Dixon asked for a Nomination for President of Council.

Mr. Cardimen nominated David Pendel for President of Council.

Mayor Dixon said are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?

Mayor Dixon asked for a motion to close nominations for President of Council to Dave Pendel. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to appoint David Pendel as Council President. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

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|----------------|-----|
| Robb Cardimen | Yes |
| Rudy Bolea | Yes |
| Ed Pitassi | Yes |
| Chad Kraynyk | Yes |
| George Mihalyi | Yes |
| Allison Marine | Yes |
| David Pendel | Yes |

Motion carried.

Mr. McCutcheon said Mr. Pendel is now Council President.

Mr. Pendel said thank you everyone, it is a privilege to serve you in this capacity and I want to thank you all for your support.

Mr. Pendel said let's move on with the Agenda.

Mr. Pendel asked for a Nomination for Vice-President of Council.

Mr. Pitassi nominated Chad Kraynyk for Vice-President of Council.

Mr. Pendel said are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to close nominations for Chad Kraynyk as Vice-President of Council. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. McCutcheon said this will be a vote for Chad Kraynyk as Vice-President of Council.

Upon Roll Call Vote

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|----------------|-----|
| Robb Cardimen | Yes |
| Rudy Bolea | Yes |
| Ed Pitassi | Yes |
| Chad Kraynyk | Yes |
| George Mihalyi | Yes |
| Allison Marine | Yes |
| David Pendel | Yes |

Motion carried.

Mr. Pendel asked for a Nomination for President Pro Tem of Council.

Mr. Mihalyi nominated Rudy Bolea for President Pro Tem of Council.

Mr. Pendel said are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to close nominations for Rudy Bolea as President Pro Tem of Council. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. McCutcheon said this will be a vote for Rudy Bolea as President Pro Tem of Council.

Upon Roll Call Vote

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|----------------|-----|
| Robb Cardimen | Yes |
| Rudy Bolea | Yes |
| Ed Pitassi | Yes |
| Chad Kraynyk | Yes |
| George Mihalyi | Yes |
| Allison Marine | Yes |
| David Pendel | Yes |

Motion carried.

Mr. Pendel asked for a Nomination for the position of Vacancy Board Chairman through December 31, 2022.

Mr. Cardimen nominated Henry Bobro for Vacancy Board Chairman through December 31, 2022.

Mr. Pendel said are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?

Mr. Bolea made a motion to close nominations for Henry Bobro for Vacancy Board Chairman through December 31, 2022. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. McCutcheon said this is a motion for Henry Bobro for the Vacancy Board Chairman.

Upon Roll Call Vote

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|----------------|-----|
| Robb Cardimen | Yes |
| Rudy Bolea | Yes |
| Ed Pitassi | Yes |
| Chad Kraynyk | Yes |
| George Mihalyi | Yes |
| Allison Marine | Yes |
| David Pendel | Yes |

Motion carried.

Mr. Pendel asked for a Nomination for Solicitor for the Borough of Coraopolis.

Mr. Bolea nominated Amato, Start and Associates.

Mr. Pendel said are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to close nominations for Amato, Start and Associates for Solicitor. Mr. Kraynyk seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Pendel asked to proceed with the vote. (Amato, Start and Associates for Solicitor.)

Upon Roll Call Vote

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|----------------|-----|
| Robb Cardimen | No |
| Rudy Bolea | Yes |
| Ed Pitassi | Yes |
| Chad Kraynyk | Yes |
| George Mihalyi | Yes |
| Allison Marine | Yes |
| David Pendel | Yes |

Motion carried.

Mr. Pendel asked for a Nomination for Borough Engineer for the Borough of Coraopolis.

Mr. Cardimen nominated Lennon, Smith & Souleret for Borough Engineer.

Mr. Pendel said are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?

Mr. Kraynyk made a motion to close nominations for Lennon, Smith & Souleret for Borough Engineer. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Pendel asked to proceed with the vote. (Lennon, Smith & Souleret for Borough Engineer)

Upon Roll Call Vote

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Robb Cardimen | Yes |
| Rudy Bolea | Yes |
| Ed Pitassi | Yes |
| Chad Kraynyk | Yes |
| George Mihalyi | Yes |
| Allison Marine | Yes |
| David Pendel | Yes |

Motion carried.

Mr. Pendel asked for a Nomination for an Auditor for the Borough of Coraopolis, Mark Turnley, CPA is our incumbent. Mr. Bolea nominated Mark Turnley, CPA for the Borough of Coraopolis Auditor.

Mr. Pendel said are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to close nominations for Mark Turnley, CPA for the Borough of Coraopolis Auditor. Mr. Kraynyk seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Pendel asked to proceed with the vote. (Mark Turnley, CPA for the Borough of Coraopolis Auditor)

Upon Roll Call Vote

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Robb Cardimen | Yes |
| Rudy Bolea | Yes |
| Ed Pitassi | Yes |
| Chad Kraynyk | Yes |
| George Mihalyi | Yes |
| Allison Marine | Yes |
| David Pendel | Yes |

Motion carried.

Mr. Pendel asked for a Nomination for a Depository of Borough funds, and said First National Bank is our incumbent.

Mr. McCutcheon said since we left PNC for First National it has gone very well. We have received more interest and the fees have gone down and he continued to explain.

Mr. Bolea nominated First National Bank for a Depository.

Mr. Pendel said are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to close nominations for First National Bank as the Depository of Borough funds. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Pendel asked to proceed with the vote. (First National Bank as the Depository of Borough funds)

Upon Roll Call Vote

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Robb Cardimen | Yes |
| Rudy Bolea | Yes |
| Ed Pitassi | Yes |
| Chad Kraynyk | Yes |
| George Mihalyi | Yes |
| Allison Marine | Yes |
| David Pendel | Yes |

Motion carried.

Mr. Pendel asked for a Nomination for a Publication for Legal Notices for the Borough of Coraopolis, and said we are currently using The Times.

Mr. Bolea nominated The Times for a Publication for Legal Notices for the Borough of Coraopolis.

Mr. Pendel said are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to close nominations for The Times as the Publication for Legal Notices for the Borough of Coraopolis. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Pendel asked to proceed with the vote. (The Times as the Publication for Legal Notices for the Borough of Coraopolis)

Upon Roll Call Vote

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Robb Cardimen | Yes |
| Rudy Bolea | Yes |
| Ed Pitassi | Yes |
| Chad Kraynyk | Yes |
| George Mihalyi | Yes |
| Allison Marine | Yes |
| David Pendel | Yes |

Motion carried.

Mr. Pendel asked for a Nomination to set the Workshop Meetings for the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM excluding the January, July and August meetings and the Regular Meetings for the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to set the Workshop Meetings for the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM excluding the January, July and August meetings and the Regular Meetings for the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM.

Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Mr. Cardimen said are we sure we want to exclude July and August? With everything that is going on in town for us to skip two months in the middle of summer when things are going on like construction projects and road programs. I think if we pushed that later in the year or maybe just take one month off and he continued to explain.

Mr. Bolea said I think we can always have a Special Meeting if something comes up and needs to be addressed and he continued to explain.

Upon Roll Call Vote

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Robb Cardimen | No |
| Rudy Bolea | Yes |
| Ed Pitassi | Yes |
| Chad Kraynyk | Yes |
| George Mihalyi | Yes |
| Allison Marine | Yes |
| David Pendel | Yes |

Motion carried.

Mr. Pendel asked for a Nomination for the position of Director for the Coraopolis Water & Sewer Authority through December 31, 2026 and Karl Groom is our incumbent.

Mr. Mihalyi nominated Karl Groom for Director for the Coraopolis Water & Sewer Authority through December 31, 2026.

Mr. Pendel said are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to close nominations for Karl Groom as the Director for the Coraopolis Water & Sewer Authority through December 31, 2026. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Pendel asked to proceed with the vote. (Karl Groom as the Director for the Coraopolis Water & Sewer Authority through December 31, 2026)

Upon Roll Call Vote

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Robb Cardimen | Yes |
| Rudy Bolea | Yes |
| Ed Pitassi | Yes |
| Chad Kraynyk | Yes |
| George Mihalyi | Yes |
| Allison Marine | Yes |
| David Pendel | Yes |

Motion carried.

Mr. McCutcheon said we can do a slate vote for the remainder of the appointments.

Mr. Pendel asked for a motion to appoint the following slate:

- Civil Service, 3-year term – Rich Thomas through December 31, 2024
- Zoning Hearing Board, 3-year term – Anthony Price through December 31, 2024
- Shade Tree Commission, 5-year term – Heather Dixon through December 31, 2026
- Property Maintenance Appeals Board, 3-year term – Diallo Bryant through December 31, 2024

Mr. Bolea said is the Hearing Officer for Zoning currently on the Board?

Mr. Pendel said yes, he is the incumbent.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the slate of:

- Civil Service, 3-year term – Rich Thomas through December 31, 2024
- Zoning Hearing Board, 3-year term – Anthony Price through December 31, 2024
- Shade Tree Commission, 5-year term – Heather Dixon through December 31, 2026
- Property Maintenance Appeals Board, 3-year term – Diallo Bryant through December 31, 2024

Mr. Kraynyk seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Robb Cardimen | Yes |
| Rudy Bolea | Yes |
| Ed Pitassi | Yes |
| Chad Kraynyk | Yes |
| George Mihalyi | Yes |
| Allison Marine | Yes |
| David Pendel | Yes |

Motion carried.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve the Borough Manager's contract for a two – year period. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

| | |
|---------------|-----|
| Robb Cardimen | Yes |
| Rudy Bolea | Yes |
| Ed Pitassi | Yes |

Chad Kraynyk Yes
George Mihalyi Yes
Allison Marine Yes
David Pendel Yes
Motion carried.

Mr. McCutcheon said thanked Borough Council.

Mr. Pendel asked for a motion to hire Nicholas Bane for the full – time Public Works Laborer/Truck driver position.
Mr. Bolea made a motion to hire Nicholas Bane contingent upon passing a physical and a drug test and being on a 90 – day probation period per the contract. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen Yes
Rudy Bolea Yes
Ed Pitassi Yes
Chad Kraynyk Yes
George Mihalyi Yes
Allison Marine Yes
David Pendel Yes
Motion carried.

Comments

Mr. Bolea said I would like to take this opportunity to step down and/or resign from the delegate to COG for personal reasons.

Mr. Pendel said we will look for an alternate and a delegate for COG.

Mayor Dixon said since it is my first night, I want to thank everybody, Council, Mr. McCutcheon and my wife Heather for all of her support during the election. I want to thank the citizens of Coraopolis who voted and he continued to explain.

Mr. Pendel said I received a letter regarding our Riverfront Park Phase II Development congratulating us on receiving a DCNR Grant award in the amount of \$306,500.00 and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said we received the first \$200,000.00 grant and now this additional \$300,000.00. It is a match, but we did put aside \$500,000.00 to match it and he continued to explain.

Mr. Bolea said how far along are we from the onset of the first phase?

Mr. Null said I see us going out to bid soon. The DCNR has a couple of comments and once we address those, we can go out to bid.

Mr. Pendel said in your opinion would you say that Phases I and II are more the prep work more so than the design components of it?

Mr. Cardimen said Borough Council has not approved the final design yet; don't we have to have that finalized before we go to bid?

Mr. Null said correct, and the first part of that was the design pack being approved by the DCNR and we are nearly there and he continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Pendel said to Mr. McCutcheon you are more familiar with the application process so for formality's sake are there more names that we need to mention?

Mr. McCutcheon said Anita Kulik, she has always supported us for grant money it is nice to have a good relationship with the State Representative, so thank you.

Representative Kulik said this Board and this Manager are by far the most active I have in seeking grants, writing grants and receiving grants and I want to commend you as a Board, and your Manager for taking time to do the process and she continued to explain.

Representative Kulik said I want to say that it is outstanding that you have the matching funds set aside already for the grants received so congratulations.

Mr. Bolea said thank you, we have a great leader and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.
Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

MEETING ADJOURNED