

Borough of Coraopolis
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
Regular Council Meeting
January 12, 2022
6:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Coraopolis was called to order by Council President David Pendel.

Police Chief Denbow led the gathering in the Pledge to the Flag.

A Roll Call of Members was then taken.

Present

Robb Cardimen 7:00 Departure
Rudy Bolea
Ed Pitassi
George Mihalyi
Allison Marine
David Pendel via teleconference
Michael Dixon, Mayor

Absent

Chad Kraynyk
Jason Shazer

Mr. Pendel asked Mr. McCutcheon to take over the Agenda since he was not attending in person.

Mr. McCutcheon asked if there were any questions on the Agenda. Mr. Pendel said are there any comments from the public regarding Agenda Items? Being none, the meeting continued.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to accept Resolution 22-367 accepting Councilman Jason Shazer's resignation from Borough Council. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen	Yes
Rudy Bolea	Yes
Ed Pitassi	Yes
George Mihalyi	Yes
Allison Marine	Yes
David Pendel	Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 8, 2021 Regular Council Meeting. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 3, 2022 Council Reorganization Meeting. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Invoices for January 2022 in the amount of \$1,114,253.52. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Mr. Bolea said is any part of this money grant money?

Mr. McCutcheon said Columbia Gas will reimburse us for some of the Mele Contract. We did use grant money for the Wood Street Project and on the ARLE money we paid \$50,000.00 to Bronder for the traffic signal work on 4th Avenue and Mill Street and we will get that reimbursed.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen	Yes
Rudy Bolea	Yes
Ed Pitassi	Yes
George Mihalyi	Yes
Allison Marine	Yes
David Pendel	Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Pitassi made a motion to approve the Payroll for the month of December 2021 in the amount of \$248,379.86. Ms. Marine seconded the motion.

Mr. McCutcheon said this number is significantly higher with the reason being there are three pays this month, we had a person retire early and this is when the Police can sell back their vacation.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen	Yes
Rudy Bolea	Yes
Ed Pitassi	Yes
George Mihalyi	Yes
Allison Marine	Yes
David Pendel	Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. McCutcheon said Minniefield Demolition Services have completed all three demolitions, one on the 500 Block of 5th Avenue, 1424 Hiland Avenue and 1731 Hiland. There is still a question on a tree that we had removed on 1731 Hiland and then asked for a motion to authorize CharWest COG to make payment to Minniefield Demolition Services not to exceed \$52,750.00.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to authorize CharWest COG to make payment to Minniefield Demolition Services not to exceed \$52,750.00. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Mr. Cardimen said why is this number different than the \$51,850.00 stated on the Lennon Smith project description, I know you said something about a tree?

Mr. McCutcheon said there was a \$900.00 cost for removing a tree in Chief White's yard and he continued to explain.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen	Yes
Rudy Bolea	Yes
Ed Pitassi	Yes
George Mihalyi	Yes
Allison Marine	Yes
David Pendel	Yes

Motion carried.

Solicitor’s Report

Mr. Start said I have no motions, resolutions or ordinances however I would like to thank members of Council who voted to reappoint my firm as your Solicitor. Thank you and I appreciate it.

Police Chief’s Report

Chief Denbow gave the Police Department Report for the month of December 2021.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Dixon said I want to thank everyone for this opportunity.

Mayor Dixon said I did receive a letter from the Superintendent from the Department of Police of Allegheny County concerning the attempted abduction of a student from Cornell Elementary School. He continued to read the letter and recognized and thanked Chief Denbow, Officer Cillo and Officer Quinn for their contribution in finding the man who attempted the abduction.

Chief Denbow said thank you very much, it means a lot.

Borough Engineer’s Report

Mr. Drew Null directed everyone to the monthly report and said the Riverfront Park Project; on the Phase I portion we still have DCNR comments outstanding and I have a meeting scheduled with them for next week to review those comments. Mr. Null said most of the comments are related to the existing properties and the history on them. He continued to explain.

Mr. Null said we talked with the DCNR this week and a kick off meeting with the Borough on the funding that was awarded for the second Phase. Once we get the comments addressed, I think it would be appropriate to get the Committee together to seek approval for advertising and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said since we have some new people on Council is it possible to get something together on Phase I and II, so we have something to hand out at the February Workshop Meeting?

Mr. Null said yes, we will bring a map with an outline to the Workshop Meeting.

Mr. Drew Null said Floodplain Management; the first step to the FEMA application that was recently submitted is PEMA, State review level and the State will finalize and submit to FEMA. They did have some minor comments so we are addressing those and getting everything together to submit to FEMA.

Mr. Drew Null said Ferree Street Stairway; this work is underway; the stairs have been demolished and they are working on the foundations. We do have a payment request for consideration this evening and it is Partial Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$14,400.00 and we recommend payment to Avelli Construction.

Mr. McCutcheon said this is in our invoices already.

Mr. Pendel said with this weather are we going to be up against any delays?

Mr. Null said there are provisions for curing when it comes to temperatures so they certainly can work through the winter and we will stay on them in regards to those requirements and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said the 2020 Road Program, the outstanding punchlist items were addressed late last year and you do have Partial Payment Request No. 2, the final payment in the amount of \$19,149.59 and we recommend that Payment to Mele, Mele and Son's.

Mr. McCutcheon said this is already included in the invoices for this evening.

Mr. Drew Null said the 2021 Road Program, this work was completed late last year, but there are a number of punchlist items to be addressed and we have asked for a schedule. For consideration this evening there is Partial Payment Request No. 1 in the amount of \$248,985.39 and directed everyone to Attachment D. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. McCutcheon said that is already included in the invoices.

Mr. Drew Null said Wood Street Roadway; pending some punch work items the work is completed on Wood Street and we do have a change order for the project. With the addition of replacing the curbing it would be appropriate to approve the increase and Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$16,812.40.

Mr. McCutcheon asked Mr. Null to elaborate on areas that needed cut into already.

Mr. Null said after the paving was completed there were two issues that came up. One property owner notified the Authority before paving that they had a sewer back up which was investigated and determined there wasn't a problem on the Authority's end. The Authority let the resident know the issue was on their end and to hire a plumber. Two days after paving they called to say the plumber had a snake stuck in the drain. We did notify the contractor and they televised the line from the main sewer lateral and found blockage in the road which was just out of eyesight and underneath the trench that was dug for the waterline so that was the first dig repair.

Mr. Null said the second repair was earlier this week when the Authority noticed a loss of water which correlated to Wood Street and found to be a bell where the pipe meets so there was water leaking through the joint. We have talked to the contractor about the restoration requirements and we will review with the Manager and we are going to have them make this right and he continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$16,812.40 to Jet Jack, Inc. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Null said you do also have a payment request for consideration in the amount of \$370,258.59, we are still holding retainage and I believe this is part of the invoices as well. We do recommend payment and this is to Jet Jack.

Mr. Drew Null said O'Reilly Auto Parts Development; we did get a response from an updated plan submission from that developer. Process for the County is they need to resubmit and the County needs to accept the application and schedule a public hearing.

Mr. Drew Null said Chess Street Roadway Improvements; this work was also completed and paved just before the holidays and we do have some minor punchlist items to review with the Authority. We do have Payment Request No. 1 this evening in the amount of \$154,753.43 and we do recommend payment to Independent Enterprises, Inc. and this is included in the invoices.

Mr. Drew Null said Waste Hauling Contract; bids will be opened and we will discuss them at the February Workshop Meeting. This is similar to last time and the alternates will include the E waste and House Hazardous Waste removal and the 3-year options.

Mr. Drew Null said Mill Street Station; we did get a plan submission that we are reviewing and this one did get accepted by the County so the Public Meeting is scheduled for January 25th.

Mr. Drew Null said Water and Sewer Authority; the bid opening was held for the Main Street Waterline.

Committee Reports/Comments from Council

Mr. Bolea said I have nothing this evening.

Mr. Pitassi said I want to remind everyone on Council that we are hosting the CharWest COG on Thursday, January 20th, so anyone on Council who would like to come is more than welcome so please let me know before this week is out.

Ms. Marine said hello, I am a new face here and I want to thank Mr. LaRocco for his mentorship and friendship over the last year. I work from home in Coraopolis and I am a National Account Manager with a background in project management, sales and marketing and I look forward to being able to contribute and work with everyone here.

Mr. Mihalyi said I have nothing at this time.

Mr. Pendel said as a result from Mr. Bolea stepping down from COG, I want to make everyone aware that Mr. Pitassi will backfill Mr. Bolea, so he will be our main delegate and Ms. Marine has agreed to be the alternate delegate for COG.

Manager's Report

Mr. McCutcheon said I received a call from Dana Watkins and they would like to do another Black History Month observation prior to our Regular Meeting in February so that will be on Wednesday, February 9th at 6:00 and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said we have a resident on Mill Street who has asked, if she can no longer pay her garbage bill because she can pay one of the property owners who has a dumpster.

Mr. Bolea said would we be opening ourselves up to others saying I'll just pay someone who has a dumpster and since Waste Management wouldn't have any idea that this is being done, they would pick up the garbage anyway.

Mr. McCutcheon said yes, you would.

Mr. Bolea said I don't think that we should even consider that request.

Mr. Rick Start said from the Solicitor's seat I would not recommend that you consider granting this request and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said with regards to the financials for the end of the year both revenues and expenditures came in around 9.5% over budget. On the expenditure side the big spending was the road repairs, we spent about \$780,000.00 more than budget. Some of that was due to us receiving grant money and we needed to fix Chess Street and Wood Street.

Mr. McCutcheon said on the revenue side it was the grant money from the State and also, we received quite a bit more on delinquent real estate taxes than what we had budgeted. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Comments from the Public

Jennifer Patterson from 912 4th Avenue said I had an inspection conducted on the new sprinkler system that I was required to put in and I have been issued my temporary occupancy permit and she continued to explain.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED