

Borough of Coraopolis
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
Regular Council Meeting
February 9, 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

Rudy Bolea

Ed Pitassi

Chad Kraynyk

George Mihalyi

Allison Marine

Gary Flasco

David Pendel

Michael Dixon, Mayor

Absent

Robb Cardimen

Mr. Pendel 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 approve the Minutes of the January 12, 2022, Regular Council Meeting. Mr. Kraynyk seconded the motion.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 2, 2022, Council Workshop Meeting. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve the Invoices for February 2022 in the amount of \$284,175.59. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

Mr. McCutcheon said there is one big item on here and it is because we paid the entire year of our liability insurance which is \$146,845.00, so that's the reason it is double of what it normally is.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Rudy Bolea Yes

Ed Pitassi Yes

Chad Kraynyk Yes

George Mihalyi Yes

Allison Marine Yes
Gary Flasco Yes
David Pendel Yes
Motion carried.

Mr. Pitassi made a motion to approve the Payroll for the month of January 2022 in the amount of \$124,455.75. Mr. Kraynyk seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote
Rudy Bolea Yes
Ed Pitassi Yes
Chad Kraynyk Yes
George Mihalyi Yes
Allison Marine Yes
Gary Flasco Yes
David Pendel Yes
Motion carried.

Solicitor’s Report

Mr. Richard Start said I do not have any matters that require action from Council this evening.

Police Chief’s Report

Chief Denbow gave the Police Department Report for the month of January 2022.

Fire Chief’s Report

Chief Spencer said for the month of January, the Coraopolis Volunteer Fire Department answered 10 calls; 2 were mutual aid calls, 1 brush fire, 1 water problem, 1 vehicle fire, 2 false alarms, 1 carbon monoxide alarm, 1 cooking fire and 1 gas leak. Total manhours were 93 hours.

Chief Spencer said I want to mention the carbon monoxide call because if these people did not have a carbon monoxide detector inside the house, then they probably would not be here and he continued to explain. I want to tell everyone to have smoke detectors in your house, as well as carbon monoxide detectors because they do save lives.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Dixon said I want to thank our guests this evening for a wonderful presentation, thank you for keeping that tradition going.

Mayor Dixon said I want to give a shout out to Public Works for all their hard work during the blizzard last week and he continued to explain.

Mayor Dixon said I also want to thank the Coraopolis PD for the fantastic job that they continue to do every day to keep us all safe.

Committee Reports/Comments from Council

Mr. Flasco said I have just started on Committees and have met with all three of them by phone and he continued to explain.

Mr. Flasco said I want to thank Council for the opportunity to work with Council and the citizens of Coraopolis and he continued to explain.

Mr. Mihalyi said I have nothing at this time.

Mr. Bolea said I would like to welcome our new Fire Chief, Chief Spencer. It is a pleasure having you.

Mr. Kraynyk said I have nothing for this evening.

Ms. Marine said I have nothing to report, but do want to say that I am looking forward to getting involved with the Committees and she continued to explain.

Mr. Pitassi said the Shade Tree will be doing our next planting on Saturday, March 26th and we will be advertising and are hoping to get as many volunteers as we can.

Manager's Report

Mr. McCutcheon said the storm was pretty rough on us and we have used up most of our salt, we have 170 tons on order, but the shipment is very slow and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said the salt tepee at our area Public Works area is in very poor shape and the floor is very bad. We did apply for a grant for a new salt storage unit, but were rejected on that one.

Mr. Bolea said do we have any specs on building a new one, so maybe we can get some bids for it?

Mr. McCutcheon said yes, the engineers have it.

Mr. Bolea said would it be wise to send some bids out and see what they come in as?

Mr. McCutcheon said at the next workshop we will discuss this with the engineers. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. McCutcheon said at the Workshop Meeting Council did raise the rate for waste collection to \$55.00 per quarter.

Mr. McCutcheon said so that people understand in 2021 we paid \$394,000.00 for waste collection, our lowest bid for this year went up \$60,000.00 for a total of \$459,000.00. We are still going to do E-waste collection and they doubled the rate on that, it is \$33,000.00 a year so please, use this program and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said on the park we received \$305,000.00 grant at the very end of 2021 and this is the second grant that we have received. For Phase I we received \$200,000.00 and Phase II we received \$305,000.00 and we have to match that, so we will be putting in a million-dollar park and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said there were a couple other grants that we were denied for, one was for \$600,000.00 to fix Mill Street between 4th and 5th Avenues and the other was for a playground area for the Ridge Avenue Tot Lot.

Mr. McCutcheon said we did receive an \$800,000.00 grant to repair Main Street from 6th Avenue to Neely Hts. which will be done in concrete and we'll also do the west side of the sidewalk and he continued to explain.

Mr. Kraynyk said regarding the E-waste, please use this program and he continued to explain.

Mr. Pendel said the E-waste collection is detailed on the Waste Management website or you can call the Borough office for details.

Comments from the Public

Mike Harris from 800 Main Street said a couple months ago I came up and spoke about potentially adding stop signs on Main Street and I didn't know, if there was any consideration for that and I just want to keep it fresh in everyone's mind and he continued to explain.

Anthony Richards from 1523 4th Avenue said I have a suggestion to put a "no right turn" sign on Montour and 4th Avenue.

Chief Denbow said I think there should be a sign like Mr. Richards said stating no right turn along with a one-way sign pointing that 4th Avenue is one way. A discussion pursued.

Ms. Sheila Perminter said I live at Coraopolis Towers and my question is does the Borough have any jurisdiction over the Towers concerning the sewage coming up in the toilets and that kind of stuff.

Mr. McCutcheon said we really do not, that would be the Coraopolis Water and Sewer Authority, but the Towers is private property so that is the responsibility of the property owners.

Chief Denbow said there is a service called renters rights and I think that a health issue like that is one of your rights. I would look into that and contact the County Health Department. A discussion pursued.

Mr. Bolea said you really need to contact the Health Department for both the sewage and the garbage issues you have mentioned. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Kraynyk seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

MEETING ADJOURNED