

Borough of Coraopolis  
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania  
Council Workshop Meeting via teleconference  
March 2, 2022  
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

Rudy Bolea

Chad Kraynyk           Via Teleconference

George Mihalyi

Gary Flasco

David Pendel

Mayor Michael Dixon

**Absent**

Ed Pitassi

Allison Marine

**Also Present**

Drew Null – Engineer

Devanté Miles – Engineer

Mr. Pendel asked if there were any questions on the Agenda, being none, the meeting continued.

Mr. Pendel asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Councilman Pitassi's mother-in-law.

Mr. Pendel said Brian Diggins with Diggins Builders has reached out to us regarding a 10-minute presentation for ideas that he has for his Mill Street properties.

Mr. Brian Diggins said I want to make everyone aware of the plans that we have for 423 Mill Street and the adjoined vacant lot between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenues, along Pine Alley. We are hoping to do a complete renovation here that will include a restaurant on the bottom floor and apartments on the second floor. Mr. Diggins explained his tax responsibility along with his financial and expenditure plans and how he does not want to incur a tax reassessment from the Borough and the School. Mr. Diggins said in order for this project to be successful he would need a freeze on his tax assessment and asked that the Borough make improvements to the Mill Street and Pine Alley areas, and he continued to explain.

Mr. Pendel said everything that you have listed here can be reviewed by Council and he continued to explain.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve Resolution 22-370 applying for a grant for a Program Year 2022 Commonwealth Financing Authority Local Share Account (LSA) for the Ridge Avenue Tot Lot Improvements Project. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Mr. McCutcheon said the Ridge Avenue Tot Lot is in really bad shape and may need to be taken out even, if we are not ready to replace it because we don't want people to get hurt on it. We have applied for grants for this before, but we need to keep trying.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve Resolution 22-371 applying for a Program Year 2022 Commonwealth Financing Authority Local Share Account (LSA) grant for the Salt Storage Building Project. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve Resolution 22-372 applying for a Program Year 2022 Commonwealth Financing Authority Local Share Account (LSA) grant for the Mill Street Roadway and Waterline Replacement Project. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

Mr. McCutcheon asked Mr. Null to highlight the plans for this due to it being a major undertaking.

Mr. Drew Null there is a portion of storm sewer that is connected to the sanitary that needs removed and have a new system piped into 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This is the third application we have applied for on this project and we are asking for \$830,000.00. That includes waterline, sidewalk, light fixtures, new concrete road and tentatively it includes to remove the bump outs. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Special Permit for an Easter Egg Hunt by Cub Scout Pack 358 on Saturday, April 2, 2022, at Bliwas Field from 9 am to Noon. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Special Permit for the Annual Back 2 School Bash on Saturday, August 13, 2022, at Bliwas Field from Noon to 3 pm for Coraopolis Youth Creations. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. McCutcheon said the Cobblehaus wants to renew their permit where they have food trucks every weekend. Lucinda Wade has filled out a Special Permit application for a food truck for one of the same dates that Cobblehaus has someone scheduled.

Mr. Cardimen said can't you put two trucks in there? A truck can go on each side of the gazebo.

Mr. Bolea said I don't see any reason why there can't be two on the same day.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Special Permit for Blowin Smoke BBQ food truck at the gazebo parking lot on Saturday, July 23, 2022, from Noon to 8 pm for a fundraiser for Coraopolis Youth Creations. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve the Special Permit for Cobblehaus Brewing Company for food trucks at the gazebo parking lot on Fridays & Saturday through August 2022. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. McCutcheon said the engine was destroyed in the F-150 K-9 truck and I spoke with the Ford Corporation who in turn contacted the dealership of Jim Shorkey and they have denied any fiscal assistance. Jim Shorkey's group will give \$1,000.00 towards it, but the cost is still \$15,189.73 to replace the engine. I told them to order the parts, but they went ahead and fixed it so I don't know if we should ask the K-9 group to assist in some of the cost.

Mr. Cardimen said we absolutely should, we need to come up with a way to make these guys responsible for the vehicles. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Bolea said let's pay it and if we can get some extra help from the K-9 group then great.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve payment to Jim Shorkey in the amount of \$15,189.73 for repairs to the F-150 K-9 vehicle. Mr. Kraynyk seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen	No
Rudy Bolea	Yes
Chad Kraynyk	Yes
George Mihalyi	Yes
Gary Flasco	Yes
David Pendel	Yes contingent upon talking with the Chief and layout a policy of expectations.

Motion carried.

Mr. Bolea said I still think that we should approach the K-9 group and say a mistake was made and we don't feel like we should be responsible for the full bill and ask them to have a fundraiser to kick in for some of the cost. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Dixon said Representative Anita Kulik is hosting a meet and greet this Saturday, at 11:00 am at Anchor and Anvil. She has formally invited all of us to attend so if your schedule permits, she would love to see everyone there and he continued to explain.

## **Engineer's Report**

Mr. Drew Null directed everyone to the monthly report and said the Riverfront Park Project; DCNR did clear up the agreements for both Phase I and Phase II so we are still working through their comments and getting those addressed.

Mr. Drew Null said under the roads we did get several letters out to past road programs and our specs do include prior to the expiration date maintenance bond that the contractor comes out and does a maintenance seal. Included at this point is past Mele projects and past Youngblood projects. Those contractors have been put on notice to come out and seal the cracks. There are some areas within the Mele 2020 Program that are a little more extensive and they may have to do more than seal.

Mr. Drew Null said 2020 Roadway Improvements; there is a list of roads that have been reviewed with the Manager and taking care of Pine Alley is part of this. There is a two-block section that you had done with Youngblood, so other than that this would take from Main Street to Ferree Street and he directed everyone to his report. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said Ferree Street Stairway; I spoke with the contractor today and with the weather they have been out for the last couple of weeks, but they should be back to work shortly.

Mr. Drew Null said Mill Street; we did meet with their group and they are proposing to redo Neville Avenue and he continued to explain.

## **Comments from Council**

Mr. Flasco said I have no reports or comments.

Mr. Mihalyi said I have nothing at this time.

Mr. Bolea said I have nothing this evening.

Mr. Cardimen said I spoke with someone today and Mr. McCutcheon and I will have something together regarding a new dump truck for next month, so we can vote to put one out to bid so we can have one for next winter.

Mr. Kraynyk said I want to comment on Mr. Diggins's presentation from earlier, I understand where he comes from as a property owner, but he doesn't understand the processes that the Borough has to go through for their projects. I am inclined to think that writing a brief synopsis to provide feedback to him. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Pendel said Ms. Marine gave me her update, but I asked that she give it next week during our meeting.

### **Manager's Report**

Mr. McCutcheon said we did have the first meeting with the VFW, Moon Township Police, and Chief Denbow and we are planning on having the Parade on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:30. We are not going to close 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, so we will have to detour cars up around Moon Township.

Mr. McCutcheon said the traffic signals at Mill Street should be done by the end of the month.

Mr. McCutcheon said the turning lane at the soccer field is supposed to start within the next two weeks and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said I spoke with Avelli and O'Reilly's should be started in the next couple of months.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.  
Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.  
Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

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

Meeting Adjourned.