

Borough of Coraopolis
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
Council Workshop Meeting
April 6, 2022
6:30 PM

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

A Roll Call of Members was then taken.

Present

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

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

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve the use of the western side of the Jailhouse parking lot for Coraopolis Youth Creations on Saturday, July 23, 2022, from Noon to 8 pm for a fundraiser and Blowin Smoke BBQ Truck. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.
Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. McCutcheon said there are two large trees in the Ferree Street Cemetery that need to come down. Gold's Tree Service will bring a crane in and will have to go into the neighbor's yard to remove them. The price is one tree for \$5,000.00 or both trees for \$6,500.00.

Mr. Cardimen said I know there is aggregate there staged for a CWSA project, will that be cleaned up by Memorial Day? The VFW does use that area for their memorial service.

Mr. McCutcheon said that is for Main Street and Ridge Avenue, we will have to check and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Pitassi made a motion to approve Gold's Tree Service for the removal of two trees at the Ferree Street Cemetery in the amount of \$6,500.00. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.
Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. McCutcheon said Lydia from Styles by Lydia located at 1001 4th Avenue called the office requesting a handicap parking sign for her business, but the Chief said this could be an issue due to 4th Avenue being a State Road, but we might be able to place a sign on Mill Street. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued. Council was not in favor of authorizing a handicap sign for Lydia's due to the possible request from other business in the Business Districts.

Mr. Pendel asked Mr. Pitassi to explain a Shade Tree Committee member resignation.

Mr. Pitassi said Andrew Toth has moved out of town and given us a verbal resignation. We have asked him for a written resignation, but so far, he hasn't replied. We do have someone else in mind, but I do not have that information with me now, but will bring it in for us to discuss. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to accept the resignation of Andrew Toth from the Shade Tree Committee.

Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Dixon said we had a very successful cleanup effort by volunteers on Sunday, March 20th from the DeMolay Masonic Youth Group and he continued to explain.

Mayor Dixon said we had several ribbon cuttings this month they were for the Angels Project, Styles by Lydia's and the Hub and he continued to explain.

Mayor Dixon said we had a successful tree planting and Easter egg hunt and he continued to explain.

Mayor Dixon said I was able to participate with stocking trout in Montour Run.

Mayor Dixon said I received some complaints from residents and business owners who are upset about the litter around town. Many have pledged to me that they will be willing to assist in funding the purchase and installation of new and attractive and functional trash receptacles, cigarette receptacles and dog waste stations around town.

Mayor Dixon said I received a complaint about 1215 2nd Avenue and the condition that it was left in after the deconstruction of a shed that was in the back yard. Chief Denbow had an officer issue a citation and I have attempted to contact the owner for a resolution and he continued to explain.

Mayor Dixon said a resident has asked me if it is possible to make the intersection of State Avenue and Maple Street a three way stop.

Chief Denbow said we would have to conduct a study and an ordinance would have to be passed.

Mr. Cardimen said that portion of State Avenue is a State Road and he continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Denbow said after several months of going through the Civil Service Examination Richard Thomas, Robb Cardimen and Karl Groom came to the rankings of the two candidates that completed and passed the Civil Service Exam. My recommendation to Council is to hire the No. 1 ranking candidate for the position of Full Time Patrolman and he continued to explain.

Mr. Cardimen said I have heard this request many times from previous Police Chiefs and it has never really saved the Borough a lot of money. Do we have this money in our budget?

Mr. McCutcheon said we did not budget for eleven officers, we budgeted for nine plus Chief Denbow. We did have money in there for Part-time Officers. I have to look at the numbers and do an analysis. A discussion pursued.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Drew Null directed everyone to the monthly report and said the Riverfront Park Project; the DCNR does ask for a progress report twice a year, once in March and again in October and he directed everyone to Attachment A. Mr. Null said we did get additional items over to address some DCNR comments one being the consolidation plan and the portion of that plan that was previously deed restricted. We did get a declaration of restriction to have it formally recorded and these items were reviewed with the Borough Solicitor and forwarded to the DCNR and we are looking to have that response back by next week. Mr. Null said we are finalizing the bid documents and plan to have those uploaded to the DCNR next week.

Mr. Null directed everyone to the Attachment for Phase I and Phase II and said these are the COSTAR quotes for the pavilion and amphitheater that come from the Phase I money and the restroom that comes from Phase II money. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Null said the DCNR application for Phase III of the park was filed today and is a \$250,000.00 ask for a \$500,000.00 project. We are looking to offset that by asking for the match through the CFA Greenways Trails Project so we'll have a resolution for you at the next meeting.

Mr. Drew Null said Ferree Street Stairway; the contractor is pouring this week and they are doing four pours staggering up the hill.

Mr. Drew Null said 2021 Roadway Improvements; this is the Mele Project and there are still punchlist items remaining and the contractor will let us know when the plants are open and they will give us a schedule of when they will address those items.

Mr. McCutcheon asked Mr. Null about the ADA ramps on Watson Street.

Mr. Null said you had a resident complain that on the intersection at Watson Street and Alder Alley falling water goes down the sidewalk instead of down the road. We looked at it and the ADA ramp is low so we will review with Mele and have them to replace the ramp. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said 2022 Roadway Improvements; this is generally the same list that we looked at last month. School Street will be removed, but we are still looking at Pine Alley and have added both ends of Woodlawn Drive, Main Street to Summit and St. Clair and the other end to Riverview and Marion. Mr. Cardimen said how are the waterlines in these locations, are we communicating with the CWSA on this?

Mr. Null said I have not had a direct discussion, but I believe that Woodlawn is a relatively new waterline and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Null said if it is Councils pleasure, we can put the bid documents together and look to open before the next meeting.

Mr. McCutcheon said I have asked Mr. Null to look at Willow Way and 5th Avenue since we will be in that area and he continued to explain.

Mr. Null said we can review those options. This isn't a reconstruct, it is a two-inch mil and overlay. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said Main Street Roadway Reconstruction; the Authority's contractor is there replacing the waterline, so we are working on design and will probably have that out to bid within the next month or two. We are also discussing options to include Chestnut Street as part of this program and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said there are still punch list items remaining for Wood Street and Chess Street and Jet Jack will be addressing those.

Mr. Drew Null said 2022 Commonwealth Financing Authority LSA Grant; this includes Mill Street, the Ridge Avenue Tot Lot and a Salt Storage Facility. The State will have Multimodal applications available in the next month and covers up to \$3M projects, but does require a 30% local match so this may be a candidate for Mill Street and he continued to explain.

Mr. Null said the County does offer a grant program as well and these applications are due by the end of May so we have some time. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said Developments; we did get a resubmission for Mill Street Station earlier this week. The developer did provide a recording plan to be signed. The need for parking is one of the bigger comments we have because parking is dependent on what the use is and they haven't really stated what that will be and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Water and Sewer Authority; Main Street is underway, and we look to do the MS4 public training at the May Meeting.

Mr. Pitassi said are they going to include landscaping with the Ferree Street Stairway?

Mr. Null said the project is to restore the area so there isn't a landscaping plan other than to have topsoil seed planted.

Mr. Pitassi said I have had some residents from there concerned, because of the mud and he continued to explain.

Comments from Council

Mr. Flasco said I would like to present a welcome packet that the Business Committee has put together so I will pass it around to have Council look at it and see if you agree to approve it. Our plan is to make 50 packets and we will keep some here, but also give some to realtors, the Chamber of Commerce and to the CCDC and he continued to explain.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Welcome Packet created by the Business Committee.

Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Mihalyi said I have contacted AJ Land Management concerning our grass cutting. This is the same company that we used last year and they will start on May 1st and go through September. The price has gone up \$95.00 a week more and they will be doing the Municipal Building, the Library, Bliwas Field, the playground and the Grace Street dump once a month.

Mr. Cardimen said are they going to do the area on SR 51 by the billboards?

Mr. Mihalyi said they did not do that area last year and a discussion pursued.

Mr. McCutcheon said we do need them to do the areas that were mentioned and if we need to talk to them about other areas, then we can do that at another time.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve the grass cutting contract to AJ Land Management in the amount of \$1,520.00 per month from May 1st through September 30th. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call

Mr. Cardimen Yes

Mr. Bolea Yes

Mr. Pitassi Yes

Mr. Kraynyk Yes

Mr. Mihalyi Yes

Ms. Marine Yes

Mr. Flasco Yes

Mr. Pendel Yes

Motion Carried.

Mr. Bolea said I have nothing this evening.

Mr. Kraynyk said we had a good meeting with the Parking Committee this week, but I will defer my time to Ms. Marine.

Mr. Cardimen said we had budgeted to buy a new dump truck this year so I went to Woltz and Wind Ford and there are no trucks available at this time. Ford will not take orders until 2023 and for an F-600 dump truck the cost will be about \$115,000.00 and he continued to explain.

Mr. Cardimen said while there, we looked at a vehicle for the CWSA and they too were unattainable. I asked if they had any police vehicles and was told they have three marked patrol cars coming from Ford and will be available for delivery in August of this year and our COSTARS price if we want to buy it is \$35,955.00. We budgeted for a dump truck, but that isn't going to happen so we can purchase this police vehicle for the Chief and the Chief's current vehicle can go to the CWSA. Mr. Cardimen said I think we should at least buy one vehicle if not two and he continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. McCutcheon said the Authority needs a truck for their guy who reads the meters. It would not be used every day, just a couple of weeks out of the month. This would be a huge benefit to the Authority.

Mr. Kraynyk asked for Chief Denbow to give a run down on the police vehicles. Chief Denbow did and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to purchase a new police vehicle from Woltz and Wind Ford through COSTARS in the amount of \$35,955.00 not including the outfitting of the vehicle. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call

Mr. Cardimen	Yes
Mr. Bolea	Yes
Mr. Pitassi	Yes
Mr. Kraynyk	Yes
Mr. Mihalyi	Yes
Ms. Marine	Yes
Mr. Flasco	Yes
Mr. Pendel	Yes

Motion Carried.

Mr. Bolea said should we put an order in for the dump truck?

Mr. Cardimen said when he gives me a little more information on pricing and availability an order can be placed so I will report back when I hear from him.

Chief Denbow said we applied for a program called ACES and we should be getting two new mobile radios and six portable radios for no cost so that can help outfit the car. Tomorrow I am sending in a grant request to the DA's office for five dash cams and two body cams. I do not know that we will get them, but we have applied for them and he continued to explain.

Mr. Cardimen said the Captain of the Fire Department and I are taking a trip to Dublin Ohio tomorrow to see the new fire engine on the assembly line and also have them permanently mount some of our tools to the truck. They are looking at possibly delivering the truck by April 25th so it will be here for the Memorial Day Parade.

Ms. Marine said I want to thank the Mayor, Mr. McCutcheon and Nate Spaniol as well as everyone on Council for their support with the Easter Egg hunt. The Boy Scouts were involved and we had 175 children participate and she continued to explain.

Ms. Marine said the Parking Committee has reignited the parking project and we are looking into exploring all of our options. We are reaching out to a parking consultant, an urban planner, transportation engineers and people who may help point us in the right direction and she continued to explain.

Mr. Pitassi said I want to thank everyone who helped with the tree planting, Robert Morris had a group there and as bad as the weather was, they stuck with us. I also want to thank Mr. McCutcheon because while we were at the library learning how to do the first tree, he dug out all five holes for the trees at the municipal building.

Mr. Pitassi said the Cory Clean Up day will be on Saturday, April 23rd starting at 9:00 and we are meeting by the park. I am hoping we have good attendance.

Mr. Pitassi said the person running our Historical Society is moving out of town and will no longer be able to do it. I spoke with her today and she will talk to the Board and they will determine who will take over for her. A discussion pursued.

Manager's Report

Mr. McCutcheon said I do not have anything this evening.

Mr. Kraynyk made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Pitassi 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.