

Borough of Coraopolis  
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania  
Regular Council Meeting via teleconference  
April 13, 2022  
6:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Coraopolis was called to order by Council Vice - President Chad Kraynyk.

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

A Roll Call of Members was then taken.

**Present**

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

**Absent**

David Pendel

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

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 9, 2022, Regular Council Meeting. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Pitassi made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 6, 2022, Council Workshop Meeting. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve the Invoices for April 2022 in the amount of \$174,870.08. 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

Gary Flasco                      Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Pitassi made a motion to approve the Payroll for the month of March 2022 in the amount of \$122,141.66. Mr. Bolea 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

Gary Flasco                              Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve Resolution 22-374 to approve, adopt and place into immediate effect the 2022 edition of the Emergency Operation Plan. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Pitassi made a motion to approve Resolution 22-375 Demolitions of Slums and Blight properties. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

Mr. Bolea said what is this?

Mr. McCutcheon said this is for the Act 152, we have to do this Slums and Blight Resolution and then we talk about how much we are going to spend on it and he continued to explain.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve Resolution 22-376 the Borough of Coraopolis does hereby request Act 152 fund from Allegheny County Economic Development in the amount of \$60,000.00 for two demolitions. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea asked where the two demolitions will be.

Mr. McCutcheon said one is the fire from 1430 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, there is a concern with the road so we need to make sure that they are careful to leave the basement and wall there. The other is 607 Chess Street and is a vacant property that owes five years in back taxes.

Mr. Cardimen said is there any way to get Van Balen's back on that?

Mr. McCutcheon said that last time that we put in for Act 152 we didn't get it and I think it is because of who owns that property.

Mr. Cardimen said we have an attorney and we need to find a way to avert that and start getting that cleaned up.

Mr. Bolea said is the owner of the burnt house on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue going fight this, because he did last time.

Mr. McCutcheon said no, he complained a little but he realizes that it's best that this is taken down.

Mayor Dixon said I have two more that we might want to talk about, one is 1215 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and the other is on Stratford Avenue.

Mr. McCutcheon said 1215 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue is not in bad shape, the house on the corner is in worse shape than that and a discussion pursued.

Mayor Dixon said one of my neighbors complained about the house on Stratford Avenue. I do not know the address but she claims that there is a hoarder there and he won't clean up the house and it is in shambles along with a mess in the yard.

Mr. McCutcheon said I don't think we would demo for that, but might cite them instead.

Mayor Dixon said I can get some more details for you.

Mr. Bolea said those aren't demo's, but weed ordinance citations instead.

Mr. Bolea said have you noticed that the back of the Van Balen building has fallen off? This building is beyond being dangerous.

Mr. Cardimen said as Borough Officials we have to be able to say this building is condemned and a public safety hazard and must come down.

Mr. McCutcheon said we can have Mr. Felton start citing them, so that maybe he takes it down, but I'm sure there are environmental issues there that he has to take care of.

Mr. Bolea said he brought up the environmental issues himself when we were trying to get it demolished before. Can't he be made responsible for those issues?

Mr. Cardimen said I am sure the DEP would not be happy knowing that stuff could be leaking into McCabe Run and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve COSTARS purchase of a pavilion from Snider Recreation, Inc. in the amount of \$77,699.00 subject to DCNR's review and approval for the Riverfront Park. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Mr. McCutcheon said this is the Phase I pavilion that will be close to the parking lot and is a large pavilion. Lennon, Smith got three COSTAR bids and this is the lowest of the three and a discussion pursued.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen	Yes
Rudy Bolea	Yes
Ed Pitassi	Yes
Chad Kraynyk	Yes
George Mihalyi	Yes
Allison Marine	Yes
Gary Flasco	Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve COSTARS purchase of an amphitheater from Snider Recreation, Inc. in the amount of \$109,461.00 subject to DCNR's review and approval for the Riverfront Park. Mr. Bolea 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
Gary Flasco	Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve COSTARS purchase of a restroom from CXT Precast Concrete Products in the amount of \$210,300.00 subject to DCNR’s review and approval for the Riverfront Park. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion. Mr. Mihalyi said is this in Phase I or Phase II? Mr. McCutcheon said it is actually in Phase II, but we’re going to do the two together since we’ve been approved for Phase II and the DCNR knows we are doing it this way. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen	Yes
Rudy Bolea	Yes
Ed Pitassi	Yes
Chad Kraynyk	Yes
George Mihalyi	Yes
Allison Marine	Yes
Gary Flasco	Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to authorize the use of Shelley Jones Memorial Park pavilion on Saturday, April 30, 2022 from 1 pm to 7 pm for Darlene Forney with a rain date of Saturday, May 14, 2022. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion. Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Pitassi made a motion to pay Gold’s Tree Service \$6,500.00 for the removal of two trees from the Ferree Cemetery. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion. Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

**Solicitor’s Report**

Mr. Richard Start said I have nothing that would require a motion.

**Police Chief’s Report**

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

Chief Denbow said on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2: pm will be the DEA National Drug Take Back. Old prescriptions can be dropped off at the Police Station and we will discard them and he continued to explain.

Chief Denbow said since the warm weather is coming, and I cannot stress this enough, please keep your car doors locked and leave nothing of value in your vehicles and if you have firearms do not leave them in your vehicle.

**Fire Chief’s Report**

Chief Spencer said for the month of March 2022, the Coraopolis Volunteer Fire Department answered 7 calls; 1 on Southern Avenue due to a cooking accident, one on Montour Street from a tree falling onto a house and the power lines, a house on State Avenue had a microwave on fire, a mutual aid call with Moon Township, a mutual aid call with Kennedy Township, a standby at Robinson Station in Groveton and he continued to explain.

Chief Spencer said for the month of March the fire department had 149.39 total volunteer hours.

## Mayor's Report

Mayor Dixon said next week I am having a meeting with the Historical Society about my potential stewardship of that organization, while they find someone to replace the president.

Mayor Dixon said at 10:00 am this Saturday at the Hilton Garden Inn in Moon Township, I am on the host council for a luncheon for Chris Deluzio that is being hosted by the Moon Dems. He said anybody who wants to come along to meet Chris Deluzio is welcomed to join me.

Mayor Dixon said on Saturday in Coraopolis there is a shop crawl going on for the Easter celebration. This is Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at Alena's Project Angels.

Mayor Dixon said don't forget about 4/23/2022 and the Shade Tree Commission's Clean Up Day.

Mayor Dixon said on that same day of 4/23/2022 there will be a press conference at the Train Station for the CCDC's project there.

## Committee Reports/Comments from Council

Mr. Flasco said I have nothing to report this evening.

Mr. Mihalyi said we have a grant for the replacement of a lead line on Main Street and asked Mr. McCutcheon to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said this is the \$1.1M grant that the CWSA received to do the main waterline on Main Street plus five houses. We will do the service from our line to the house and there is no charge to the property owners. The 1800 block of Ridge Avenue will also be done along with one house where we will do the line to their house for them and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Bolea said I have nothing this evening.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to authorize Borough Manager Ray McCutcheon to execute all documents for the purchase of the 2022 Police Interceptor from Woltz and Wind Ford that was approved last week at the Workshop Meeting. Mr. Bolea 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
Gary Flasco	Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Cardimen said we made a trip last week to Sutphin Corp. in Dublin OH to see the new firetruck. It is coming along nicely and should be delivered to the Borough within the next four to five weeks.

Ms. Marine said we are keeping things moving forward with the Parking Committee and will be completing our parking audit. I want to thank Chief Denbow for his time and information. We are continuing conversations with parking and transportation consultants and trying to narrow down a scope of work to perform a study and she continued to explain.

Mr. Pitassi said after the Cory Cleanup, we are going to march everyone to the library where we will have food and drinks. I hope a lot of people show up and we are certainly going to try to make it worth your while for coming.

Mr. Pitassi said earlier today I sent an email to all Council Members concerning Brandon Hayes who is interested in coming onto the Shade Tree Commission, do you have any questions?

Mr. Cardimen said has he been vetted and are you comfortable with him?

Mr. Pitassi said he seems to be well qualified.

Mr. Pitassi made a motion to appoint Brandon Hayes to the Shade Tree Commission. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

### **Manager's Report**

Mr. McCutcheon said I just received the paperwork for the Unemployment payment, so for the first quarter the amount is \$10,931.59 and asked for a motion to make payment to PSAB.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the first quarter Unemployment payment to PSAB in the amount of \$10,931.59. Mr. Bolea 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
Gary Flasco	Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. McCutcheon said I hope everyone has a nice Easter.

### **Comments from the Public**

Mr. Kelly Ulm said we are the new owners of the Coraopolis Hardware building and I just wanted to introduce myself along with my wife Tammy. We bought this building with the vision of me having a wood working shop but I would also like to teach wood working and we are going to live in the apartment upstairs. I applied for a building permit about three weeks ago but did not hear back from the building inspector so I called. The building inspector said he heard that I would be building kitchen cabinets and told me that the building is not zoned for manufacturing. I explained that I was

not making cabinets and that I want to use the building to do wood working, teach some classes and live upstairs. The inspector said he didn't think the building was zoned for teaching. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED**