

Borough of Coraopolis
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
Regular Council Meeting via teleconference
June 8, 2022
6:30 PM

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

Fire Chief Spencer 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

Gary Flasco

David Pendel

Michael Dixon, Mayor

Absent

Allison Marine

Mr. Pendel said I would like to take this opportunity to recognize what our United States Armed Forces did 78 years ago at Normandy France, known as D-Day, June 6, 1944. This operation brought together the land, air and sea forces of the allied armies in what became known as the largest invasion force in human history and he continued to explain.

Mr. Pendel said I would like to offer a brief moment of silence to reflect on our soldier's bravery and to honor their sacrifice for our great Nation.

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. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 11, 2022, Regular Council Meeting. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 1, 2022, Council Workshop Meeting. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Kraynyk made a motion to approve the Invoices for June 2022 in the amount of \$191,743.01. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen	Yes
Rudy Bolea	Yes
Ed Pitassi	Yes
Chad Kraynyk	Yes
George Mihalyi	Yes
Gary Flasco	Yes
David Pendel	Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Kraynyk made a motion to approve the Payroll for the month of May 2022 in the amount of \$118,583.90. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen	Yes
Rudy Bolea	Yes
Ed Pitassi	Yes
Chad Kraynyk	Yes
George Mihalyi	Yes
Gary Flasco	Yes
David Pendel	Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to make Partial Payment #2 to Avelli Construction Corporation in the amount of \$101,218.27 for the Ferree Street Stairway and Bicycle Runnel. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Mr. Bolea said is there a balance due on this?

Mr. McCutcheon said we still owe about \$100,000.00.

Mr. Cardimen said the steps are almost completed, the railings need to be installed on the one side and they were doing some light paving at the top around the new catch basin.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen	Yes
Rudy Bolea	Yes
Ed Pitassi	Yes
Chad Kraynyk	Yes
George Mihalyi	Yes
Gary Flasco	Yes
David Pendel	Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. McCutcheon said we had a \$157,000.00 Multimodal Transportation Grant that is covering most of that project.

Mr. Kraynyk made a motion to approve the contract with Avelli Construction Corporation to reconstruct Main Street and the west side sidewalk from 6th Avenue to Neely Hts. Avenue in the amount of \$997,640.00. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

There are two things that helped fund this; we did receive the \$800,000.00 grant and we also about \$160,000.00 of reimbursement from Columbia Gas where they crossed the street putting in laterals for the gas lines.

Mr. Mihalyi said will Avelli be putting in the sewer lines?

Mr. McCutcheon said the Authority is looking into lining the sewer lines and a discussion pursued.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen Yes

Rudy Bolea Yes

Ed Pitassi Yes

Chad Kraynyk Yes

George Mihalyi Yes

Gary Flasco Yes

David Pendel Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Bolea said just to clarify, it is concrete.

Mr. McCutcheon said yes, it is.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Richard Start said this past month was an active month, the primary objects of our labor were the matters of personnel, the Train Station and the development occurring there and there was an unusual amount of tax appeals.

Fire Chief's Report

Chief Spencer said for the month of May 2022, the Coraopolis Volunteer Fire Department had a total of 11 calls; one on the 400 block of Chess Street for a report of natural gas odor, 900 block of Ridge Avenue for a flooded basement, 900 block of Pennsylvania Avenue for a report of CO2 and it was found to be a bad CO detector, I-79 mutual aid to Kennedy Township for a car accident, 800 block of 4th Avenue to provide lighting for the Coraopolis Police, 700 block of Wood Street for house smoking up due to oven cleaning, Main and 5th Avenue a delivery truck pulled down some cable lines, power lines and a pole was pulled down, 800 block of Hiland Avenue for a malfunctioning smoke detector in the attic, mutual aid to Moon Township at the 800 block of University Blvd, a mutual aid call in Moon and another one in Crescent for structural fires. We had a total of 213 volunteer hours.

Chief Spencer said the new truck did come in and is in the process of being outfitted at Sabre in Coraopolis and he continued to explain.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Dixon said I have a proclamation to read this evening and he continued to do so.

Committee Reports/Comments from Council

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

Mr. Mihalyi said I have nothing this evening.

Mr. Bolea said I have nothing this evening.

Mr. Cardimen said I have nothing this evening.

Mr. Pitassi said I want to thank the Eagle Scouts; they are almost completely done with the trail. The trail is going to be marked and the trail maps are available and they really did a great job. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Manager's Report

Mr. McCutcheon said I received a notice from PennDOT and they are going to be closing I-79 S at the Neville Island Bridge on Friday, July 8th at 9:00 PM through Monday July 11th at 5:00 AM and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said I spoke with Rich Deems to see if he would be willing to serve on the Zoning Hearing Board and he was willing.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to appoint Richard Deems to the Coraopolis Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen	Yes
Rudy Bolea	Yes
Ed Pitassi	Yes
Chad Kraynyk	Yes
George Mihalyi	Yes
Gary Flasco	Yes
David Pendel	Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. McCutcheon said we talked about the Zoning Hearing Board resignation of Anthony Price and I also think that we also appointed him to the Civil Service Board as an alternate. We should accept his resignation for both Boards.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to accept the resignation of Anthony Price from the Zoning Hearing Board and the Civil Service Board. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. McCutcheon said we will need to start thinking about possible replacements.

Mr. McCutcheon said we did vote on the Main Street Project that came in just under \$1M and the second bid for that came in at \$1.5M. We received two bids to do Chestnut Street between 4th and 5th Avenues and they came in at \$540,460.00 and \$698,505.00. We really did not budget anywhere near that for this project and he continued to explain.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to reject the bids received for Chestnut Street between 4th and 5th Avenues and to readvertise for the project. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen	Yes
Rudy Bolea	Yes
Ed Pitassi	Yes
Chad Kraynyk	Yes
George Mihalyi	Yes
Gary Flasco	Yes
David Pendel	Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. McCutcheon said I had a meeting with the health insurance company yesterday and because of inflation they are saying the rates will be up quite a bit higher than usual and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said this Saturday is the Second Saturday Event by the CCDC from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Mill Street between 4th and 5th Avenues and Jimmy Claytor will be performing.

Mr. McCutcheon said I am meeting with PennDOT and Bronder tomorrow about the 4th and Mill traffic signals. The electric is there now, so after PennDOT approves it, it will be turned on.

Comments from the Public

Mr. Trevor Reed of Ridge Avenue said I am here tonight to give a brief introduction to the PA Emergency Response Center based here in Coraopolis and I want to speak about our Youth Advocacy Programs. He directed everyone to the handouts and continued to explain.

Ms. Diane Angelo of 2412 State Avenue said can we get signs say "No Jake Braking" because when they come through SR 51 it is awful and she continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Ms. Mary Lou Lanza of 1056 Vance Avenue said I am here to discuss some issues in my neighborhood;

- 1060 Vance Avenue looks like a jungle right now and she continued to explain.
- The situation with parking on the other side of my house at 1054 Vance Avenue is out of control and she continued to explain. There is also an infestation of rats here, I called Allegheny County and have a letter from the inspector which I would like to give you a copy of.
- 1057 Vance Avenue leaves his dog in the morning and is gone all day and the dog is left inside barking all day long and she continued to explain.

Mr. Pendel said we'll have to follow-up with the Police and make sure all of those addresses are on file and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Bolea said in our building and zoning code a rental property is allowed only so many parking spots per unit and off-street parking must be supplied.

Mr. McCutcheon said there is a rule about if you have a building, then you have to have so many spots, but I don't know about people living in a house.

Ms. Lucinda Wade said I am here on behalf of Coraopolis Youth Creations located at 912 4th Avenue (also known as the Hub) and I want to make everyone aware that we are having summer camp this year for kids from June 20th until July 29th from 9 AM to 4 PM. My concern that the speed limit on Pine Way is 15 mph and a lot of cars speed there. We are going to put up signage in hopes that people will slow down and recognize that it is not an empty building anymore. She continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Ms. Wade said we are helping with the Summer Jam on June 25th and June 26th and we are also hosting adult game night on that Saturday evening at the Hub.

Mr. Pitassi said I want to thank you for taking the time to go to WesBanco and cleaned out the mess of weeds and shrubs and you even replanted. You did an excellent job.

Mr. Pendel said do we have any "Watch Children Signs" that can be used here?

Mr. Cardimen said we would have to have some made and then asked Ms. Wade, if they speak to the children about watching for cars?

Ms. Wade said we do and she continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. George Carr of 103 Chestnut Street said, I have an issue with a gentleman on 2nd Avenue, his dog continuously comes after me and is always off of his leash and comes into my yard. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Caroline Pagliai from 519 7th Avenue said is the Sewickley Bridge closing? When you are driving out of Sewickley, they have Sewickley Bridge detour pointed back this way and then when driving toward Sewickley it says Neville Island Bridge detour pointing toward the Sewickley Bridge and she continued to explain.

Ms. Pagliai said I have four dogs at my property and I know the ordinance says there is a maximum of three and I just want to see if I can get permission to have four.

Mr. Start said I would say no, because this issue has arisen before and Council has stood by the ordinance.

Ms. Pagliai said, okay.

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. Kraynyk seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

MEETING ADJOURNED