

Borough of Coraopolis
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
Council Workshop Meeting by teleconference
December 7, 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
Gary Flasco
David Pendel

Absent

Allison Marine
Michael Dixon, Mayor

Mr. Pendel said Ms. Marine did notify me that she is out of town and won't make the meeting.
Mr. McCutcheon said the Mayor did notify me that he will not be able to attend.

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

Mr. Pendel said we need to discuss appointed positions that expire December 31, 2022, I will read the list and feel free to comment at any time.

Mr. McCutcheon said I have emailed all of them and they have all said they are willing to continue to serve, but it is Council's pleasure and the appointments are made at the January Meeting.

Mr. Pendel said:

CWSA, 5-year term – incumbent Mike Harris
Zoning Hearing Board, 3-year term – incumbent David Demaree
Civil Service, 3-year term – incumbent Karl Groom
Shade Tree Commission, 5-year term – incumbent Mike Harris
Property Maintenance Appeals Board, 3-year term – incumbent Michael Engel
Vacancy Board Chairman, 1-year term – incumbent Henry Bobro
Valley Ambulance Authority, 5-year term – Jeffrey McBain

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to appoint Pete Miles for the Valley Ambulance Authority. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Mihalyi said Mr. Miles was a paramedic for Valley Ambulance. I did tell him that he is no longer employed by Valley Ambulance and is now a representative of Coraopolis.

Mr. Pendel said we need to discuss the 2023 General Fund Budget.

Mr. McCutcheon said it is another year that we will not be increasing taxes. There are just some minor changes and I will get a copy to everyone and he continued to explain.

Mr. Cardimen said are we going to pursue a tran note?

Mr. McCutcheon said we are not because we do not need to.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve Resolution 22-293 setting the contribution by participants of the Borough of Coraopolis Police Pension Plan for the year 2023 at 5%. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Mr. McCutcheon said this is the normal contribution of 5% and what is going on with the Market there is no way that we can reduce it so we need to maintain that 5%.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Pendel asked for a motion to approve Partial Payment #4 to Avelli Construction Corp. in the amount of \$262,737.00 for the Main Street Roadway Improvement Project and asked Mr. Null to elaborate.

Mr. Drew Null said work is progressing and they are the majority of the way up the hill with the last leg being Neely. You have three requests for reimbursement in to the CFA and as these come in, we are trying to get them to the County for reimbursement and directed everyone to Attachment E and said we recommend payment.

Mr. Cardimen said I was approached by multiple people about the condition of the Main Street Roadway concerning the bumps there and he continued to explain and asked Mr. Null if he knows of any reason that the road is in such poor condition.

Mr. Null said without looking at it, no. We can pull a survey on this and verify. The humps I haven't heard about until now and as far as the roughness of the road; as part of the contract that scoring is required. It may be a little rough, but it is a steeper road and does provide a skid resistant level and he continued to explain.

Mr. Bolea said it isn't that; the concrete wasn't leveled at all before they scored it and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Pitassi said what about that stormwater drain on the corner of Main and 7th Avenue? He backed that drain way into the street where none of that runoff will be picked up by that drain.

Mr. Null said in some of those they had the radius drains and the intent was to put one on both sides of it so you can get the ADA ramp and crossings. I'm not sure if this is what they did there, but I can take a look at it and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Null said at this point we can call in a meeting.

Mr. Pendel said does this amount impact what we are speaking about?

Mr. Null said it would.

Mr. McCutcheon said we are holding \$92,000.00 and this is a grant so the sooner we pay it the sooner we can get reimbursed.

Mr. Kraynyk made a motion to approve Partial Payment #4 to Avelli Construction Corp. in the amount of \$262,737.00 for the Main Street Roadway Improvement Project. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Mr. Pendel said is that the right thing to do in terms of leverage? A discussion pursued.

Mr. Pendel asked for a Roll Call Vote.

Upon Roll Call

Mr. Cardimen	No
Mr. Bolea	No
Mr. Pitassi	No
Mr. Kraynyk	No
Mr. Mihalyi	No
Mr. Flasco	No
Mr. Pendel	No

Motion Denied.

Mr. Pendel asked for a motion to approve Partial Payment #2 to El Grande Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$237,259.12 for the 2022 Roadway Improvement Program.

Mr. Null directed everyone to Attachment D and said as of today they are requesting \$237,000 of the total contract of \$438,000.00. Part of this request includes Summit and St. Clair which is in an agreement with Columbia Gas. This is completion of the alley, Summit and St. Clair and what is left is punchlist items and there was a Change Order for Authority spot repairs and he continued to explain.

Mr. Bolea said I have a problem with Chestnut Street and the area between Sanvito's at the Sanvito property. The new asphalt is about ½ inch above the old asphalt on each side and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said this is another motion that we can hold off on until next week.

Engineers Report

Mr. Drew Null said Riverfront Park; we had a preconstruction meeting and the Contractor did start working earlier this week and directed everyone to the schedule on Attachment C and said some of this is weather dependent. Mr. Null said the DCNR did give us approval to proceed.

Mr. Drew Null said we look to rebid the Chestnut Street Reconstruction from 4th to 5th Avenues early in the year.

Mr. Drew Null said Grant Applications; the resolution for Mill Street, PennDOT Multimodal Program was done at the Regular Meeting last month so that was filed.

Mr. Null said I believe we heard from the GEDF Program for the Ridge Avenue Tot Lot, but I don't know if they have made a formal announcement, but some funding was awarded.

Mr. Drew Null said Developments; the Romasco Right-of-Way Vacation and directed everyone to Attachment F. Additional information was requested and we had some minor comments. There is discrepancy between County Tax Maps and the McCabe Plan of Lots and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said there was a vague phone call and preapplication meeting with the County for trucking terminal on Watt Street. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Null said there is no formal submission at this point.

Mr. McCutcheon said they are going to have water and sewage attached to that trailer and I think that lease is a ten-year lease and a discussion pursued.

Mr. McCutcheon said we have been contacted by Ron Faux about the Train Station.

Mr. Null said we received a request today to use crush concrete in place of PennDOT aggregate. We have accepted it in the past and we would ask for certifications. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Null said our response to this will be they have to go through a formal submission which will go through the formal procedures as a reminder that they have to make a planned submission and not just an email. A discussion pursued.

Mr. Pendel said we need to discuss the bids on the Public Work's F-550 and the Fire Department ladder truck.

Mr. McCutcheon said we have received one bid for the F-550 and we have not received a bid on the ladder truck. You may accept or reject this bid. Upon opening the bid Mr. McCutcheon said the one bid for the F-550 is \$653.78 and is from Mr. Cardimen.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to accept the \$653.78 bid from Robb Cardimen for the F-550. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

Motion Approved 6 Yea Votes and 1 Abstain Vote.

Comments from Council

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

Mr. Mihalyi said is there something that we can do this year about the hump on Neely Heights? We will not be able to plow it.

Mr. Cardimen said before the meeting I mentioned reaching out to Eddie Arnold and ask him to take a look at this and see if we can put a french drain on that side of the road. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Pendel said this has to be prioritized. Mr. Mihalyi said we also have to replace the waterline there too; we did have a break there last week and he continued to explain.

Mr. Bolea said I compiled a sheet with all of the charges from BIU starting in January this year until the current and passed it out to you all. As you can see most of the inspections done do not amount to a lot of money and he continued to explain. The reason that I did this research is to see if we can afford to hire a part time person and as you can see from looking at this, we cannot. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

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

Mr. Cardimen said a resident approached me concerning our Central Business District and if something unforeseen should happen we do not have an ordinance that states you would have to build a like structure in that portion of the Central Business District. I know that other Municipalities have ordinances that state this

and I'd like to ask Mr. Start to research this so we can consider adopting something so that we can preserve our Central Business District. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen said a gentleman from Arlington VA came to see the ladder truck, but decided it would cost too much getting it back to VA. With no bids being received on the truck I think that we should just keep it since it costs us nothing to keep.

Mr. Bolea said what is the yearly cost on it?

Mr. Cardimen said nothing, it is very minimal and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Pitassi said Daniel Hickten would like to be part of the Shade Tree Committee and since we need two more people I am asking if you would like to add him to the Committee.

Mr. Pitassi made a motion to approve adding Daniel Hickten to the Shade Tree Committee. Mr. Bole seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Borough Manager's Report

Mr. McCutcheon said I want to remind everyone that next week we have the Conditional Use Hearing for the Smoke and more on 5th Avenue and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said concerning the Business District, the guts of the meters have been out since the beginning of November and we have not received one complaint regarding parking in town. I think this should be a consideration when discussing the cost of parking or installing new meters.

Mr. Pendel said just because you haven't heard complaints doesn't mean there aren't complaints.

Mr. McCutcheon said and that is why we are doing a study and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Kraynyk seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to accept the Slate Pay Raises for the year 2023. Mr. Kraynyk seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call

Mr. Cardimen Yes

Mr. Bolea Yes

Mr. Pitassi Yes

Mr. Kraynyk Yes

Mr. Mihalyi Yes

Mr. Flasco Yes

Mr. Pendel Yes

Motion Carried.

Mr. McCutcheon said we should approve the Gold's contract for \$25,000.00 since the work has been done.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve payment to Gold's Tree Service for the amount of \$25,000.00. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call

Mr. Cardimen Yes

Mr. Bolea Yes

Mr. Pitassi Yes

Mr. Kraynyk Yes

Mr. Mihalyi Yes

Mr. Flasco Yes

Mr. Pendel Yes

Motion Carried.

Mr. McCutcheon said the Water Authority is doing some work on Wood Street and have asked about asphalt instead of replacing the bricks.

Mr. Bolea said I do not have a problem with the asphalt there.

Mr. Cardimen said I don't either, but I do want to know when they anticipate the final restoration of that road surface to be completed and I want it in writing from the Authority. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Pitassi said the library is still interested in going to the 501 without giving any information. Mr. McCutcheon and I were talking and think we should get the finance people together and a few of us and sit down with this Library Board and listen to their plan and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Kraynyk made a motion to Adjourn. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Meeting Adjourned.