

Borough of Coraopolis  
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania  
Regular Council Meeting via teleconference  
January 11, 2023  
6:30 PM

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

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

David Pendel

Michael Dixon, Mayor

Mr. Pendel said I would like to turn the agenda over to Mr. Cardimen.

Mr. Cardimen said I would like to ask for a moment of silence for the passing of a great Coraopolis man, Orlando Falcione. He was an educator, mayor and treasured friend and he continued to explain.

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 December 12, 2022, Regular Council Meeting. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Pendel said I would also like to call for a moment of silence to honor the life and service of Chief Justin McIntire who was the Chief of the Brackenridge Police Department. He was killed in the line of duty on Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> and laid to rest today.

Mr. Pitassi made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 4, 2023, Council Workshop Meeting. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve the Invoices for January 2023 in the amount of \$189,989.55. 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
David Pendel	Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve the Payroll for the month of December 2022 in the amount of \$225,880.45. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Mr. McCutcheon said this is a three-pay period payroll and that is why it's higher than normal.

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
David Pendel	Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to adopt the written decision by Borough Council granting conditional approval for the property situated at 934 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Coraopolis, for the Applicant Dennis Hopper to operate a smoke shop and skilled games amusement facility. 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
David Pendel	Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve Option One of the waste collection with Waste Management and E-Waste.  
Mr. Bolea said what is Option One?  
Mr. McCutcheon said it is a three-year agreement, so you approve year one and you have to approve the second year if you want to continue with them.

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
David Pendel	Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the annual contribution of \$600.00 to Valley Ambulance Authority for 2023. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

#### **Solicitor's Report**

Mr. Richard Start said I have nothing to report this evening.

#### **Police Chief's Report**

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

#### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Dixon said I have nothing to report.

#### **Fire Chief's Report**

Chief Spencer said for the month of December 2022, the Coraopolis Volunteer Fire Department answered 27 calls. For the year we had 139 calls with a total of 1593.79 volunteer hours and a discussion pursued.

## **Committee Reports/Comments from Council**

Mr. Flasco said the year-end Financial Committee update as of December 31, 2023 is as follows; the current real estate taxes came in slightly above the budgeted amount. The delinquent real estate taxes came in significantly higher than budget and the total revenues are \$6,585,000.00 and that includes \$1.3 M in grant funds.

Mr. Flasco said total expenditures are 1.22% over budget, but a few hundred thousand less than revenue received. The Borough is financially solid.

Mr. Mihalyi said I have nothing this evening.

Mr. Bolea asked Chief Spencer what is going on with the fire whistle?

Chief Spencer said we are still waiting to hear back from Bearcom Communications. I will call them again tomorrow, so we can get them here to stifle down the whistle a little bit.

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

Mr. Cardimen said I am still working with our new Street Department Superintendent in regards to having Neely Heights looked at as far as putting a french drain in and getting rid of some of that water and he continued to explain.

Mr. Cardimen said as far as the fire whistle blows, it has been blowing here for 60 years. We are going to try to cut it down, but it is what it is and a discussion pursued.

Ms. Marine said as a reminder the Parking RFP is due this Friday. We have one in hand and verbal confirmations that a few others may be coming so the Parking Committee will meet later this month to review them and pursue the next steps.

Mr. Pitassi said I have nothing at this time.

Mr. Pitassi made a motion to accept the resignation of Sandra Huling from the Library Board. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

## **Manager's Report**

Mr. McCutcheon said at our Regular Meeting next month Dana Watkins is going to speak during the meeting, so we do not have to come early. This is on February 8<sup>th</sup> and regards Black History Month.

Mr. McCutcheon said we have been getting complaints about Fleming Street parking, so we are working with the Chief to possibly put no parking up the left-hand side. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. McCutcheon said so far, the weather has been very cooperative and we only had that one storm. Our short-handed Street Department did a nice job getting the roads cleared.

Mr. McCutcheon said Governor Wolf announced 32 Municipalities in the State received grants to improve traffic safety with the Red-Light Enforcement Funds. The total they are putting out is \$15M and the Borough of Coraopolis received \$298,250.00 for traffic signals and that will be at 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Watt Street and he continued to explain.

Mr. Bolea said where the fire whistle is located now it does affect a lot of homeowners who live north of the tracks. Is there anyway to put it someplace else? He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

### **Comments from the Public**

President David Pendel said before opening the meeting to public comments I would like to make the following observations and direct that they may be part of the public record. It is the public's right to comment at public meetings and is limited to residents of the Borough or persons who pay taxes to the Borough and that is why we ask each person who desires to comment to give your name and address of the residence of property that you own in the Borough. Each person who seeks to comment is limited to three minutes and comments are limited to matters that are or may be before the Borough. Council Members are not required to answer any questions posed by the members of the public or engage in any dialog with the comments from the public. Council Members shall not comment on matters of personnel, discipline or any legal matter.

Daniel Hickton of 1318 Vance Avenue said I can hear the fire whistle where I live. Mr. Hickton said before moving here I didn't realize there where train horns are going off and that is noise pollution to me. I looked it up and there are things that can be done about it and he continued to explain.

Mr. Hickton said I picked a napkin off of the ground in front of Snappy's and didn't have anywhere to throw it away. I think it is a thing we can look at and he continued to explain.

Mr. Brian Diggins said I own some real estate in town and am a taxpayer. It's a new year now and I want to encourage you guys to try to become more in tune with the business district and the business and property owners because it feels like there is a big disconnect. I have talked to some of the other business owners and we are all in agreement that we are being neglected in terms of maintenance. Today I want to talk about the gazebo and how it is falling apart and is in the town center. He continued to explain the problems with the garbage cans, light posts and dead trees.

Mr. Diggins said Mill Street; I know we are applying for grants, but is there a plan for it? It would help me to know what the plan is as I am someone looking to develop Mill Street.

Mr. Diggins said Mr. Bolea, last meeting you basically accused me of not having pride in my businesses in this town.

Mr. Bolea said no I did not sir and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**