

Borough of Coraopolis
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
Regular Council Meeting via teleconference
February 8, 2023
6:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Coraopolis was called to order by Council Vice-President Chad Kraynyk. Mr. Kraynyk said before we begin, I would like to ask for a moment of silence for McKeesport Police Officer Sean Sluganski who was killed in action yesterday.

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 via telephone

Michael Dixon, Mayor

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. Kraynyk said at this time I would like to invite Carol Faulkner Williams for a presentation of African American history. Ms. Williams said thank you for having us here for the Annual Coraopolis Black History Program that we have been having here for years. She continued to explain and the presentation resumed.

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

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 1, 2023 Council Workshop Meeting. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve the Invoices for February 2023 in the amount of \$312,501.81. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Mr. McCutcheon said this includes our liability insurance payment of \$136,000.00 which is for the entire year and we pay it early.

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 January 2023 in the amount of \$134,421.52. 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 usage of the eastern side of the Gazebo Lot on Thursday, May 4, 2023 for the National Prayer Event. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve the use of Shelley Jones Memorial Park on Saturday, August 19, 2023 for a Gospel Explosion fundraiser for the Carole Faulkner Williams cancer support group. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Flasco made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to amend Ordinance 1249 to prohibit parking on the east side of Fleming Street from the northernly line of Ridge Avenue to the southernly line of Woodland Street. Mr. Cardimen 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 January 2023.

Chief Denbow said once again I must say make sure you lock your vehicles and keep nothing of value in your vehicles and he continued to explain.

Chief Denbow said, if you see anything strange report it to the Police Department immediately, do not wait a whole month to come to a Council Meeting to bring something up.

Chief Denbow said look out for one another and your neighbors and take care of them. I appreciate the group that you started and it was very much needed in Coraopolis and I appreciate it whole heartedly and am sure that Council and everyone in this community appreciates it as well.

Fire Chief's Report

Chief Spencer said for the month of January 2023, the Coraopolis Volunteer Fire Department answered 11 calls with total man hours of 138.39. We also had work done on the fire whistle and kicked it down from three minutes and ten seconds to just under two minutes and he continued to explain.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Dixon said on February 26th the Steel City Chapter of DeMolay is hosting a patriots day dinner for veterans. If you are a veteran and would like to get dinner for free you can rsvp to a number that I will share with everyone at the Coraopolis Lodge at 1142 Maple Avenue Ext. in Coraopolis PA.

Mayor Dixon read a proclamation pertaining the Black History Month.

Committee Reports/Comments from Council

Mr. Flasco said as of Friday, we did complete three interviews for the two open positions and have more to come.

Mr. Mihalyi said I have nothing this evening.

Mr. Bolea said I have nothing this evening.

Mr. Cardimen said I have nothing this evening.

Ms. Marine said I have a parking update. I want to thank everyone on Council for a thoughtful discussion last week and she continued to explain. I have met with our Solicitor to align on the next steps in following the RFP process and guidelines and I want to thank Mr. Start.

Ms. Marine said from a communications standpoint everyone keep an eye out for this month's Allegheny West Magazine for a recap of our 2022 and 2023 grant projects.

Mr. Pitassi said the library is busy this month with their homeschool program through February, they will have crafts, cookies and coke on February 8th, the Little Explorers Children's Program, Adult reading book bags set up and the Winter Home Movie Section.

Mr. Pitassi said the library was asked to have a computer session in the spring at the Coraopolis Towers, so anyone who wants to get involved in that is more than welcome.

Mr. Kraynyk said it was 18 months to 2 years ago that we moved the Engineer Report to the Borough Workshop Meeting. Starting on March 8th we are going to move the Engineer Report back to the Public Meeting and he continued to explain.

Manager's Report

Mr. McCutcheon said Allegheny County passed an ordinance for paid sick leave for part time employees. It is Ordinance No. 15-21-OR, Section 2406-A, and if you have more than 26 employees the part time employees are going to earn one hour of sick leave for every 35 hours work and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said the CharWest COG has created a UCC Board and Coraopolis resident Mike Engle will be sitting on that Board. We will have a hearing coming up soon for the old Coraopolis Hardware, so we are glad that they finally got that established.

Mr. McCutcheon said we are having phone trouble with the 264-3002 phone number. It is being worked on, but you can still use the 264-3009 to get through to the office.

Mr. Kraynyk said during the Comments from Council Reports, I forgot to ask Mr. Pendel if he has any comments.

Mr. Pendel said I want to thank Dana Watkins and her group for a wonderful presentation. I was a little taken aback hearing of the problems Mr. Charles is having and I want you to know that I am going to be praying for you.

Comments from the Public

Vice-President Chad Kraynyk 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 of the public. Council Members shall not comment on matters of personnel, discipline or any legal matter.

Daniel Hickton of 1318 Vance Avenue said, I am a licensed attorney and I'm a showman, so I brought this prop and we all know Guy Fawkes right? But we don't know Robert Catesby who is actually behind it all, Guy Fawkes was just the guy that got caught. I bring this up today because I am a member of the Coraopolis Tree and Shade Commission and I'm interested in making sure that our community moves forward in steadfast development in the interests of all of us. I say that because we have all kinds of new technology and I'm looking forward to it coming out like with the parking meters and the great work our community has done together in the last three months. There is so much exciting progress in this community. I have a little prepared statement that artificial intelligence actually prepared for me and he continued to explain the Gunpowder Plot of 1605.

Mr. Trevor Reed of 1441 Ridge Avenue said given the events of this past week in East Palestine Ohio with the major train derailment, what is the Borough's Emergency Plan regarding train derailments and the residents who live on the lower side of the tracks?

Chief Spencer said, if we had that happen here the railroad has worked out where it would separate the train and try to get the crossing open. There is an Emergency Management Plan and Larry Byrge is the head of it.

Mr. Reed said is that available for public review?

Mr. McCutcheon said we have a copy in the office that we can make for you.

Mr. McCutcheon said the one gentleman mentioned that the last three months and how things have gotten better. I have been around for a long time and I think the town has been doing great for quite some time now and I would like to thank this Council for working with me to make the town a better place to live.

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

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

MEETING ADJOURNED